



2022 Connections Report

Sherwood Public Library (SPL) engages in six levels of partnerships with 43 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**—Sherwood Public Library is one of 13 member libraries of WCCLS and a founding member since 1976. WCCLS funds 62% of SPL'S local operating budget*. Intergovernmental agreements exist between the City of Sherwood, all member libraries, and WCCLS. Total FY22-23 direct support to us is \$1,014,535. WCCLS funding comes from the County's general fund (59%) and a local option levy for countywide library services (41%).

Additionally:

- Sherwood patrons can access nearly two million items from the cooperative, e-books, downloadable audiobooks, streaming movies, electronic resources, extra copies of high demand print books, and books by mail.
 - WCCLS provided giveaway books to distribute offsite during summer reading.
 - We have local representation on WCCLS Executive Board and Policy Group to advise on policies and budget, and subject matter expert groups to foster countywide collaboration.
 - WCCLS patrons are eligible for free library cards at Clackamas County, Multnomah County, and Fort Vancouver Libraries through the MIX agreement and at any Oregon libraries participating in the Oregon Library Passport Program, including at Newberg and McMinnville.
2. **City of Sherwood**—SPL is part of the Community Services Division of the City and receives 38% of our funding from the City, *not including administrative overhead. Total FY22-23 direct support is forecast as \$618,705. Additionally:

- The City provides facilities, IT, utilities, HR, payroll, administrative and legal support, parks and shelters for outdoor events.
- Sherwood Police Department provided a staff training on de-escalation
- Library staff coordinate the City of Sherwood Library Advisory Board meetings to review policies, strategic planning, facility master planning, and assessments.
- Library staff assist with public access to City information, general City Hall customer service, and directions in English and Spanish.
- Library staff table at Music on the Green, Movies in the Park.
- Library staff participate on the City’s Safety Committee, records retention, and promote City events.

Support Funding Partners

These partners provided financial support to enhance library services in significant ways. Total Funding Partner support: \$7,940.

1. **Friends of Sherwood Public Library**—Advocacy, support, program funding (including for five monthly book discussion groups). Total support this year: \$4,700.
2. **Oregon State Library**—Ready-to-Read grant for Summer Reading. Total grant: \$3,240. The State Library also funds library trainings, access to electronic resources and professional collections, and consulting services.

Service Partners

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

1. **Sherwood School District**
 - Library staff on SSD Steering Committee on collection development policy.
 - Family Resource / Share Center staff participating in strategic planning interviews. Table at Bilingual Storytime in the Park. Participated in strategic planning interviews.
 - Winter Reading Program in partnership with elementary schools.
 - Sherwood High School (SHS) student rep on the Library Advisory Board.
 - Students volunteer on TeenLAB, a volunteer club to help with library projects.
 - Students create monthly bulletin boards displays in the Children’s area.
 - Tours for various classes.
 - Invites Library to Early Learning Fair.
 - Art teachers help promote the WCCLS Teen Summer Reading Art Contest.
 - SSD promotes our summer reading program and library card registration.
2. **Sherwood Center for the Arts**
 - Site of our first Welcoming Week main event with Ballet Folklórico.
 - Center staff and volunteers provide Storytime in the Park activities.
 - Coordinates the quarterly Old Town Art Walk. The Library has been an Art Walk stop since its inception in 2015.
3. **Rotary Club of Sherwood**
 - Funded summer reading prize baskets and provided art walk craft activities.
 - A library staff member was a Rotarian and Hope Diner lead.

