

**Life-long Learning at the Library**

Public libraries today are not the quiet reading rooms of old. Today's library is a vibrant meeting place of ideas to learn new skills, form relationships, and explore ideas. You may think the library is all about books and the library does offer skilled staff to help navigate information, whether you are learning to use e-books or learning to read. Access to information is just one component of life-long learning. Through programming for all ages, the library offers a way for us each to learn about new possibilities and to stretch to reach our potential.

We invite you to the library. Come to a program. Browse our collection. Ask staff a question that has left you stumped. Learn that new skill that has been holding you back from your dreams. Or come find stories to inspire you. Join the 21,000 people who visit the library each month for the ultimate gift of democracy: open access to life-long learning.

This past January, our Library hosted Alter Wiener, holocaust survivor, for a packed room and lobby of over 200 people. We are delighted to announce Mr. Wiener, who is 88 years old and ready to retire from public speaking, has made an exception to his schedule to give us one more presentation. Please mark your calendars for May 16 at 2:00 pm for an encore of this powerful presentation about a piece of history few survivors are left to speak about. This library event will be held at the new Sherwood Center for the Arts. Doors will open at 12:30 pm and seats will be first come, first serve.

**Adult & Teen programs:**

**Homework Help** - Math and science tutoring for grades 6-12 every Tuesday. Sign up for a 20 minute one-on-one session between 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm, or drop in during the open session from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

**Mind the Gaps: How Gender Shapes our Lives** - How can we better understand the complexities of gender's effects on our daily lives and identities? Join Willamette University professor, Jade Aguilar, in this Conversation Project program sponsored by the Oregon Humanities. Aguilar is an assistant professor of sociology and women's and gender studies at Willamette University. Her broad areas of study are gender, sexuality, and family, and her main area of focus is the study of intentional communities. March 12 at 6:30 pm.

**Tax Forms** - Tax forms are in the lobby of City Hall. Looking for instructions? The IRS has not made those available in hard-copy this year due to budget cuts for printing. Instructions are available to photocopy in the library, or ask staff for help finding your form online at [irs.gov](http://irs.gov).

**Youth & Family programs:**

**Lego Maniacs** - Join Mr. Blair, LEGO master builder, who will give kids new and exciting LEGO challenges to get their creative juices flowing. We will have plenty of LEGOs on hand, so no need to bring your own. March 7, from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

**Read to the Dogs** - Brush up on your reading skills in a fun and non-judgmental environment while reading with a trained therapy dog for 20 minutes. Designed for independent readers. March 13 & 20 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Registration required.

**Paperback Pals Book Group** - Students in grades 3-5 are invited to discuss "Rules" by Cynthia Lord over snacks. The book explores the question "what is normal?" through friendships and a family life that revolves around a brother's disability. The first six students to sign up will receive a free copy of the book. Wednesday, March 18 from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. in the Children's Department. Registration required.

**Stuffed Friends Sleepover** - Join us for a "beary" special storytime & craft with your stuffed friend! Create a nametag for your friend before leaving them overnight at the library. On Saturday, pick them up with a special surprise including a photo. Friday, March 20 at 4:00 pm.

**Storytimes** - Join us for interactive storytimes for the whole family.

**NOTE: Miss Teresa is on vacation the first week of March. Storytimes will resume March 10.**

- Babies: NEW TIME, Tuesdays 11:00 am.
- Toddlers: Tuesdays 10:15 am., Wednesdays 11:30 am. Arrive early to get a space.
- Preschool: NEW TIME, Tuesdays 9:30 am., Wednesdays 1:00 pm.
- Family Storytime: Saturday, March 28, 10:30 am. All ages welcome for stories, songs, and a craft.

*Note: All library programs are free to attend and open to the public. Unless otherwise stated, programs are held in our Community Room. See [www.sherwoodoregon.gov/library](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/library) for newly added events, follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or call us at 503.625.6688. Sherwood Public Library is a Washington County Cooperative Library Services member library.*

**LISTEN TO YOUR HEART**

BY TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

February is American Heart Month, a time to learn about your risks for heart disease and stay "heart healthy" for yourself and your loved ones.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) crews respond to 1,650 heart-related calls every year. That amounts to 10 percent of the total patients we treat annually.

