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**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
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MEETING DATE: 12/22/11

SUBJECT: Library District Election

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR: X AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE ~~AGENDA ITEM~~ Process

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SUBJECT: Library District

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: X ~~It is for the~~ Library District  
AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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SUBJECT: Library funding

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: No on library district at this time.  
Yes on renewing existing library levy at current tax rate.  
Will allow property taxpayers more ability to pay for school buildings.

FOR: ~~5~~ AGAINST:        THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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SUBJECT: Library Henry Li

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: ↓

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Henry Li

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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**I am Marian Creamer, Library Advisory Board Member, retired Multnomah public school librarian and resident of Multnomah County. I have volunteered in Numerous capacities, with the library and public schools within the county, for the past few years supporting Madison High School's library program.**

**Chair Cogen, County Commissioners: I urge you to give the voters of Multnomah the opportunity in May to vote for a library district with adequate funding. I have been impressed with our MC government, having felt strongly about issues affecting me and fellow citizens. I have appeared before the Board of County Commissioners, and have continued to do so because leaders of Multnomah County heard my concerns and shared my priorities.**

**The library helps citizens in myriad, proactive, impressive ways, working directly with all ages: preschool, school age, adults, infirm, elderly, and incarcerated populations. The library's programs are co-operatively designed and delivered with and through government agencies.**

**More and more people who are in need of help from a trusted and informed source seek assistance from library staff and use its resources. Many reside within the City of Portland. I have seen firsthand when I leave the early morning monthly meetings, more and more patrons lined up on the front steps of our Portland crown jewel: waiting for the library to open.**

**I and many other citizens moved to Oregon from out of state and chose to live in Multnomah County. I have been proud of our government, its courageous leaders, its wise citizens, and our renowned MCL.**

**In closing, I'm reminded of last year's Everybody Reads author, Wes Moore's words and I quote:**

**"Later in life I learned that the way many governors projected the numbers of beds they'd need for prison facilities was by examining the reading scores of third graders. Elected officials deduced that a strong percentage of kids reading below their grade level by third grade would be needing a secure place to stay when they got older.**

**Considering my performance in the classroom thus far, I was well on my way to needing state-sponsored accommodations."**

### **Children's Literature Alive! Foundation**

**Marian Creamer  
President**

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MEETING DATE: 22 Dec 2011

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AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: N/A

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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**SUBJECT:** Libsarg

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**FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM**

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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SUBJECT: SUSAN STONE WONG

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: VOTE IN LIBRARY DISTRICT

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FOR: ✓ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: SUSAN STONE WONG

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CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND, OR 97205

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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Commissioners -

In this time of political upheaval, animus, and negativity, the grievances of those who occupied Lownsdale and Chapman Parks go beyond Wall Street, bailouts, and taxes. They go to the very heart of representative government: what does it mean to represent the interests of the people? Does it mean that politicians act courageously and look beyond themselves and current trends to resolve issues in the long-term, rather than simply kicking the can down the road?

Libraries, like parks, are open to everyone equally, but they serve the disadvantaged and underprivileged disproportionately. For those of us more fortunate, it is easy to conceive of them as an added service, something not on par with shelter and food and, thus, more expendable and less deserving of political risk. But this is folly, and not just because libraries are a warm, dry place to many or a source of computer with which to search for a job.

It is folly because books provide shelter for our minds. In hard times, books comfort us with the knowledge that we are not alone in our suffering; that there are places and times to where we can escape and find laughter, joy, and release; and that there is hope even in the darkest of situations. This emotional fare cannot be measured by weight like cans of food in a donation bin or the number of beds in a shelter. But it is that which makes us human and elevates us from animals seeking mere survival and thus just as vital.

My grandfather, Bill Naito, needed the safety of the Multnomah County libraries and care of its librarians to become a First Citizen of this city almost a half century later. When he went to his first day of school at Mt. Tabor Grade School, he was coming from a home of first generation immigrants where no English was spoken and no English books were read. Unlike his fellow first grade students, he couldn't rely on his parents to help him navigate the mechanics of reading. Instead, the library became his greatest resource: there, he could find books written in English and a compassionate and giving librarian to guide him to and through them. She selflessly nurtured the potential of a diminutive Nisei boy who would have otherwise struggled in school and so in life.

Do we dare risk the loss of the potential of so many other children like my grandfather? Do we deny those who have fallen on hard times the opportunity to better themselves? Do we deny them the sense of humanity that comes from the care of librarians who treat them as people and not just nuisances? This community has shown its love and support of its libraries, and we ought to be given the opportunity to show it through creation of a permanent library district. Anything less is a disservice to us all.

Erica Naito-Campbell

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21 December 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Cindy Bartman and I retired in June after 33 years in education. For my last eight years, I was principal of Shaver Elementary School in the Parkrose School District. I was fortunate to have a SUN program at my school which made connecting with the Multnomah County Library programs very easy. My school benefited from so many programs that the library offered. Over half my teachers used the "Books to You" program for curriculum units they taught throughout the school year.

For two years in a row, Shaver was awarded the "Every Family Reads" grant which gave every student in my school a book and my 4th and 5th grade students the opportunity to meet an author. During these family celebrations we were able to connect students and their families to the library.

I had several teachers utilize the Downtown and Midland Branch libraries. These teachers would use Tri-Met to get to and from the libraries, which modeled to our students how they could use the libraries on their own.

In times of budget cuts, schools are continually asked to cut programs and activities that directly affect students. Please don't cut programs that give students and their families direct access to books!

