



2025 Connections Report

We are grateful for the rich network of community and national support to make our library even better. 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 both within and outside the library walls.

Funding through partnerships is forecast at nearly \$1,664,000 this year—not including support that can't be measured in dollars.

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 \$1,596,923.

1. [Washington County Cooperative Library Services](#)—Sherwood Public Library is one of 12 member libraries of WCCLS and a founding member since 1976. WCCLS funds 65.8% of SPL'S local operating budget for FY25-26. Intergovernmental agreements exist between the City of Sherwood, all member libraries, and WCCLS. Total FY25-26 direct support to us is \$1,056,478. WCCLS funding comes from the County's general fund and a local option levy for countywide library services.

Additionally:

- Sherwood patrons can access over 1.5 million items from the cooperative, e-books, downloadable audiobooks, streaming movies, electronic resources, and books by mail.

- WCCLS funded giveaway books to distribute offsite during summer reading, through the Library Foundation of Washington County.
 - We have local representatives on WCCLS Executive Board and Policy Group to advise on policies and budget, and subject matter expert groups to foster countywide collaboration. This year the groups are working with WCCLS and Merina + Co consultants on a Funding and Governance Evaluation Project.
 - 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 33.7% of our funding from the city this FY, not including administrative overhead. Total FY25-26 direct support is forecast as \$540,445. Additionally:
- City Council adopts the City’s budget, which includes the Library’s budget. The City’s Budget Committee reviews and approves the budget before Council adopts it.
 - The City provides facilities, IT, utilities, HR, payroll, administrative and legal support, parks and shelters for outdoor events.
 - Sherwood Police Department responds to incidents and provides safety training.
 - 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 in the City’s Safety Committee, records retention, and promote City events.
 - Sherwood Senior Center staff provided trainings and reciprocal referral services.
 - Sherwood Center for the Arts staff and Cultural Arts Commission curated exhibits in the library display case for Diwali and Lunar New Year.
 - A joint Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood Homelessness Coordinator provides trainings, outreach, and referral services.

Support Funding Partners

Provided financial support to enhance library services in significant ways. **Total Funding Partner support: \$43,492**

1. [Friends of Sherwood Public Library](#)—Support, supplemental program funding, advocacy. Support this year: \$9175, including Powell’s Books credit from book sales.
2. [State Library of Oregon](#)—Ready-to-Read grant for Summer Reading. Total grant: \$4,317. The State Library also funds some library training opportunities, access to electronic resources and professional collections, and consulting services.
3. [Sherwood Library Foundation](#)—A newly established 501(c)(3) nonprofit to complement public funding with private donations. SHELF is focusing on a funding campaign to purchase and install a freestanding study pod in the library. As of late 2025, SHELF has fundraised nearly \$30,000 toward the pod.

Service & Outreach Partners

Helped us expand our offerings and our reach while building a stronger community.

1. [Sherwood School District](#)
 - In a partnership with SSD and WCCLS, now in our 2nd year, we issued nearly 300 new WCCLS Student Cards to students whose parent/guardians opted them in.
 - Librarian-led outreach at Sherwood High School and Sherwood Middle School lunches.
 - SHARE Center staff table at Bilingual Storytime in the Park.
 - Library staff present the annual Books & Bricks Winter Reading Program in partnership with elementary schools.
 - Library staff provide interactive tours for various classes.
 - Sherwood High School student rep on the Library Advisory Board.
 - Library staff mentored an SHS student intern who created a sensory-friendly video tour for children.
 - Students volunteer at Teen Volunteer Club at SPL, helping with library projects.
 - The Library was a drop-off location for SHARE Center holiday gifts and needs drive and the back-to-school backpack drive.
 - Students create monthly bulletin boards displays in the kid’s area.
 - Key Club students volunteer at library events.
 - SSD promotes our summer reading program and library card registration.

