

Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

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Our Libraries. Now More Than Ever.

Vote Yes on Measure 26-211

The Multnomah County Library is one of our community's treasures: a safe, welcoming place that opens doors to reading, learning, and opportunity for all. And as we work to emerge from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, libraries are more essential than ever.

But they are out of space: while we have the 4th highest circulation of any library system in the nation, we are 102nd in terms of square footage. And our aging buildings are in dire need of modernization.

The Library Bond will:

Expand and modernize the libraries that need it most, in the neighborhoods that need them most, including:

Albina – Belmont – Holgate – Midland – North Portland – Northwest – St. Johns

Build a new "flagship" library in Gresham.

East Multnomah County has 40% of the county population but only 20% of library space.

Provide more space to ensure children are not turned away from reading programs.

Whatever the school year looks like, libraries will be critical to getting students back on track. This measure means more room for reading programs like Storytime, programs for people learning English, homework help, distance learning and activities for students and teens.

Provide high-speed, no cost broadband internet access at all branches, with more devices and more space to use them.

Having reliable internet access is now a necessity, not a convenience. But 40% of the lowest-income households do not have internet at home. During the pandemic, many people have been parking outside library buildings just to access Wi-Fi.

Improve access for people with disabilities.

Provide critical help to Multnomah County job seekers.

This measure will provide facilities for librarians to help with resume writing, interview preparation, job seeking, and job training.

Upgrade materials handling and distribution.

Replacing the current, antiquated system will save money and time in delivering materials to customers.

Vote YES for Our Libraries!

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Name of person: (required) Thomas Wheatley Organization Name: (if applicable)

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**OUR LIBRARIES ARE THERE FOR OUR KIDS
NOW WE NEED TO BE THERE FOR THEM**

THIS YEAR IS LIKE NO OTHER

- COVID-19 has torn through our community and the economic crisis has left so many families at risk.
- When schools closed to keep kids and teachers safe, children missed weeks of classroom time.
- We face months more when schools won't be operating like normal.

"I count on the library to provide materials and resources for my students. This year, that help is more important than ever before."

- Erica Murie, 3rd grade teacher

PARENTS ARE COUNTING ON LIBRARIES TO HELP KIDS WITH SCHOOL WORK

- Many local students are missing out on in-person classroom time, and libraries are critical to getting them back on track.
- This measure will help ensure there is more library space for reading programs, homework help, and activities for students and teens.
- The library offers one-on-one homework help to students and a safe, structured environment for tutoring.

"I don't know what we would do without the library. I think the library may be the only thing keeping kids engaged this year during distance learning."

- Mary Evans, parent of two children

OUR LIBRARIES WORK WITH HUNDREDS OF LOCAL SCHOOLS

- Multnomah County librarians work with close to 270 schools in the area.
- Every teacher in every public school can get help from the library through the School Corps program.
- The Library Connect program allows students to access library materials instantly -- with just a school ID.
- And with school budgets always tight, the public library is where teachers and students go for assistance.

"A library card is probably the single most valuable school supply that any student gets. It provides access to countless books and other resources. Not to mention the librarians who help students access these tools."

- Reba Parker, retired school librarian

VOTE YES FOR OUR KIDS

VOTE YES FOR OUR LIBRARIES

VOTE YES ON 26-211

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**LOCAL LABOR UNIONS AND WORKING FAMILIES
ARE VOTING YES ON THE LIBRARY BOND**

Your YES vote on 26-211 will provide more space for people looking for work and learning new skills.

- Libraries provide resume classes, job training, and interview preparation.
- But in our tiny library buildings, these classes fill up quickly. And people get turned away.
- During this economic crisis, our community needs extra help from libraries.

"In a tough economy, libraries provide critical help to Multnomah County job seekers. This measure will provide facilities for librarians to help with resume writing, interview preparation, job seeking, and job training."

- Heather Mayther, Carpenter

Your YES vote on 26-211 will expand library space across the county.

- Expand and modernize seven branches: Albina, Belmont, Holgate, Midland, North Portland, Northwest, and St. Johns.
- Build a new "flagship" library in East County where it is needed the most.
- Install high-speed internet in every local library branch in Multnomah County, free and available to the public.

"Libraries are especially important for working families and people struggling to make ends meet. The library has books, materials, and technology -- things that are essential, but that not everyone can afford."

-Michele Chavez, Construction worker

Your YES vote on 26-211 will provide extra library space for services that low income and working families count on.

- Lots of local families cannot afford the internet at home. Our libraries provide it -- for free.
- Many people don't have the money to buy books or magazines. Our libraries provide them -- for free.
- Most local families can't afford a private tutor for their kids. Our libraries provide one-on-one tutoring for students -- for free.

**JUST A FEW OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON MEASURE
26-211**

AFSCME Local 88

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NW Carpenters Union

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District Council of Laborers (LIUNA)

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IBEW Local 48
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Working Families Party

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Vote Yes on Measure 26-211 to help bridge the Digital Divide!

There is a gap in our community that is hard to see, but IT can be a barrier to learning, opportunity, and success. It's called the Digital Divide.

Access to the internet and technology is no longer just a convenience -- it's a necessity of life. And in our community, the most important bridge across that divide is the Multnomah County Library -- the #1 provider of internet in the entire state.

Fully 40% of our lowest income households do not have internet at home. This population includes low-income families, youth, seniors, people of color, immigrants and refugees, people with disabilities, and English language learners.

During the quarantine, people sat in the parking lots of closed library branches just to access the essential lifeline of free, high-speed WIFI.

