



Thousands of people turn to our library every day for information, classes, technology and tools to improve their lives.



We are Proud

Multnomah County Library is the second-busiest library in the nation, topped only by New York Public Library.

Each morning outside our neighborhood libraries, people line up to be first inside. Bicycles and strollers surround the front doors, and lobbies resonate with the rhythmic clunk of heavily used book drops.

Inside, a profusion of programs, book browsing, borrowing and learning takes place all day long. Toddlers and parents listen to a story while seniors learn to use a computer. Teens get help with homework while adults attend financial literacy or job hunting workshops. Throughout the day, tens of thousands visit the library and converse with librarians.

The library nurtures our interests and powers our dreams. It's a vibrant gathering place and a haven for reflecting quietly amidst the company of other curious minds.

We are a community that loves our library and all it stands for. We thank all of you who gave generously of your time and resources this year. You gave from your hearts. Together we achieved remarkable things.



Every day at our library

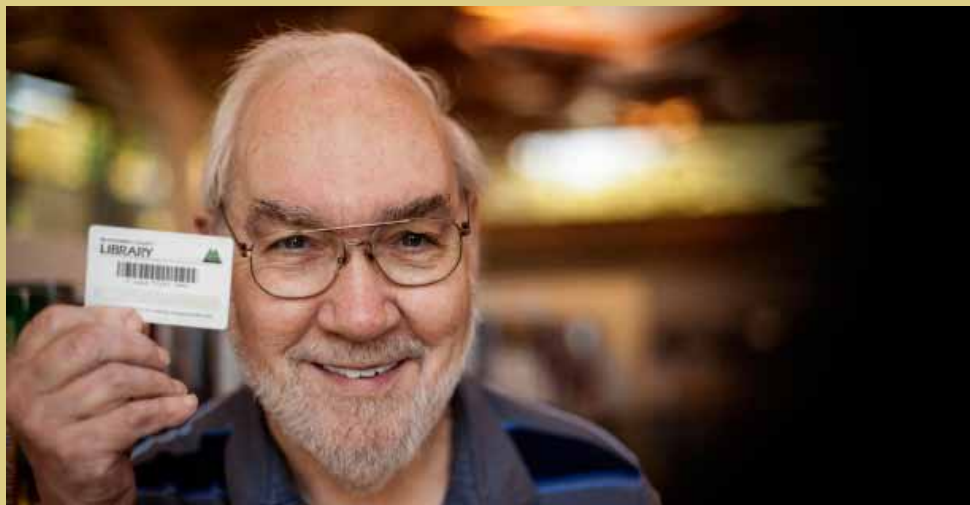
Young readers succeed.

For many children, reading is a challenge. The library provides young readers with the tools they need to succeed. Homework help reaches more than 2,500 kids every day. Librarians and volunteers reach out to every public school in the county. They bring books and programs directly into classrooms, leveling the playing field for children of all abilities. When school is not in session, the library still is. Summer Reading broke records again this year, helping more than 110,000 children build strong reading skills.



Parents build confidence.

Parents need all the help they can get these days. The library helps parents guide their children to become successful readers. Tens of thousands of at-risk parents learn to share books with their babies and toddlers, asking questions, singing and pointing out pictures in ways that build learning-oriented brains. For families living on a shoestring, the library is a consistent, free source of educational and cultural programs. More than 140,000 people come to storytimes at their neighborhood library each year.



Seniors stay connected.

Too many seniors live without a safety net. Many are getting by on reduced incomes and may be far away from their children and grandchildren. The library helps them stay connected and engaged. Homebound seniors receive book deliveries – 160,000 each year. Traveling financial literacy classes go out to senior centers and retirement homes. The library encourages seniors to try out new technology and use it to stay connected with friends and family. And for those who prefer an old fashioned phone call, librarians are ready to answer questions anytime.

People learn and change.

We are learning new ways of living and working. Technology has changed how we formulate questions and search for answers. Digital and financial literacy have become core skills. The library helps thousands of people navigate this new world of information. Librarians and staff give one-on-one guidance. Library computers are in constant use, with people sometimes waiting more than an hour to get online. Students research a world of academic subjects, small business owners learn about new technology, immigrants study to become citizens and young adults learn how to get a GED.

We look forward.

When a librarian connects with a reader, there is a moment of exchange that no amazon.com or algorithm can ever duplicate. Librarians listen, relate, inspire and reflect along with us. This kind of exchange has been at the heart of library service for generations. And this year, we secured it for generations to come. Together we looked into the future, envisioned a strong, vibrant library system and made it a reality.

One for the books

In November, we secured the future of our library.

Thank you to the voters, volunteers and supporters who made this possible.



YOUR SUPPORT makes a DIFFERENCE

190,000 people benefitted from programs made possible by The Library Foundation.

110,720 children boosted their reading skills with Summer Reading.

63,000 books and materials reached children, teachers and parents.

