

Lead Agency: Library
Program Offer Type: Support
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

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Executive Summary

Library Books - Acquisition & Processing provides the staff necessary to select, purchase, catalog and process books and other materials added to the library materials collection in order to meet the informational, recreational and cultural needs of Multnomah County residents.

Program Description

Selection librarians decide what materials to buy, using professional reviews, customer suggestions, and staff input, along with established criteria. Their purchasing decisions reflect the diverse interests and needs of Multnomah County residents. Acquisitions staff place orders with vendors, receive shipments, approve invoices for payment, and monitor the various funds that make up the library materials budget. Cataloging staff create bibliographic description records and assign classification numbers to enable searching in the online catalog and to ensure logical shelving locations that enable browsing. The online catalog currently lists titles with a total collection of 2.02 million physical items. Processing staff prepare each item/volume for shelving and checkout. This includes applying property stamps and barcodes, repackaging materials to stand up to heavy patron use, and creating inventory records. Staff members visit a neighborhood library each month to remove out-of-date and damaged materials to keep the collection current, accurate, and attractive. Program staff are responsible for accurate accounting and expenditure of public funds and private donations. They are also accountable for ensuring that the library collection reflects the needs and interests of Multnomah County residents. Because of the successful management of the library materials collection, residents can enjoy recreational reading, research specific topics, stay current on local, national and global events, and continue to learn at all ages.

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	Items added to the collection	361,542	325,000	367,890	311,271
Outcome	Patrons who found books and items they wanted	91.5%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Outcome: From the library's annual Output Measures survey.

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	\$2,681,754	\$0	\$2,596,425
Contracts	\$0	\$704,387	\$0	\$695,980
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$358,502	\$0	\$236,071
Internal Services	\$0	\$109,016	\$0	\$91,774
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$3,853,659	\$0	\$3,620,250
Program Total:	\$3,853,659		\$3,620,250	
Program FTE	0.00	31.75	0.00	30.25
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

✔ Significantly Changed

Last year this program was: #80014, Library Books - Acquisition & Processing
Reduction of 1.5 FTE.