Sincerely,

Cindy Bartman

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SUBJECT: LIBRARY FUNDING CUTS

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: ☒ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97215

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NAME: Kristian Williams

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**FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM**

**NAME:** Charlie Clark

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**CITY/STATE/ZIP:** Portland

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SUBJECT: Libraries / 1383

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: Library cut backs / Overnight parking @ churches & NPO's

FOR: X <sup>(1383)</sup> AGAINST: X <sup>(cuts)</sup> THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Glenn Silbersdorff

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EVES: Same

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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Good Morning/Afternoon

My name is Jane Gigler, I live at 2445 NW Westover Rd., Portland. Full disclosure, I am a library lover and have been ever since I was four and a half and received my first library card. My wallet has always carried a library card.

The library is important to me and my family as I raised three children who are all readers. I am here today, when I would much rather be baking holiday cookies, because I believe fervently in our public library system and I am not alone in this belief. All of you probably/hopefully read the business section of the Oregonian. On Monday, the paper ran an article entitled, "Google: 2011's most popular Portland searches." In the fifth spot on that list of the most searched for subjects in Portland was the Multnomah County Library. Portland and its surroundings communities are complex and varied, yet the library ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in that search list for the whole year. Clearly, the library is beloved, but more importantly, clearly citizens rely on the Multnomah County library to meet their information needs. Our library requires a stable funding source.

When I moved here three years ago, I was shocked to discover that the library does not have a stable funding source, and I believe that earlier county commissioners were remiss in their civic responsibilities. Now you have a chance to rectify this situation. A community the size of Multnomah County and with a population that reads – do realize how special that is? – needs a library with a permanent funding base. It needs a library district. Much thought has already been given to the crafting of a library district and the voters deserve the opportunity to support the creation of a library district.

A perfect moment to pose the creation of a new district to the voters never exists. If you hesitate now as you approach the deadline for this next election, you risk losing all this wonderful momentum and disappointing the voters who are also library supporters and expect to find this issue on their ballot.

My bottom line is that I would like to see the creation of a library district on the ballot. Do not fail to lead our beloved public library to a firm financial footing.

Thank you for your time and consideration. And, In case you are curious about the other popular search terms for Portland, I have attached the article to the copy of my remarks.

Jane A. Gigler



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By Mike Rogoway, The Oregonian

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Google released its annual "Zeitgeist" rankings today, documenting what people are looking for when they use its search engine.

It also released a localized version of its list, showing the top Portland-specific search terms (searches about Portland, by people in the Portland area).

Last year's list focused on education, sports and transportation. This year's list is similar, with a shift in favor of soccer over basketball:

1. Oregon DMV
2. Oregon Unemployment
3. Oregonian
4. PCC (Portland Community College)
5. Multnomah county library
6. oregon live (The website that publishes Oregonian articles)
7. OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science and Industry)
8. portland timbers (Promoted this year to Major League Soccer)
9. portland general electric
10. occupy portland



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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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CITY/STATE/ZIP: PDX 97210

PHONE: DAYS: 503-422-2104

EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR: X AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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Comments on Back

I ask you to allow the voters of Multnomah County to come forward and vote to support an independent funding source for our library. As a retired teacher, I used the library continuously throughout the school year as a major resource for my students. My colleagues at James John Elementary continue this practice with the St. John's Branch. Our students and families use it every day. As a citizen, my library allows me to access reading in any genre including new releases. I place a hold and walk 10 blocks to the Albina branch. I return with arms full of entertainment, inspiration and the opportunity to quench my <sup>thirst</sup> for knowledge. Please allow us to fully fund our treasure.

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**MEETING DATE:** Dec. 22, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Multnomah County Library Funding

**AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC:** Create a stable funding mechanism for the library to be referred to the spring ballot to maintain current service levels

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**FOR:** X **AGAINST:** \_\_\_\_\_ **THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM**

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**CITY/STATE/ZIP:** Portland, OR 97218

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To the Multnomah County Commission:

As small business owners, the Multnomah County Library System has been instrumental to our success, and we urge the commission to take a strong stand and create a stable and adequate funding mechanism to continue operating the library at nothing less than current service levels.

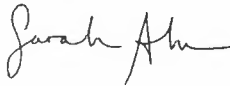
The library has been a source of inspiration, research and professional development for our small business, *Barista Magazine*, which we started eight years ago. And we support the library and its mission fully.

In fact it's because of institutions like the Multnomah County Library that made us decide to base our business in Portland, and it's one of the facets of our community which makes Portland such a terrific place to live.

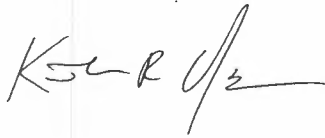
But the library is about more than us. It's about our whole community, especially in difficult economic times, the library's mission and service have never been more important. At our local branch, nearly every day there are classes for immigrants to learn and practice English, teenagers can play games and learn skills, children have story time and craft classes, job seekers find helpful resources, computers and wi-fi. Across the spectrum, the Multnomah Country Library helps us build a stronger community for our neighbors, our business and ourselves.

We urge you to continue supporting one of the defining characteristics of Portland: our belief in our city, county and community, and our willingness to invest in each other and the future. Create a stable funding mechanism now to be voted on by the citizens of Multnomah County this spring, so that we can maintain current service levels and so that our world-class library can keep serving all of us.

Sincerely,



Sarah D. Allen  
Editor/Owner  
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Publisher/Owner  
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