



Wilsonville Public Library

FOUNDATION

Annual Report 2025



OUR MISSION

The Wilsonville Public Library Foundation's mission is to foster excellence in the Wilsonville Public Library. Private donations enable the library to expand its impact through innovative services and enhanced programming not funded by public dollars.





A message from Wilsonville Public Library Foundation's 2025 President

Bob Renfro



As I reflect on 2025, I want to thank everyone who generously supported the Wilsonville Public Library Foundation. Your gifts have made a meaningful difference, including:

- Funding the beautiful new Children's Room mural by local artist Julia Hunkler, creating an inspiring space for young readers and families.
- Contributing to the Library's new cellular signal booster, improving connectivity for visitors.
- Continuing our support of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, providing free books to Wilsonville children under age five.

After nine years on the Foundation Board, including four as president, I am pleased to welcome Kathryn Dessayer Whittaker as our new president. I know she and our dedicated board will continue to strengthen and support our exceptional library.

I also encourage you to consider including the Foundation in your estate plan. A legacy gift helps ensure the Library can continue to grow and serve future generations. I have chosen to include the Foundation in my own estate plan and hope you will consider doing the same.

Thank you for your continued support of the Wilsonville Public Library Foundation.

Bob



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Grows Across Oregon

Hilly Alexander, Executive Director, Wilsonville Imagination Library

Since May 2025, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has been available in every Oregon ZIP code, ensuring that all children from birth to age five can receive free books, regardless of family income. The Wilsonville Public Library Foundation proudly sponsors the program in Wilsonville.

The impact is significant. Since 2012, more than 4,500 Wilsonville children have received at least one book, with more than 114,000 books mailed through the program. Today, 65% of eligible Wilsonville children receive a book every month, thanks to the generosity of Foundation donors.

The program changes lives. One parent shared after moving out of state, "We read together every night. That's what you taught us."

Since 2023, with support from the Rotary Club of Wilsonville, the program has expanded to serve the children of Adults in Custody at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, helping more Oregon families build a lifelong love of reading.

Thank you for helping ignite a passion for reading in Wilsonville's youngest children.



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**Shasta Sasser
Wilsonville Public Library Director**

One of the barometers of a good library is that it should have something for everyone. I love that the same philosophy came through in our new Children's Room mural. No matter what a child is interested in, they can likely find it in the mural – reading, science, sports, baking, arts & crafts, animals, mythology, exploration – the mural has something for everyone.

Julia Hunkler, the mural artist, really listened to what the users of that space requested. Having a child who loves dinosaurs able to see their passion on the walls helps create a sense of ownership and belonging. This is their space and their interests are reflected. That's another big step towards building lifelong learners and library users.

Thank you, donors, for making that possible!

Community Connections

Community Outreach: Connecting with Wilsonville

Community outreach remains a priority for the Wilsonville Public Library Foundation, helping deliver library services beyond the library's walls and into the community.

Throughout 2025, Outreach Librarian Crystal Reynolds and the Book Bike connected with residents at events including Party in the Park, the annual Egg Hunt, the Farmers Market, and the Hearts Community Bike Ride. Funded by the Wilsonville Friends of the Library, the Book Bike also participated in the Pollinator Pedal and Sunset to Summer, introducing new audiences to library programs and services.

Donor support for the Foundation helped the Library expand its community partnerships throughout the year. New outreach efforts included monthly art activities at Autumn Park, Pride Storytime, StoryWalk® programs at local schools, and book checkout opportunities at Marquis Assisted Living, Wilsonville Community Sharing, and the Farmers Market.



These efforts reflect the collaboration of the Library's Outreach, Youth, and Adult Services staff, who provide programs ranging from preschool storytimes and school visits to Home Delivery services, senior outreach, and support for families at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.

By meeting people where they are, the Wilsonville Public Library continues to expand access to literacy, learning, and lifelong enrichment throughout the community.



Library Giving Day

In 2025, the Wilsonville Public Library Foundation proudly participated in its first Library Giving Day, a nationwide campaign that encourages people to support their local library through charitable giving. Originally launched in 2019 by the Seattle Public Library Foundation, Library Giving Day has grown into an international movement across the United States and Canada.

The Wilsonville community's response to its first Library Giving Day was extraordinary, reflecting the value residents place on their library. Donations helped fund projects beyond the library's operating budget, including the new Children's Room mural, community outreach, and improvements to library spaces. Beyond raising funds, Library Giving Day celebrated the library's impact as donors shared stories of favorite books, meaningful programs, and lasting connections.

The Foundation extends its sincere thanks to everyone who donated, shared the campaign, or helped spread the word. Together, we are helping ensure the Wilsonville Public Library remains a welcoming place for learning, creativity, and discovery for all.

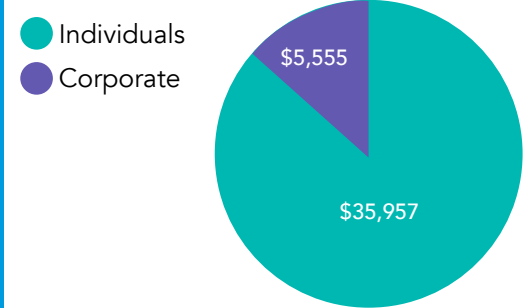


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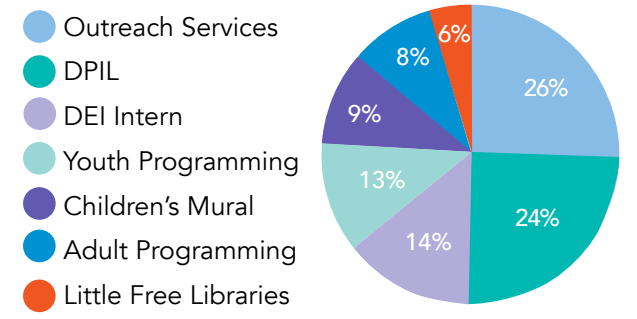
Total Income
\$41,512

Total Program Expenditures
\$42,247

Where Support Comes From



How Support is Applied



Mural Brings New Life to the Children's Room



The Wilsonville Public Library Foundation proudly funded a vibrant three-wall mural by Portland artist Julia Hunkler, transforming the Children's Room into an imaginative and welcoming space.

The project, a longtime goal of Wilsonville Public Library staff, was made possible through collaboration with the Wilsonville Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission as well as library and city staff. Inspired by ideas from more than 450 children, Hunkler created a whimsical mural following a cat and dog on an adventure from the Pacific Northwest to the ocean, jungle, outer space, and beyond.



The response from young visitors has been overwhelmingly positive. One library patron enthusiastically shared, "You have to come here because the paintings are FABULOUS!"

Reflecting on the project, Hunkler shared her appreciation for the library and community, saying she was inspired by the children's curiosity and love of stories.

This inspiring addition was made possible through the generosity of Wilsonville Public Library Foundation donors, whose support helps create welcoming spaces that encourage learning, creativity, and discovery.

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