

May 3, 2013

Dear Multnomah County Library Board

I am excited to send you my application for one of your four vacant positions today. I grew up a low-income kid in Tucson, Arizona where my local branch of the Pima County Library played a pivotal role in my life. From the time I could read, I devoured books as fast as I could. (I was one of those kids who would resort to reading the back of the cereal box at breakfast if I had to.)

I can still remember getting my first library card, and how proud I was to have an "official" document with my name on it. The library was where I discovered *Matilda*, *The Witches*, and the *Babysitter's Club*. Later, it's where I met Holden Caulfield and Frodo Baggins for the first time.

Our weekly trips to the library were a special thing my mom and I did together. Without them, I think my childhood would have been less full, and less magic. I grew up to become a journalist, and then an education advocate. I am not sure I would have developed the skills to walk down either of those paths without the knowledge I gained as I consumed book after book – fiction and nonfiction – from our local library.

As an adult, I am building a career around ensuring that all kids have access to the same kind of education and resources that I believe set me on a path to success, and allowed me to grow into the middle class. In my volunteer life, I am looking for an opportunity to do the same in a way that is personally meaningful and – hopefully – beneficial for the community.

I would be honored to talk with you further about joining your board as a way to combine my passion for reading, with my passion for ensuring all members of our community – regardless of financial background – have access to important resources the county library system has to offer.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megan Irwin' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Megan Irwin

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON - LIBRARY

Citizen Advisory Boards & Commissions Interest Form

The purpose of this form is to obtain information to use in making appointments to Multnomah County Citizen Advisory Boards and Commissions, ad hoc committees, task forces, etc. If you have a resume, please attach it to this form. **Please note that, with the exception of the confidential section, information provided in this document is public information.** Thank you for your interest in participating in County government.

Name: Megan Irwin

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Are you a resident of Multnomah County? Yes: X No:

Occupation: State of Oregon - Early Learning System Manager

Please check board/commission of interest:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Review Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Board of Review | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Service Advisory Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Control Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenspaces Review Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audit Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Property Tax Appeals | <input type="checkbox"/> Investment Advisory Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City/County Sustainable Development Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Bicycle & Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen Budget Advisory Committees | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Library Advisory Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen Involvement Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Merit System Civil Service Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commission on Children, Families & Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Health Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Multnomah County Planning Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract Compliance & Rate Regulation Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Arts & Culture Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elders in Action Commission | |

Please list employment and volunteer activities that may relate to your service on boards/commissions.

Dates (from/to)	Employment/Volunteer Activity
May 2013 - present	State of Oregon - Early Learning Council
July 2008 - May 2013	Stand for Children
February 2013 - present	City Club of Portland, Advocacy & Awareness Board

REFERENCES: (Please list two or three people who can be contacted as personal references.)

Name	Address	Daytime Phone	Relationship
Barre Stoll		503-780-4572	mentor
Laura Mann		801-837-0523	former supervisor
Pam Welch		503-780-4525	former supervisor

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The following information is confidential and optional. You are under no obligation to provide this information. This information will be used for statistical purposes, such as tracking the geographical diversity of board and commission appointees. By providing this information, you will help ensure that appointments represent a broad cross-section of our community.

Age: 29

Gender: Male

X Female

Race:

 African-American

 Asian

X Caucasian

 Hispanic

 Native American

 Pacific Islander

My signature affirms that all information provided is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation of credentials or misstatement of fact may result in this application being disqualified from further consideration.

Signature 

Date

Please note that most appointees to Multnomah County Citizen Advisory Boards and Commissions are subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners during a regular Board meeting.

Return this form to:

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