It is for this reason that our emergency responders and staff are wearing red shirts during American Heart Month. We believe that the strength of an entire community fighting side by side will ultimately prove to be more powerful than the nation's No. 1 killer – heart disease.

The red shirt campaign is a grassroots effort initiated by Legacy Meridian Park and TVF&R to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of heart attack and the importance of calling 9-1-1.

**Know the signs**

Unlike a sudden cardiac arrest that strikes sud-

denly and includes a loss of consciousness, a heart attack can develop slow enough that you are not aware you are having a medical emergency.

Symptoms typically include:

- Chest discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts for more than a few minutes or goes away and returns. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness, or pain.
- Upper body discomfort, such as pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw, or stomach.
- Shortness of breath before, during, or after other discomforts.
- Other signs, including breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea, or lightheadedness.

**Call 9-1-1 immediately! Don't delay.**

The heart is a muscle. It can deteriorate with each passing minute you delay medical treatment.

Don't ignore your symptoms, and don't drive yourself to the hospital.

Our crews often hear heart attack patients say, "I wasn't sure it was a heart attack," or "I didn't want to bother anyone."



Remember, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue is here for you. Our highly trained paramedics can diagnose a heart attack and start treatment right away. Crews can also relay your EKG information to the hospital, enabling its staff to activate special heart teams and prepare for your arrival. Visit [www.tvfr.com](http://www.tvfr.com) to learn more.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

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This January, we began our first ever door-to-door neighborhood conversations. These visits are part of our ongoing efforts to provide for greater community involvement in the Sherwood Police Department.

Getting timely, relevant and consistent community input and feedback has always been a challenge for local law enforcement (usually because we don't ask) and it is no different here in Sherwood. The flow of information related to public safety, crime and community satisfaction must be 2-way; so we are starting to ask. It is critically important that you have a voice in your police department, and since most live busy lives and find it challenging to get to yet another "meeting"; we are coming to you.

There are two primary goals we hope to accomplish with these conversations. First, we want to get to know you and want you to know us. Relationship is a powerful tool in life, and we want you to have a relationship with your police department and your police officers. We want to be more than just the police car that drives down your street, or the no-name officer that you might

see around town. We want you to know us by name, and we want you to feel you have a personal connection with us.

Second, and just as important, we want to know how you feel about crime and safety. We know what the statistics show and we know that Sherwood is a safe community, but we want to hear how you feel about crime and safety in Sherwood, in your neighborhood and as an individual. We want to gauge how we are doing, from your perspective.

We want these to be one-on-one, face-to-face conversations with citizens. As I have said before, police departments are most effective when they have the trust and cooperation of the community they serve, and we believe creating an opportunity for us to meet and talk about common issues is one way we can build that trust and cooperation.

Our goal is to visit 1,000 homes by summer, hopefully collecting the same number of survey responses. This will be an ongoing initiative and will include me and my command staff. Among other things, we will be asking how you feel about crime, about the services we provide, if we

do a good job of making you feel safe, if you trust us and if you feel we are using your tax dollars wisely.

We look forward to chatting with you, and as always, if you have any questions about this or other topics, I welcome your input and comments. You can always email me at [grothj@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:grothj@sherwoodoregon.gov).

In your service-Chief Groth



## FEATURED PARTNER: MARJORIE STEWART CENTER

Groucho Marx famously quipped that “I don’t care to belong to any club that will have me as a member.”

Perhaps even Groucho would have made an exception if the club he was joining was a friendly group of folks who get together for food, fellowship and fun activities at the Marjorie Stewart Center. Tucked off of Sherwood Boulevard across from Hopkins Elementary, the Stewart Center is a hidden hive that buzzes with activity most every day.

The property is owned by the City who contracts with Meals on Wheels (MOW) to run the foodservice operations and coordinate the daily activities of the center. Thressa Caulkins the Center Director, rides herd over a small staff of employees and a large gaggle of volunteers.

The Center has a variety of spaces that can be affordably rented for groups both large and small. If you are looking for a place to hold a regular meeting, or a special one-time event, you should contact Thressa to see about booking.

