



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 4/14/16
Agenda Item #: R.8
Est. Start Time: 10:55 am approx.
Date Submitted: 3/31/16

Agenda Title: **Resolution Adopting the Digital Equity Action Plan**

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.

Requested

Meeting Date: April 14, 2016 **Time Needed:** 5 minutes

Department: Multnomah County Library District **Division:** Dept. Administration

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General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Adopt the Digital Equity Action Plan on behalf of the Multnomah County Library District.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The Digital Equity Action Plan (DEAP) comes out of the work of the Digital Inclusion Network (DIN), a community coalition brought together by the Multnomah County Library and the City of Portland that has been meeting since the fall of 2014. The DEAP outlines a series of operational and policy proposals for public and private agencies, along with nonprofits, to advance the cause of digital equity in Portland and Multnomah County.

The National Digital Inclusion Alliance defines digital equity as everyone having “daily access to the Internet, at speeds, quality and capacity necessary to accomplish common tasks, with digital skills necessary to fully participate online, and whenever possible on a personal device and home network.” The cost of digital exclusion is great. Without access, full participation in nearly every aspect of American society – from economic success and educational achievement, to positive health outcomes and civic engagement – is compromised.

Digital equity recognizes the need for all residents of Portland and Multnomah County to have barrier-free access to high-speed broadband internet at home and school, an

