

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

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2012-\_\_\_\_\_**

Proclaiming the Week of October 21-27, 2012 as National Friends of Libraries Week in Multnomah County and Recognizing the Important Role of the Friends of Multnomah County Library.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. Libraries provide essential services and are vital for a vibrant community.
- b. Friends of the Multnomah County Library is a nonprofit organization that was formed in 1972 to advocate for the Multnomah County Library. They held their first book sale in 1974.
- c. The Friends use funds they raise through membership dues, annual used book sales and the Friends Library Store at Central Library to support a variety of library programs and promote public involvement in the library.
- d. The Friends provide an opportunity for the community to engage in stimulating discussions about books through the popular program, Pageturners.
- e. The Friends understand the critical importance of well funded libraries and they advocate to ensure the community is engaged in protecting programs and library access.
- f. The Friends' gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

1. October 21-27, 2012 as National Friends of Libraries Week in Multnomah County and Recognizes the Important Role of the Friends of Multnomah County Library.

ADOPTED this 18th day of October 2012

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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