There are a couple of regularly scheduled events of note that take place at the center:

Every morning at 10:00 am is the ‘Men’s Coffee.’ This coffee klatch is notable not only for the longev-

ity of some of its members, but also for the fact that this meeting has been taking place in Sherwood for over 50 years. The location has changed over the years as restaurants and residents have come and gone, but it has now found a permanent time and place. If you would like to learn everything about nothing and nothing about everything, just show up and share a cup of joe with “The Boys.”

The other event of note is the bi-weekly bingo games that are held after lunch on Tuesdays and Fridays in the main dining room. The jovial crowd falls quiet when the game starts. With the intense inspection given to them, you would think that these were Tom Brady’s footballs instead of little white Bingo balls. Prizes vary, but have been known to include entire pies. This is a game of chance with a serious upside.

Some of the other Center events that take place regularly include:

- Zumba and Yoga
- Mah Jongg
- Strong for Life
- Ballroom Dancing
- Bridge
- Knitting and Quilting

- Chair Aerobics
- Computer Class
- Watercolor Class

Of course, the Marjorie Stewart Center is also known as the Senior Center, and the mission of the Meals on Wheels People is that no senior shall go hungry or experience social isolation. Chef Simon provides a hot lunch entree every day at 11:30 am, and for those who are not able to get out of their home, MOW volunteers deliver hot lunches to a wide area of Sherwood. For those over 60, payment is by donation. If you or someone you know would benefit from one of these programs, please contact the center to learn more.

The center is always in need of volunteers. The front desk, the kitchen, Steering Committee and MOW delivery drivers are always in need of some help.

For more information about any of these events, to book your own shin-dig, or to volunteer, please contact the center at 503.625.5644. The Marjorie Stewart Center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

*Article by: Chuck Britton, Meals On Wheels volunteer driver*

## MAYOR UPDATES

January was filled with change and excitement in the city, and February is proving to follow boldly in January’s footsteps. I think it is appropriate to lead with the announcement of our grand opening event for the Sherwood Center for the Arts on Saturday, February 28th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. I will cut the ribbon at this festive and long-anticipated celebration and you will have the opportunity to tour this wonderful new facility and asset to our Sherwood community. It boasts fold-out seating to reveal a banquet hall, two different classrooms and 3,000 square feet of available retail space. Please come and take advantage of a tour of your new facility which we are certain to enjoy for years to come.

You may have noticed another construction project nearing its completion in Stella Olsen Park, which is our new play structure. This beautiful upgraded play structure will be completed and ready for play in March.

On February 3rd, I gave the first City of Sherwood “State of the City address”. It was a wonderful opportunity to talk about who we are, where we have been and where we are going.

If you would like to view the video it can be found on the city website - just type in state of the city address. I also recently had the opportunity to “shout out Sherwood” on two radio shows and share my vision and action plan for our council.

In my first month as your mayor, I attended the Smart Growth conference. At this conference, cities from around the country shared success stories specific to my agenda items of dog parks, community gardens, inter-generational parks and so much more.

I look forward to carrying forward other city’s success stories and making them our own. It has been a whirlwind and a joy being your mayor this last month and I am invigorated and overjoyed to be a part of moving Sherwood positively forward.

Come visit me in my new office located on the ground floor of city hall soon!

*Mayor Update articles are written by the Mayor and reflect her opinion, and may not reflect the opinions of any Councilors.*

## COUNCIL CORNER

*Linda Henderson, City Councilor*

Effective February 17, 2015, Sherwood will have a new citizen-led Police Advisory Board (PAB). This Board consists of 9 members from all aspects of our community: residents, business representatives, the Sherwood Police Foundation, and the faith community. Similar boards exist in Newberg, Tigard, Springfield, Medford and Fairview.

I am honored to serve as the Council’s Liaison to the PAB. We want to be clear about the mission of this new board. The Police Advisory Board was created “for the purpose of assisting the police department in establishing priorities for the delivery of police services. This will include the types and levels of service, and the department’s strategic plan and goals.”

We hope that this board will recommend strategies for the future, author a public policy for policing, and establish coordinated and cooperative working relationships between the police department and our community. These meetings will, of course, be open to the public and take place at the PD community room.