36,000 at-risk children and parents made time to read together at home, thanks to Raising A Reader.

26,276 third - sixth graders in our lowest performing schools were inspired to love reading because of Books 2 U.

16,120 seniors and at-risk parents learned how to manage their finances, avoid fraud and prevent identity theft.

10,175 high school students and adults read *The Girl Who Fell from the Sky* and discussed issues that matter.

8 public school districts in our county were able to offer every teacher access to books, programs and tools to encourage student success.

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We are grateful for your belief in the importance of a strong library.

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Applebee's
The Bike Gallery
Buffets, Inc.
Burgerville/The Holland, Inc.
Clackamas County Fair & Rodeo
Claim Jumper Restaurants
Collage
Comcast
Dark Horse Comics
Mary K. Devlin
Dutch Bros. Coffee
Family Fun Center & Bullwinkle's Restaurant
The Fred Meyer Fund
Grand Central Baking Company
Gresham Skate World
Helen Bernhard's Bakery
Hollywood Bowl
Hotel Monaco
HOTLIPS Pizza
Lamar Transit Advertising - Oregon and Western Washington
Laserport
Learning Palace
Lloyd Center Ice Chalet
Lucky Spoon Frozen Yogurt
Mimosa Studios
Miracle Theatre Group
Morso
Mt. Hood Aquatic Center
My Masterpiece Art Studio
North Clackamas Aquatic Park
Oaks Amusement Park
The Old Spaghetti Factory
Oregon Children's Theatre
Oregon Coast Aquarium
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry
Oregon Public Broadcasting
The Oregon Zoo
The Oregonian
Papa Murphy's
Pastini Restaurants
Pink Martini

PlayDate PDX
Portland Children's Museum
Portland Parks & Recreation
Portland State University
Portland Timbers
Portland Trail Blazers

Portland Youth Philharmonic
Saint Cupcake
Page W. Stockwell
TriMet
VooDoo Doughnut
Wunderland

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Shirley C. Bergman Estate	Mil and Olive O. Schluter
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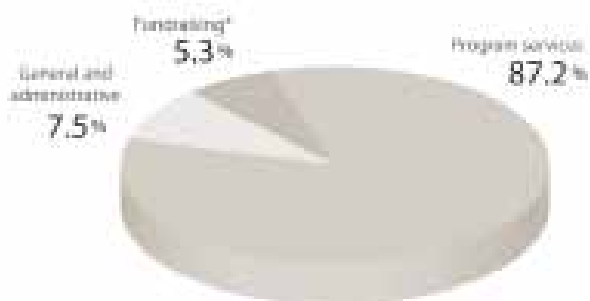
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You can ensure that our library will continue to thrive for generations to come by making a planned gift to The Library Foundation.

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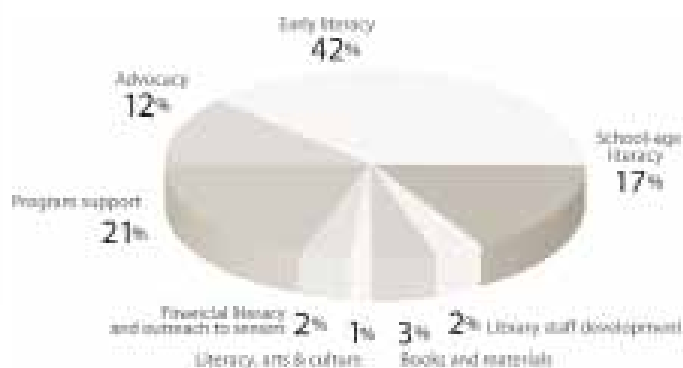
The Library Foundation helped Multnomah County Library reach 190,000 people last year with \$2.18 million in support. With clean audit opinions each year, we received high ratings from Charity Navigator for organizational efficiency once again.

For the year ending June 30, 2012



Expenses

*Fundraising costs were 7.5% of dollars raised and 5.3% of dollars spent.



Support for the Library

\$2.18 million from The Library Foundation

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Revenues, gains and other support

Contributions and grants	1,769,553
In-kind contributions	617,244
Interest and dividend income	411,466
Net appreciation, investments	(875,222)
Net increase, irrevocable planned gifts	(34,860)
Other	679
Total revenues, gains and other support	1,888,860

Expenses

Direct support of Multnomah County Library	
Early literacy	381,224
School-age literacy	925,865
Financial literacy and outreach to seniors	42,305
Literacy, arts and culture for adults and families	28,866
Books and materials	57,565
Library staff development and other	34,422
Total cash and in-kind support	1,470,247
Program support to Multnomah County Library	460,399
Advocacy	252,766
Total program services	2,183,412
General and administrative	187,837
Fundraising	132,126
Total expenses	2,503,375
Change in net assets	(614,515)
Net assets, beginning of year	16,989,216
Net assets, end of year	\$16,374,701