

Lead Agency: Library

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Adult Outreach provides library services and programs to Multnomah County residents underserved by traditional library means, including older adults, new immigrants, people with disabilities, adult learners, institutionalized people, and homeless people. Adult Outreach delivers books and other materials to people who are homebound; provides resources and conducts classes and other programs for immigrants, new readers and GED seekers; and partners with community agencies.

Program Description

Adult Outreach delivers books and other library materials and services to Multnomah County residents who are homebound, or who live in assisted living facilities, retirement homes, adult care homes, shelters, transition homes, or jails (the latter in partnership with the Sheriff's Office). Adult Outreach connects these people with their community by providing library services and programs, such as book discussion groups. Adult Outreach, in partnership with other literacy organizations, also supports people whose first language is not English - or who do not know how to speak, read, or write English - by providing assistance, referrals, resources, and library programs, including citizenship classes, GED labs, English learning labs, and Talk Time sessions (English conversation practice). Delivering books, reading to residents of assisted living units, leading book discussion groups for seniors, teaching citizenship classes, leading book groups in the jails, teaching computer and e-reader classes and leading English conversation practice sessions in neighborhood libraries provide meaningful opportunities for volunteers, working with outreach staff, to contribute significantly to the lives of vulnerable citizens.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY10-11)	Current Year Purchased (FY11-12)	Current Year Estimate (FY11-12)	Next Year Offer (FY12-13)
Output	Book discussion groups for seniors	250	250	204	204
Outcome	Attendees who say book discussion programs connect them to their community	70.0%	70.0%	70.0%	80.0%
Output	Facilitated English conversation sessions (Talk Time) for non-native speakers	250	130	130	145

Performance Measure - Description

Output: Book discussion groups are fewer because some facilities prefer to hold them only 6 times a year rather than every month. These are Large Print book clubs held in facilities for residents who cannot come to the library.

Output: Talk Time (facilitated English practice) groups ebb and flow depending on volunteer availability and the English skills of the individuals in the group. There are stable and thriving Talk Time groups in four library branches, which is a sustainable number and size for this program.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

The FY 2013 budget assumes passage of Measure No. 26-125 "Local library funding: continues local option levy at current rate," May 2012 Primary Election. The levy summary states in pertinent part: "Renewing the library levy will: Continue programs such as: story hours for babies and toddlers, after-school homework help for school students; summer reading, programs for teens and more; Help teachers and students use library resources; provide homework helpers to assist children with school work. Update books and materials; maintain free access to information; Continue book delivery to homebound senior citizens and retirement home residents. Fund hours and services at Central and neighborhood libraries."

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2012	2012	2013	2013
Personnel	\$0	\$662,036	\$0	\$668,605
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$19,014	\$0	\$17,506
Internal Services	\$0	\$30,065	\$0	\$30,057
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$711,115	\$0	\$716,168
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Program FTE	0.00	7.75	0.00	7.75
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

The Library Fund revenue allocated to this program offer represents a pro-rated share of Library Levy taxes (56%), Library Fund balance (7%) and library-generated revenues such as overdue fines, interest earnings, and user charges for services provided to library patrons (5%). General Fund revenue represents about 26% of the library's total revenues, and the remaining 6% is coming from an allocation of one-time-only funding for FY 2013.

The Sheriff's Office provides \$35,000 for services to jails from the Inmate Welfare Fund.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #80006, Adult Outreach
No significant changes.