

Multnomah County Library

A responsible steward of public resources

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Funding

Multnomah County Library takes its responsibility as a steward of public resources very seriously. Library services are funded by a dedicated property tax for Multnomah County Library District. The [library's operating budget](#) [PDF] for Fiscal Year 2020 is \$88.1 million.

Oversight

Multnomah County Library is among a small group of public agencies that are held to the highest level of accountability and public scrutiny in the state of Oregon. As part of its annual public budgeting process, the library's operations are subject to review and approval from the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners (which also presides as the Multnomah County Library District Board), The Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission, and the Library Advisory Board (and also functioning as the library's Community Budget Advisory Committee). Each of those bodies conducts public meetings with opportunities for public input.

Accountability

The library's financial practices and expenditures are audited annually by independent financial auditor Moss Adams. In addition, the library's operations are subject to performance audits by the Multnomah County Auditor, an independently elected official.

Input

The library welcomes public input and questions. Members of the public communicate with the library through comment cards, email, phone and in person. Bond-funded projects are subject to extensive community input on design.

Bond oversight

If the bond is approved by voters, an independent community bond oversight committee will provide accountability, oversight and reporting. The county's independent financial auditor, along with a professional construction auditor, will monitor expenditures.