



Oregon Historical Society Levy Renewal

[FACT SHEET]

Your Multnomah County May 2016 ballot will include the Oregon Historical Society levy, providing continued funding for educational and cultural preservation programs, including:

- Free admission to school groups and Multnomah County residents.
- Support for four East County Historical Societies including the Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes Historical Society, Gresham Historical Society, Troutdale Historical Society and Crown Point Country Historical Society.
- Preservation of cultural documents and artifacts.

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Education and Preservation

Students from all over the state visit the Oregon Historical Society's museum and library each year to discover the people, places, and events that have shaped our state.

If the levy renewal passes, the Oregon Historical Society will continue offering free admission to school groups from all over Oregon. The levy supports free guided tours for students as well as the Oregon Historical Society's Traveling Trunk program, which brings hands-on history to classrooms.

How it Works

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Independent Oversight

An independent citizen oversight committee ensures levy funds are used appropriately, reviews audits of levy spending, and reports annually to the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners.

Oregon Historical Society by the numbers:

- 117** years old
- 70,000** annual visitors
- 8,000** schoolchildren visitors
- 85,000** artifacts
- 35,000** books
- 5,000,000** photographs
- 25,000** maps
- 12,000** linear feet of manuscripts
- 3,000** serials titles
- 5,000** vertical files
- 16,000** reels of microfilm
- 8,500,000** feet of film and tape
- 10,000** oral history tapes