

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 05-157

Endorsing the Multnomah County Library Goals Recommended by the Library Advisory Board

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Since 1986, when the Multnomah County Library's first long range plan was written, the Library has been committed to having a strategic plan that identifies and responds to the needs of the community. In 2005, in beginning to plan for Multnomah County Library's fifth strategic plan, the Library convened a Planning Committee made up of sixteen community members representing various stakeholders and constituencies to identify the community's vision and needs. The Planning Committee recommended five specific roles Multnomah County Library should emphasize in the next three to five years to help reach the community's vision and meet its needs.
- b. Library staff then drafted six goals relating to the Planning Committee's recommended roles, and looked to three other community groups to review and comment on these draft goals. The Friends of the Library Board, the Library Foundation Board, and a subgroup of the Library Advisory Board reviewed and revised the six draft goals.
- c. The Library Advisory Board, after adding a seventh goal, unanimously adopted the seven goals at the Board's June 14, 2005 meeting, and is recommending these goals for endorsement by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

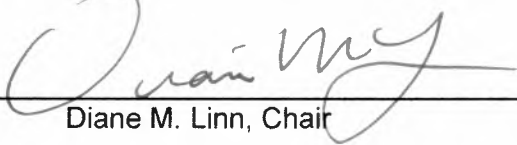
1. To endorse the following goals:
 - 1) People of all ages and backgrounds will have the tools and skills to find, evaluate and use information resources that best meet their needs.
 - 2) People of all ages and backgrounds will find literature, information and answers to questions related to work, school, cultural, civic and personal life.
 - 3) People of all ages and backgrounds will find a wide variety of current and popular materials and programs in the languages they read, speak or understand, to satisfy their personal reading interests and educational needs.
 - 4) Babies and preschoolers will have access to a wide variety of early literacy programs and materials; school-age children and teens will have access to reading motivation programs and materials.
 - 5) Adults and families of all ages and backgrounds will have materials and programs to help them reach their personal literacy goals.
 - 6) People of all ages and backgrounds will find welcoming neighborhood spaces where they can interact with others and participate in public discussion.

- 7) People in Multnomah County will have a public library system supported by stable funding adequate to meet the above goals.
2. To direct the Library to develop a three to five year strategic plan based on these endorsed goals.

ADOPTED this 15th day of September 2005.



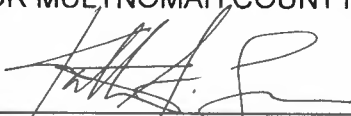
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Diane M. Linn, Chair

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