4. **Community Action**—Provided Spanish language storytimes at Bilingual Storytime in the Park and at Welcoming Week storytimes. Participated in strategic planning interview.
5. **Mission:Citizen**—Volunteers present citizenship class series at the Library.
6. **Sherwood Marjorie Stewart Community Senior Center**
 - Center Manager presented a training at in-service day and participated in strategic planning interview.
 - Reciprocal referral services.
7. **YMCA**—Provided physical activities and games at Bilingual Storytime in the Park.
8. **Robin Hood Festival Association**
 - The Library coordinates a Miniature Castle Making Contest and displays during festival month. RHFA promotes library events and directs traffic to us.
 - The Library hosts the Maid Marion crowning ceremony.
 - Maid Marion’s Court helped at a Storytime in the Park event.
9. **MudPuddles Toys & Books**—Storytimes in the Park activity table and support.
10. **Washington County Department of Disability, Aging, and Veteran Services**—provides social service referral information and participated in strategic planning interview.
11. **Washington County Visitor’s Association**—provides Tualatin Valley tourism information.
12. **Sherwood Historical Society**—The Library archives local printed newspapers.
13. **George Fox University**—Students and staff volunteer for a day of service at the library.
14. **Oregon Humanities**—The Library is a Conversation Project programming host.
15. **Richard B. Schneider & Associates**—Estate planning workshop presenter.
16. **McKissock Learning**—The Library is a frequent test proctoring site for professional licenses.

Outreach Partners

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

1. **Oregon Library Association**—We use the OLA Public Library Standards to measure and evaluate our library services, facility, governance, and engagement. Our Library Youth Services Librarian II implemented a leadership institute project to create an online performer directory for Oregon libraries. Library Manager was elected to OLA Executive Board Secretary and authored an OLA Quarterly Journal article.
2. **Helping Hands**—Provided lunches at storytimes in the park, distribute library newsletters, receives food donations during library’s annual Food Drive.
3. **Chamber of Commerce**—Invited library staff to present a research class to the Kauffman Institute entrepreneur class. Provides Sherwood tourism information and promotes the library as a community resource.
4. **Washington County Severe Weather Shelter**—The Library is an information site, warming center, and cooling center.
5. **St. Francis:**
 - **Food Pantry**—Recipient of food collected during the Library’s Food Drive.
 - **School**—Library staff provide presentations and tours.
6. **Sherwood Main Street**—The Library participates in the Halloween in Old Town event.
7. **Willowbrook Food Pantry**—Recipient of food collected during the Library’s Food Drive.

8. **Tualatin Valley Creates**—Marketing for cultural and creative events and opportunities.
9. **Early Learning Washington County**—Library staff participate on Sherwood’s Team.

National & International Initiatives Partners

1. **Edge Assessment**—Measures public-facing technology services and programs and allows for customized action plans. We participated in a six-month learning cohort.
2. **American Library Association (ALA):**
 - National Library Week—A week-long campaign to highlight what libraries do
 - Rainbow Book Month—An initiative of the ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services, as well as the ALA Rainbow Round Table.
 - Banned Books Week—A campaign to raise awareness of censorship and the freedom to read.
 - Provide professional resources for policy development, intellectual freedom, and best practices.
3. **Public Library Association (PLA)**—
 - We use Project Outcome to measure the impact of our programs.
 - We have begun to use DigitalLearn curriculum for technology classes.
4. **Federal Government**—Government forms distribution site, including US Tax Forms. We promote and use Census data.
5. **Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)**—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 ninth annual “6 Word Story”.
7. **United for Libraries**—National Friends of Library Week.
8. **Welcoming Week**—We participated in our first Welcoming Week activities, including world language storytimes, Ballet Folklórico, and increased immigration and citizenship resources.

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 \$5,200.**

1. **Cultural Coalition of Washington County**—Grant to provide Welcoming Week activities and services, including world language storytimes, Ballet Folklórico, welcoming banners, and increased immigration and citizenship resources. Total grant: \$2000.
2. **Helping Hands**—Donated lunches for Storytime in the Park, valued at \$1100.
3. **Robin Hood Garden Club**—Monthly floral arrangements, valued at \$600, and \$100 donation for gardening books.
4. **Rotary Club of Sherwood**—Donated \$500 for Summer Reading prizes
5. **Rebekah Lodge**—Donated \$500 to support Summer Reading book giveaways.
6. **Stan & Diana Stanley**—\$500 private donation to provide a Chinese Lion Dance program.

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