2. [Sherwood Regional Family YMCA](#)
 - Provided physical activities and games at Bilingual Storytime in the Park.
 - Library staff participate at outreach events.
 - Library staff drop off summer reading books at the YMCA.
3. [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 read favorite books at a storytime, lead songs, and help with other activities.
4. [Helping Hands](#)—Provided lunches at storytimes in the park, distribute library newsletters, receives food donations during library’s annual Food Drive.
5. [Mission:Citizen](#)—Volunteers present citizenship class series at the Library.
6. [AmeriCorps](#)-- A partnership between WCCLS, Washington County, and AmeriCorp has led to a Digital Navigator this year. The DN visits Sherwood 3-4 times a month.
7. [MudPuddles Toys & Books](#)—Bilingual Storytimes in the Park activity table and support.
8. [P.A.W. Prints](#)—Bilingual Storytimes in the Park activity table.
9. [Portland Area Canine Therapy Teams](#)—Volunteer service dogs handlers bring their dogs to Read to the Dogs.
10. [Community Chess](#)—Volunteers provide a monthly drop-in chess program at the library.
11. [Sherwood Historical Society](#)—The Library archives local printed newspapers donated by the Sherwood Historical Society. Reciprocal referral services.
12. [Sherwood Chamber of Commerce](#)—Chamber provides Sherwood tourism information and promotes the library as a community resource. The Library Manager was nominated for Citizen of the Year in 2025.
13. [Active Media Publishing Group](#)—Marketing for library events and activities.
14. [Washington County Severe Weather Shelter](#)—The Library is an information site and has extended hours as a warming and cooling location.
15. [Washington County Department of Disability, Aging, and Veteran Services](#)— provides social service referral information.
16. [St. Francis Catholic Church & School](#)—Recipient of food collected during the Library’s Food Drive. Library staff provide presentations and tours to classrooms.
17. [Old Town Sherwood](#)—The Library participates in the Halloween event
18. [Willowbrook Food Pantry](#)—Recipient of Library’s Food Drive.

19. [Tualatin Valley Creates](#)—Marketing for cultural and creative events and opportunities.
20. [Explore Tualatin Valley Oregon](#)—Provides local tourism information.
21. [Washington County Community Development](#)—The library hosts a display for Community Development week to highlight Community Development Block Grant-funded projects in Sherwood.
22. [MED-Project Medication Education & Disposal](#)—The Library is a site for pickup of free mailers to safely mail back unused medications (restrictions apply).
23. [Dirkse Counseling and Consulting](#)—The Library provided a job shadow opportunity.
24. [Sherwood Bookstore](#)—Collaborative thought partner on readers advisory, reading-related activities, and future joint-programming and grant-writing.

Initiatives Partners

Helped us align our work with the best practices of the library profession.

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 is the recent past Chair of the Children’s Services Division. Library staff attend the annual Oregon Library Association conference. We’ve been able to have two librarians participate in the Leadership Institute of OLA (LIOLA).
2. [American Library Association](#):
 - 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.
3. [Public Library Association](#)—We use DigitalLearn resources for classes and Project Outcome to measure the impact of our programs, as well as participate in trainings and use many PLA research resources.
4. **Edge 360 Assessment**—Measures public-facing technology services and programs and allows for customized action plans.
5. **Federal Government**—Government forms distribution site, including US Tax Forms. We promote and use Census data.

6. **National Poetry Month**—The largest literary celebration in the world. We celebrated with our tenth annual “6 Word Story”.
7. [Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library](#)—Sherwood families are now eligible for participating in the Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library free books deliveries for children ages 0-5.
8. [United for Libraries](#)—National Friends of Library Week celebration. Online trainings for Library Advisory Board and Foundation development

Donating Partners

These additional donations enrich our programming, events, and library. **This year we received donated support valued at \$23,088.**

1. [Active Media Publishing Group](#)—Donates and designs full-color, full-page promotional advertising in their monthly circular, Community Advantage, mailed to all Sherwood households, valued at \$8988.
2. [Early Learning Washington County & United Way of the Columbia-Willamette](#)—The library distributed 80 donated early literacy STEM kits to local families. Valued at \$8000.
3. [Al’s Garden & Home](#)—Donated seed packets for our seed library, valued at \$2400.
4. [Helping Hands](#)—Donated lunches for Storytime in the Park, valued at \$1100.
5. [The Springs at Sherwood](#)—Donated a lightly used Merlin Magnifier, valued at \$1000.
6. [Robin Hood Garden Club](#)—Monthly floral arrangements, valued at \$600.
7. [Rotary Club of Sherwood](#)—Donated \$500 for Summer Reading and Winter Reading prizes.
8. **Rainbow Rebekah Lodge 212**—Donated \$500 to support Summer Reading book giveaways.

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