I want to thank these new members for their willingness to serve, and we look forward to receiving their feedback and new ideas about public safety in our community.

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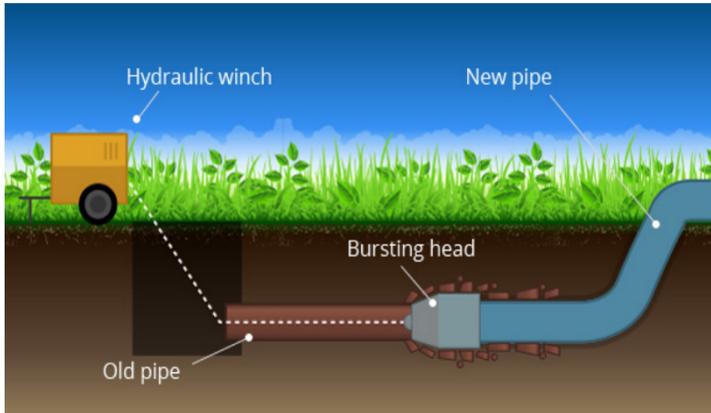
## PUBLIC WORKS

### Water and Sanitary Projects this Spring

The City's Water and Sanitary sections of Public Works has planned for a couple of underground utility replacements this spring that you might see around town. While these specific changes might only affect a few homes at a time, it is good to know that the city crews are continually working on improving and repairing the essential systems both above and below the surface.

#### Sanitary Sewer Replacement/Upgrades - Highland Drive & Orcutt Place

This past fall, staff members were conducting routine video inspection of the sanitary sewer system serving these neighborhoods. During the video inspection, many severe structural issues were observed which have the potential to jeopardize our ability to serve your property's sanitary sewer service.



Based on the severity of the rating and number of defects found, we have scheduled these sections of sanitary mainline to be replaced this spring. We anticipate construction to begin in March with a completion date in June.

The City will be contracting with a company that specializes in replacing the sewer line by way of pipe bursting (see image). This method was chosen due to the proximity of the existing sewer line to a number of property lines, other underground utilities and the number of large trees. In addition it will minimize the impact to customer landscaping.

#### Water Main Line Replacement - April Court

The City's current Water Master Plan identified a number of water mainlines that did not provide water capacity to meet current flow requirements for fire hydrants to support the surrounding customers. April Court is one of the sections of water main line that is currently undersized and cannot support a fire hydrant. During the original construction of April Court in 1972, a 2-inch galvanized pipe was installed for customer connections. Over the last three years we have performed two repairs to the pipeline to address leaks. It has been determined that the piping is exceeding its useful life.

The work to replace this pipeline should be completed before June. We will replace the 2-inch galvanized pipe with ductile iron pipe. The work will also include the addition of a fire hydrant at the corner of April Court and Upper Roy. Following the replacement, the street will be ready for repaving.

These two projects and many more are scheduled for next few months and beyond. For more information and to see if there are any projects that might affect you, please visit the Public Works pages of the city website at

## PLANNING NEWS

### Marijuana Regulation

The City will begin having community conversations about both medical and recreational marijuana regulations in the community. The conversations regarding recreational marijuana regulations will take place later in the spring as we focus on medical marijuana discussions at this time.

Last year, statewide medical marijuana dispensary regulations were approved that place restrictions on where medical marijuana dispensaries may be located along with other compliance requirements for those facilities. For example, state law requires that dispensaries can only be located in the commercial, agricultural, industrial, or mixed use zone, and be at least 1,000 feet from any school. Dispensaries cannot grow marijuana at the same location where medical marijuana is sold and there must be security cameras in place.

The state legislature approved a law that allowed local jurisdictions to place a temporary ban on dispensaries for a year in order to give cities time to determine if they wanted any additional regulations in place within their community. Sherwood has a moratorium in place for now, banning medical marijuana facilities that will soon expire on May 1, 2015.

