



2019 Connections Report

Sherwood Public Library (SPL) engages in six levels of partnerships with 45 total local, regional and national groups. These connections help us to provide high quality services to the community both within and outside the library walls.

The levels of partnerships are:

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Core Funding Partners

SPL is a member library of Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) and a department of the City of Sherwood. Our funding is primarily from these two agencies.

1. **Washington County Cooperative Library Services**—Founding member since 1976.

Washington County funds pay for 2/3 of SPL'S local operating budget.

Intergovernmental agreements exist between the City of Sherwood and WCCLS.

Total FY18-19 support was \$909,836.

Additionally:

- Sherwood patrons can access 1.7 million items through WCCLS, as well as e-books, downloadable audiobooks, streaming movies, electronic resources and extra copies of high-demand print books.
- We have local representation, including Chair & Vice-Chair positions, on WCCLS committees.
- This year WCCLS also funded a 10-week Spanish-language storytime series, Cuentos y canciones.

2. **City of Sherwood**—SPL is part of the Community Services Division of the City and receives 1/3 of our funding from the City, most of which is in the form of administrative overhead. Total FY18-19 support including administrative overhead is valued at \$357,708. Additional partnership examples:

- Library staff coordinate the City of Sherwood Library Advisory Board meetings to review policies, strategic planning, facility master planning, review assessments, and recommend appointments to the board.
- The Library provides public access to City Planning documents and surveys.
- Library staff table at Music on the Green, Movies in the Park.
- Library staff are on the City's Records Management Committee.

Support Funding Partners

These partners provided financial support to enhance library services in significant ways.

1. **Friends of Sherwood Public Library**—Advocacy, support, program funding (including for five monthly book discussion groups). The Friends also subsidized a Facility Master Plan from Hacker Architects. Total support this year: \$18,570.
2. **Oregon State Library**—Ready-to-Read grant for Summer Reading. Total financial support this year: \$3174.

Service Partners

These partners help us expand our offerings and services while building a stronger community.

1. **Sherwood Center for the Arts**
 - Site of three Summer Reading performances, Art of the Story, and a NYT Bestselling author, Renée Watson.
 - Center staff and volunteers provide Storytime in the Park activity tables.
 - Coordinates the quarterly Old Town Art Walk. The Library has been an Art Walk stop since its inception in 2015.
2. **Sherwood School District**
 - Family Resource / Share Center is a joint presenter of Storytime in the Park.
 - Winter Reading Program, Books & Bricks, in partnership with schools.
 - Sherwood High School (SHS) student rep on the Library Advisory Board.
 - SHS Green Team Club provided recycling-themed programming.
 - National Honors Society, Junior National Honors Society and High School students provide monthly bulletin boards displays in the Children's area.
 - Key Club volunteer projects for Youth Services.
 - Tours for various classes.
 - Participant at Early Learning Fair.
 - Art teachers help promote the WCCLS Teen Summer Reading Art Contest.
3. **Rotary Club of Sherwood**
 - Library & Rotary partner on peace programming throughout the year, including guest speakers from Oregon Humanities, art walk crafts and more.
 - Library staff provided Media Literacy instruction at Rotary's Peace Village Camp.
 - The Library is a Peace Pole partner with an annual temporary installation on a pillar in the 8 languages most checked out by Sherwood patrons during International Peace Month.
 - One library staff person is a Rotary member and Hope Diner lead.
4. **Early Learning Washington County**—
 - Library staff participate on Sherwood's Team and at community outreach events.
 - Grant funding to Sherwood School District for workshops held at the Library.
5. **503 Uncorked**
 - Host site of monthly Library Trivia @ 503 Uncorked program for adults. 503 Uncorked helps to market the event series and provides prizes.

