

**BEFORE THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT  
BOARD FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2014-018**

Proclaiming February 15, 2014 is Multnomah County Library Sesquicentennial Day in Multnomah County, Oregon.

**The Multnomah County Library District Board Finds:**

- a. Multnomah County Library's proud history began on February 15, 1864 with the establishment of the "Library Association of Portland" as a subscription library and reading room.
- b. On March 10, 1902, the library became a tax-supported free public library; open to all residents of Portland.
- c. In 1903, services and levying authority were extended to include all residents of Multnomah County, and in 1911, the Multnomah County Commissioners became ex officio members of the library board.
- d. Under the leadership of Mary Frances Isom from 1902 to 1920, the library experienced a period of unprecedented growth, resulting in the basis of the library system we know today.
- e. On July 1, 1990, the Library Association of Portland transferred ownership of the library's buildings, books and other holdings to the people of Multnomah County, to be governed by the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners.
- f. On November 6, 2012, Multnomah County voters approved the formation of the Multnomah County Library District to create permanent and stable funding for library hours and services in Multnomah County.
- g. Today, Multnomah County Library thrives as the second busiest public library in the United States and is the oldest public library west of the Mississippi River.
- h. The library's service is based on three immutable pillars: Free access for all; a trusted guide for learning; and the leading advocate for reading.
- i. As needs within our diverse community shift and evolve over the next 150 years and beyond, Multnomah County Library will remain responsive and dedicated to those it serves.

**The Multnomah County Library District Board Proclaims:**

1. February 15, 2014 is Multnomah County Library Sesquicentennial Day in Multnomah County, Oregon.
2. All people, regardless of status, affiliation or station in life, are invited to enter and use Multnomah County Library and enjoy the collective riches of this public library.

**ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.**

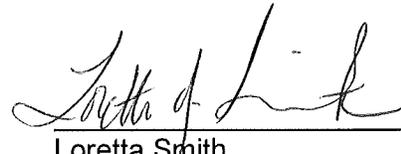
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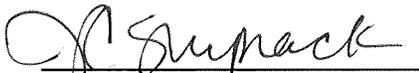
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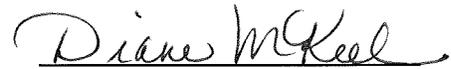
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