The Planning Commission will be hosting a Public Work Session to hear from the community about regulating medical marijuana dispensaries and find out your thoughts on whether or how these facilities should be regulated beyond the state regulations. This Work Session is your opportunity to share your thoughts, ideas and concerns with the Planning Commission and others present in an informal environment and engage in a two-way conversation. After the Public Work Session, the Planning Commission may be developing specific regulations for Sherwood and hold public hearings where you can comment on the recommended Code language. The Planning Commission will then forward their recommendation to the City Council who will ultimately decide on the regulations for Sherwood.

The Public Work Session will be on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the Community Room at City Hall. Please visit the webpage to get more details: [www.sherwoodoregon.gov/planning/page/marijuana-regulation-information](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/planning/page/marijuana-regulation-information)

If you are unable to attend and have comments about medical marijuana dispensaries in Sherwood, please contact Michelle Miller, Senior Planner at 503.625.4242 or by email at [millerm@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:millerm@sherwoodoregon.gov).

### Sherwood West Preliminary Concept Planning Begins

The official kick-off of the 12-month project to study 1,291 acres immediately west and north of Sherwood for future expansion of the City of Sherwood was held on Thursday, February 5th, [at Edy Ridge Elementary School]. The open house was followed by the first meeting of the Sherwood West Community Advisory Committee (CAC). The first of six CAC meetings focused on the role and responsibility of the committee, the existing conditions within the area, and the overall legal structure of federal, state, and local laws that must be considered in the process.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled to take place at the Sherwood Police Station in the community room on Thursday, April 2nd. The focus of the second meeting topics include the buildable lands inventory, and the preliminary results of the city's housing needs analysis. All CAC meetings are open to the public.

Information related to this important project including a short video, meeting materials, and future interactive activities, are available on the project website at [www.sherwoodoregon.gov/sherwoodwest](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/sherwoodwest), or by contacting City staff at 503.625.4208.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEBRUARY 22	23	24 Planning Commission 7:00 pm City Hall	25	26	27	28 Sherwood Center for the Arts Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
MARCH 1	2 Parks Board Meeting 7:00 pm City Hall	3 City Council 7:00 pm City Hall	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Marijuana work session 6:30 pm City Hall Planning Commission 8:00 pm City Hall	11	12	13	14
15	16 Cultural Arts Commission 6:30 pm City Hall	17 City Council 7:00 pm City Hall	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Planning Commission 7:00 pm City Hall	25	26	27	28 Car Seat Checkup Sherwood PD 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Dates, time, and location of events subject to change. Please check online at [www.sherwoodoregon.gov](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov) for most recent events and details.

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## UPCOMING SPECIAL ELECTIONS - CITY COUNCIL

### March 2015 Special Election

Sherwood voters will be considering the election of a City Councilor on a March 2015 Special Election Ballot. The City had a vacancy due to a resignation. This vacancy was temporarily filled by a City Council appointment of Dan King. Per the City Charter, the voters must vote on an individual to continue in the position for the remainder of the unexpired term which will end in January 2017. The City received candidate filings from the following individuals and all three names will appear on the

### March Ballot:

- Kurt Kristensen
- Dan King
- Beth Cooke

Voters will be asked to consider one candidate to fill the unexpired term.

### May 2015 Election

There is also a vacancy on the City Council due to the November 2014 election of former Councilor Krisanna Clark to the Mayor's position. The City Council recently declared the seat vacant and temporarily filled it by appointing Beth Cooke. Per the City Charter and Municipi-

pal Code the appointee's term of office runs from appointment until the vacancy is filled by an election. The City will hold an election in May 2015 to allow the voters to select the candidate they would like to seat for the remainder of the unexpired term will end in January 2017.

For those interested in filing for Candidacy for the May election, information can be found on the City website [www.sherwoodoregon.gov](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov). The deadline is 5:00 pm on Thursday, March 5, 2015. Filing documents need to be submitted to the City Recorder at the Sherwood City Hall.

## CITY NEWS

### First Dog Park Moves Closer to Construction

With the preliminary design for the City of Sherwood's first Dog Park now complete, the next steps toward actual construction this summer will continue in the coming months. The dog park is proposed to be added to Snyder Park, one of our community's most popular parks. Before actually bidding the project and constructing the facility, the City needs to go through a land use process which will include a public hearing at the Planning Commission. As the applicant, the City is actively working to prepare an application for formal review. Specific dates for this hearing have yet to be determined, but we are currently looking at April. Funding for the project will be included in the proposed FY2015-16 budget for Budget Committee and City Council consideration. Construction is targeted for the dry summer months of July and August. Dog lovers in the community have long sought such an amenity within Sherwood and we are getting closer to turning this vision into reality.

