



# 2023 Connections Report

Sherwood Public Library (SPL) engages in six levels of partnerships with 44 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. Total funding through partnerships is forecast as over \$1.5M this year.

## 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. **Total Core Funding this year is forecast as \$1,481,471.**

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 69% of SPL'S local operating budget. Intergovernmental agreements exist between the City of Sherwood, all member libraries, and WCCLS. Total FY23-24 direct support to us is \$1,021,408. WCCLS funding comes from the County's general fund (approximately 60%) and a local option levy for countywide library services (approximately 40%).

Additionally:

- Sherwood patrons can access nearly two million items from the cooperative, e-books, downloadable audiobooks, streaming movies, electronic resources, 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 31% of our funding from the City, not including administrative overhead. Total FY23-24 direct support is forecast as \$460,063. 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 the mental health response team for our staff in-service day.
  - 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 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: \$11,615.**

1. **Friends of Sherwood Public Library**—Advocacy, support, program funding (including for five monthly book discussion groups). Total support this year: \$8,375.
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. This year the State funded participation in a Libraries Leading with Equity cohort we were able to participate in.
3. **Sherwood Library Foundation**—A newly established 501(c)(3) nonprofit to complement public funding with private donations.

### Service Partners

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

1. **Sherwood School District**
  - SHARE Center staff hosted a series of Digital Literacy Workshops (DLW) presented in English and Spanish by library staff and a contracted presenter. Coordinated child-care, promoted the series to SHARE Center families, and contributed ideas to the grant incentive application for funds from Public Library Association and AT&T to present DLW.
  - SHARE Center staff table at Bilingual Storytime in the Park.
  - Library staff participated on collection review committee.
  - Winter Reading Program in partnership with elementary schools.
  - Library staff provide interactive tours for various classes.
  - SSD Student Services staff participated in strategic planning interview.
  - Sherwood High School (SHS) student rep on the Library Advisory Board.
  - Students volunteer on TeenLAB, a volunteer club to help with library projects.
  - Students volunteered to provide childcare at the DLW series.
  - Students create monthly bulletin boards displays in the Children’s area.

- Key Club student volunteers at monthly STEAM Saturday.
  - Invites Library to Early Learning Fair.
  - SSD promotes our summer reading program and library card registration.
2. **Sherwood Center for the Arts**
    - 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.
    - Curate exhibits in the library display case for Diwali and Lunar New Year.
  3. **Rotary Club of Sherwood**—Funded summer reading prize baskets and provided art walk craft activities.
  4. **Community Action**—Present storytimes in Spanish at Bilingual Storytime in the Park.
  5. **Mission:Citizen**—Volunteers present citizenship class series at the Library.
  6. **YMCA**—
    - Provided physical activities and games at Bilingual Storytime in the Park.
    - Invited the library to table at the Harvest Fest.
  7. **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. Maid Marions help with voting.
    - Maid Marians helped with a Bilingual Storytime in the Park storytime and met children and families during the craft and games.
    - RHFA shares library materials at the Winter Festival through Santa bags.
  8. **Washington County Department of Disability, Aging, and Veteran Services**—provides social service referral information. Member of our Library Advisory Board.
  9. **Tualatin Valley Tourism**—provides local tourism information.
  10. **Sherwood Historical Society**—
    - Curated an exhibit of Sherwood history in the library display case.
    - The Library archives local printed newspapers donated by the Sherwood Historical Society.
  11. **George Fox University**—Students and staff volunteer for a day of service at the library.
  12. **McKissock Learning**—The Library is a test proctoring site for professional licenses.
  13. **MudPuddles Toys & Books**—Bilingual Storytimes in the Park activity table and support.
  14. **P.A.W. Prints**—Bilingual Storytimes in the Park activity table.

## 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 was elected as incoming Chair Elect for the Children’s Services Division and continued to enhance and promote the online performer directory for Oregon libraries that she helped to create the year prior. Library Manager served as OLA Executive Board Secretary.

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**—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. **Victory Academy**—Interview participant for our strategic planning and community engagement.
10. **Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities**—Interview participant for our strategic planning and community engagement.
11. **Sherwood Marjorie Stewart Community Senior Center**—Reciprocal referral services.

#### National & International Initiatives Partners

1. **Public Library Association (PLA)**—
  - We received an incentive to provide a series of six Digital Literacy Workshops in English and Spanish using the PLA and AT&T DigitalLearn curriculum.
  - We use Project Outcome to measure the impact of our programs.
2. **Edge Assessment**—Measures public-facing technology services and programs and allows for customized action plans.
3. **American Library Association (ALA):**
  - National Library Week—A week-long campaign to highlight what libraries do.
  - Pride 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.
4. **Federal Government**—Government forms distribution site, including US Tax Forms. We promote and use Census data.
5. **National Poetry Month**—The largest literary celebration in the world. We celebrated with our ninth annual “6 Word Story”.
6. **United for Libraries**—
  - National Friends of Library Week celebration
  - Online trainings for Library Advisory Board and Foundation development
7. **Welcoming Week**—We launched the WCCLS-provided interpretation service as a tie-in with the national Welcoming 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 donated support valued at over \$11,500.**

1. **Public Library Association**—Incentive to provide a series of six Digital Literacy Workshops in English and Spanish in partnership with the Sherwood School District SHARE Center. Funds were used to remove barriers to participation and provide graduates with their own device. Total incentive: \$6000.
2. **Cultural Coalition of Washington County**—Grant to fund community engagement and strategic planning process. Total grant: \$2000.
3. **Helping Hands**—Donated lunches for Storytime in the Park, valued at \$1100.
4. **Stan & Diana Stanley**—\$800 private donation to provide a Chinese Lion Dance program.
5. **Robin Hood Garden Club**—Monthly floral arrangements, valued at \$600.
6. **Rotary Club of Sherwood**—Donated \$500 for Summer Reading prizes
7. **Rebekah Lodge**—Donated \$500 to support Summer Reading book giveaways.

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