6. **Sherwood Main Street**
 - The Library is a participant in the annual Halloween in Old Town event.
 - Main Street general meetings participant and presenter.
7. **Robin Hood Festival Association**
 - The Library provides themed programming and displays during festival month and the association helps promote the library events and direct traffic to us.
 - The Library hosts the Maid Marion crowning ceremony.
 - Maid Marion’s Court present at a Storytime in the Park.
 - Library staff outreach table during festivals.
8. **Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge**—Storytime in the Park activities and other programs throughout the year.
9. **St. Francis:**
 - **Church**—St. Francis staff were key co-partners in coordinating the Peace Village summer camp with the Rotary Club of Sherwood. Library staff were instructors for Media Literacy curriculum.
 - **Food Pantry**— The Library collects food donations during annual Food for Fines.
 - **School**—Library staff provide presentations and tours.
10. **MudPuddles Toys & Books**—Storytimes in the Park activity table and support.
11. **Oregon Humanities**—The Library is a Conversation Project adult programming recipient and host.
12. **Richard B. Schneider**—Estate planning workshop presenter.

Outreach Partners

These partners help us expand our reach and invite us to participate in the greater community.

1. **Oregon Library Association**—Library staff mentor new and transitioning librarians and participate on the Public Library Standards Committee.
2. **Helping Hands**—Provided lunches at storytimes in the park, distributes monthly library newsletters, the Library collects food donations during annual Food for Fines.
3. **Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue**—Library participates in the Community Services Fair.
4. **YMCA**—Library participates in the Healthy Kids Day event.
5. **Washington County Severe Weather Shelter**—The Library is an information site.
6. **Willowbrook Food Pantry**—The Library collects food donations during Food for Fines.
7. **Millie & Friends Preschool**—Storytime groups, tours.
8. **Sherwood Montessori Preschool**—Storytime groups, tours.
9. **Saturday Market**—Business vendor table for library.

National & International Initiatives Partners

1. **Edge Assessment**—Measures public-facing technology services and programs and allows for customized action plans.
2. **American Library Association (ALA)**, in chronological order:
 - National Library Week—A week-long campaign to highlight what libraries do

- Pride / GLBT Book Month—An initiative of the ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services, as well as the ALA Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Round Table.
 - Banned Books Week—A campaign to raise awareness of censorship
3. **Public Library Association**—We used the Project Outcome tools to measure effectiveness of our storytimes and other programs.
 4. **Federal Government**—Government forms distribution site, including US Tax Forms.
 5. **Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)**
 - Teen Tech Week—A campaign to engage teens with technology.
 - Teen Read Week—A campaign of YALSA, with support from WCCLS, to provide free popular paperbacks to teens.
 6. **National Poetry Month**—The largest literary celebration in the world. We celebrated with our sixth annual “6 Word Story”, Poem in Your Pocket Day, and displays.
 7. **United for Libraries**—National Friends of Library Week.

Donating Partners

Without these generous gifts, grants and donations, we would not be able to offer the level of year-round programming and events for all ages that we are proud to provide to this community. **This year we received support valued at over \$15,000—which doubled our programming budget.**

1. **YMCA**—Donated 1,000 free swim passes to Summer Reading Program participants, valued at \$10,000.
2. **Helping Hands**—Donated approximately 450 lunches for Storytime in the Park, valued at \$2700.
3. **Sherwood Ice Arena**—Donated 90 free skate passes to Summer Reading participants, valued at \$900.
4. **Robin Hood Garden Club**—Monthly floral arrangements, valued at \$600, and \$100 donation for gardening books.
5. **Stan & Diana Stanley**—\$350 private donation to provide a Chinese Lion Dance program.
6. **Vista Hot Air Balloon Adventures**—Adult Summer Reading donor of \$250 value.
7. **503 Uncorked**—Trivia night prizes of wine, coupons, and merchandise, \$240 value.
8. **Starbucks**—Holiday Festival refreshments vendor in library.
9. **Escape to Yoga**—Adult Summer Reading donor.
10. **McMenamins** —Adult Summer Reading donor.
11. **MudPuddles Toys & Books**— Youth Summer Reading donor.
12. **Fat Milo’s**—Adult Summer Reading donor.
13. **The Oregon Garden**—Adult Summer Reading donor.

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