

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming September 7, 2013 as Central Library Centennial Celebration Day in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Central Library was opened to the public on September 6, 1913.
- b. Sometimes referred to as "Portland's Crown Jewel," Central Library has stood for a century as a monument to free access for all.
- c. Central Library was constructed during a period of prolific growth and expansion of Multnomah County's library system, shortly after the library became Oregon's first free, tax-supported public library, open to all.
- d. Designed and constructed with the needs of patrons first in mind, Central Library continues to be a unique and highly utilized community asset to this day.
- e. Last year, more than 850,000 patrons visited Central Library, checking out or renewing almost 1.5 million items.
- f. Central Library serves as a vital community anchor, offering free and equal access to materials, information, resources and one-on-one assistance to all who enter.
- g. A free public celebration will take place from 3 to 3:45 pm in the Collins Gallery of Central Library, located at 801 SW 10th Ave. in Portland.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

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ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 20__.

Jeff Cogen, County Chair

**Deborah Kafoury
Commissioner District 1**

**Loretta Smith
Commissioner District 2**

**Judy Shiprack
Commissioner District 3**

**Diane McKeel
Commissioner District 4**

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Deborah Kafoury