

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

RESOLUTION NO. ____

Establishing “Libraries for Livelihoods,” a Set of Resources and Program Offerings for Job Seekers in Multnomah County that Will Include Electronic Resources, Classes, Dedicated Computers and Ongoing Assistance at Designated Multnomah County Library Locations

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Job seekers face a difficult set of circumstances in the face of a protracted economic recession that is just now beginning to show small signs of recovery.
- b. Multnomah County’s latest economic forecast assumes a protracted and uneven recovery, characterized by anemic to modest growth, continued high unemployment, and slowly stabilizing property values.
- c. Multnomah County provides critical services to vulnerable populations, a large percentage of which are unemployed or underemployed.
- d. Multnomah County Library supports Multnomah County’s mission through outreach and services to the most vulnerable among us.
- e. Multnomah County Library currently offers a host of resources to job seekers, including access to computers, printers, technical assistance, and classes.
- f. Multnomah County Library’s services are highly utilized by the public, with the second highest circulation of any public library system in the United States and visits by 35,000 people each day.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves

1. To establish a set of resources and program offerings, entitled “Libraries for Livelihoods,” designed specifically to benefit those seeking employment.
2. The planned locations will be the North Portland Library, Central Library and Midland Library. Each of these libraries is located in an area of demonstrated need, based on localized unemployment and poverty data.
3. Each of the planned locations will have dedicated computers set aside for job seekers, an open-hours jobs labs, and classes that will show job seekers how to use social media resources to aid in job searching and how to gain skills necessary to be a successful job candidate.
4. Multnomah County Library will actively promote these resources and offerings to encourage people unfamiliar with the library to visit and receive assistance.

5. In order to facilitate ease of use and communication, library staff will create a dedicated set of web-based resources and information for job seekers at www.multcolib.org/findajob.

ADOPTED this 1st day of March, 2012.

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