

Lead Agency: Library
Program Offer Type: Support

Program Contact: June Bass

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Volunteer Services provides opportunities for more than 1,900 people annually who contribute their time and talents to Multnomah County Library. Volunteers are active in all locations, including Central Library, the 18 neighborhood libraries, Library Administration, and the Title Wave Used Bookstore, as well as various outreach programs.

The Title Wave Used Bookstore is a retail outlet that generates revenue for the library through the sale of discarded books and other materials. Opened in 1988, the Title Wave provides an effective means of recycling the library's collection back into the community.

Program Description

Volunteer Services oversees the recruitment, screening, placement, and recognition of over 1,900 volunteers. Volunteers enhance the services that the library can provide at all library locations in the community. The scope of volunteer opportunities includes booktalking with Books 2 U, conducting storytimes in child care centers with Raising A Reader, delivering library materials to shelters through Adult Outreach, teaching seniors basic computer skills through the OASIS classes, and searching for reserved items at all library locations. Volunteers are given skills and responsibilities that engage them in their libraries and neighborhoods. About 40% of library volunteers are students, 10-18 years old. Students are given an experience that provides life skills and engages them in their community. Last year, 1,900 volunteers contributed over 70,000 hours to the library.

The Title Wave Used Bookstore recycles and sells discarded library books and materials to the community. The store is open 36 hours per week and is fully staffed by 65 volunteers with the support of one paid staff person. Because the used books are sold at reasonable prices, many of the Title Wave's regular customers are teachers/media specialists buying books for their classrooms and libraries. Many home-school families buy books for educational purposes as well. Last year, the Title Wave generated over \$210,000 in revenue.

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	Hours contributed by volunteers	70,286	65,500	73,000	70,000
Outcome	Student volunteers who report using their svc for school/community requirement	37.0%	43.0%	37.0%	38.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Output: Due to proposed hour reductions we are anticipating that there may be a slight reduction in volunteer hours for FY 2013.

Outcome: All library volunteers under the age of 18 years old were surveyed to see if their volunteer hours were eligible for school or community service requirements. 37% of the responding volunteers reported that their volunteer hours counted toward school or community service requirements.

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	\$356,632	\$0	\$373,298
Contracts	\$0	\$59,900	\$0	\$11,200
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$33,703	\$0	\$11,543
Internal Services	\$0	\$18,108	\$0	\$13,470
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$468,343	\$0	\$409,511
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Program FTE	0.00	3.50	0.00	3.50
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.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #80010, Volunteer Svcs/Title Wave Book Store
No significant changes.