### Woodhaven Park Phase 2 Design Moves Forward

In January 2015 a contract was awarded to the design firm of HHPR for the Phase 2 Design of Woodhaven Park. A preliminary survey and site analysis has already been completed. During the next month, a

natural resource assessment and wetland delineation will occur. At the March 2nd Parks and Recreation Board meeting, the consultant will present a proposed concept plan based on the survey findings and the comments and input received thus far from staff and the Parks and Recreation Board. In April, an Open House will be scheduled to receive feedback from the community and the surrounding neighborhoods. At the May 4th Parks and Recreation Board meeting, the consultant will present feedback from the Open House and a final recommended design. Once the Parks and Recreation Board approve the design, the consultant will begin working on a plan set and start the land use process. City staff hopes to have the land use process and construction documents complete by the end of the summer, allowing for the project to be bid in the fall.



## The Value of Library Services

Library services are free to use, but have you ever wondered where the funds come from to make them available, or how exactly taxpayers' money is used to provide everything from books, to computers, expert help, and quality programs? What is the value of a library?

Sherwood Public Library is both a department of the City of Sherwood and a founding member library of Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS). The majority of Library funding, 63%, is provided through WCCLS. Those funds are routed through the county's general fund (about 2/3 of that 63%) and through a local option levy (about 1/3, or roughly 21% of Sherwood Public Library's budget). The City of Sherwood provides 33% of our funding—primarily in the form of administrative support, IT and facility maintenance. Overdue fines and fees account for 3% of the budget, and less than 1% of our funding comes from grants and Friends of the Library donations. The total annual operating budget is approximately \$1.2M.

Fiscal responsibility is at the core of all library spending decisions to ensure the value provided far exceeds the cost to each taxpayer. Consider the average Washington County taxpayer pays just over \$100 in taxes to support the local library. That's roughly the retail cost of six books or DVDs. Each month, nearly

23,000 people visit the Sherwood Public Library and over 12,000 people have library cards registered at Sherwood Public Library. Total local annual circulation of library materials from the Sherwood Public Library exceeds 367,000—that's an average of 31 items per library card holder in Sherwood, per year—a value of nearly \$500 per library card holder and an expenditure of only \$3.27 per local checkout.

Because of WCCLS, library card holders have access to 1.6 million items from Washington County libraries. Last year Sherwood Public Library added over 5,000 items to the local collection, growing it to nearly 47,000 items.

Sherwood Public Library doors are open seven days a week, 60 hours a week, 354 days a year. Last year the Sherwood Public Library presented 449 programs for patrons of all ages, with over 12,800 in attendance. Popular programs include Summer Reading for kids and adults, storytimes, adult writing workshops, civic engagement, author talks, homework help, craft programs, and customized technology classes. Online services are available 24/7 so patrons can get that e-book delivered instantly, find a trustworthy answer to a question in a database, or chat with a reference librarian for customized help from the comfort of home, office, or mobile device.

Through membership in WCCLS, the library offers access to nearly 60,000 downloadable items and 18 databases. Free wireless access is provided to patrons through Sherwood Broadband, as well as 13 public computers. Local staff answer 600 reference questions per month in-person, over the phone, and via email.

All of this is supported with a team of 14 staff, 6 on-call staff, and over 30 dedicated volunteers. Staff time and expertise is the greatest portion of the Sherwood Public Library budget, comprising 56% of the total. Library supplies, including books, DVDs, Blu-Rays, CDs, magazines, newspapers, and program supplies comprise 9% of the local budget. The Sherwood Public Library service area extends beyond the city limits, serving a population of over 22,000 people. Staff work hard to provide relevant services and quality information for patrons of all walks of life.

The true value of library services is open access to life-long learning and the positive impact on this community. The Sherwood Public Library is our community's living room and the ultimate possibilities place for all ages.

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