But that lifeline cannot reach everyone who needs it. Even when libraries reopen, there is not enough space or devices for all those who need them.

As digital advocates, we work with thousands of people who rely on the Multnomah County Library for computer access -- to pay bills online, help children with homework, practice English, or search for employment.

The library offers:

- Classes on computer skills and technology.
- Tech help in multiple languages.
- A safe and trusted space for community gatherings, classes and training.

COVID-19 has increased the importance of the library's digital role.

- E-book and electronic material usage has increased at least 50%.
- Librarians are running online Storytime reading activities for families in multiple languages.
- The library has expanded access to digital content, directing resources to acquire more e-books and other online materials.

The Library Bond will install high speed broadband internet service in every library branch in Multnomah County, add connected devices, and create the space to use them.

Join us in voting YES for our Libraries!

Adelle Pomeroy, Digital Inclusion Manager
FREE GEEK

Seth Ring, Director of Education
METRO EAST COMMUNITY MEDIA

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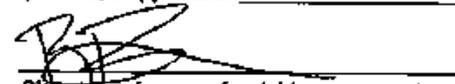
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Libraries help people find jobs.

**Measure 26-211 means more space, better internet,
and more assistance for job seekers.**

Librarians are able to help people in ways that make a real difference in their lives. One of the most significant is when someone is looking for a new or different job, looking to change their focus, or update their skills.

Looking for work can be hard, especially right now. But the library is here to assist -- with computers, services, classes, and training.

- Public libraries are a critical source of internet access for people who don't have internet at home. These days, it's hard to find a job without a computer.
- Library staff and resources can assist people applying for unemployment.
- Libraries conduct free computer classes in everything from word processing to designing your own website.

The library also provides more in-depth help for job seekers.

- Our libraries host job strategy workshops to help find job openings and submit applications.
- Library classes on interview preparation help people build confidence, prepare for difficult questions, and practice interviewing.

"I know firsthand how important the library is when you're looking for a job. When I was a struggling single mom, trying to re-enter the workforce, the library was a safe place for my family. My kids could find books and educational activities while I used a computer, got internet access, and looked for work."

-- Sonja McKenzie, mother of four

Measure 26-211 will make a real difference in the library's ability to help people looking for jobs.

Our libraries need:

- More study rooms for practicing and conducting interviews.
- More computers and space for job seekers.
- More large meeting rooms for classes and job search preparation programs.

In uncertain economic times, the library helps the community put the pieces back together – including important assistance for getting back to work.

**Please vote YES
to expand and modernize our libraries.**

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-211

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Name of person: (required) Antonio Giolietti

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Tiny houses are cool.

Tiny library branches? Not so much.

We can fit every single one of our 19 Multnomah County Library buildings into the single Seattle downtown library branch, with room to spare.

Our buildings are small. Some of them are tiny. Really tiny.

Tiny library branches offer services, but traffic management is tough:

- There is very limited space to read, study or learn. People are squeezed shoulder to shoulder, while others wait for a seat.
- Many libraries have no meeting space. Programs like Storytime and children's reading classes must meet in the middle of the branch, where others read, browse, and study. It's disruptive for everyone.
- Computers and table space are very limited. Many people get their only internet access at the library, so this lack of space shuts them out entirely.

Fortunately, the library bond will expand and modernize many of our smallest libraries.

The library bond will:

- Enlarge and modernize seven libraries across the county: Albina, Belmont, Holgate, Midland, North Portland, Northwest and St. Johns.
- Build a Gresham 'flagship' library for under-served East County residents.
- Add much faster internet to all libraries.
- Create a materials handling and distribution center to get people their books faster and save money.

Bigger libraries mean more space for classes and programs, better internet, more computers, more space for lessons on how to use devices, help with job searches and job interview preparation, and tutoring for students.

We count on our libraries for all these things. Now is our chance to invest in their future, and ours.

Please Vote YES on Measure 26-211!

Signed by users of our tiny library branches.

Antonio Giulietti, Northwest

Beverly Ballient, Holgate

Christopher Rauschenberg, Belmont

Dave Giulietti, Northwest

Dewy Meyer, Belmont

Donald Grose, St. Johns

James Mayer, Sellwood

Janice Kerr, Holgate
Kathryn Arnerich, Albina
Linda Silver, Sellwood
Lynn Bonner, Belmont
Mary Byers-Grose, St. Johns
Nuhamin Eiden, North Portland
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Join Local Teachers in Supporting Our Libraries
We need our libraries, and they need us – more than ever!

As local public school teachers, we depend on our local libraries. So do our students and their families.

Our libraries provide critical services to teachers, schools and students.

School Corps: Serving every single public school in our county

- Providing books and materials on requested topics, or customized lists, for individual teachers and students.
- Detailed web assistance for student research and support.

Extra help for kids who need it

- The library staff visit dozens of schools, serving 3rd - 6th graders who need extra help.
- The Booktalkers after-school program delivers books and presentations to nonprofit groups serving at-risk youth – helping thousands of students.

Our libraries are especially important for kids who need a safe, structured place to go after school when their parents are still at work.

But when the libraries re-open, they will be too small, just like they were before COVID-19.

Even before the pandemic, almost all of our library buildings were overcrowded. That meant not enough study space, less computer and internet access, and too little space for library programs aimed at children and students – reading programs, learning English, and more.

And with social distancing needs, that overcrowding is now unsafe.

The library bond will help the libraries that need it most

These are the branches that need more space overall: more chairs and enough space so regular library users, student, and children programs can use the building at the same time.

It's essential to expand and modernize our libraries so they can continue to be an indispensable support for schools, teachers, and students.

Join TEACHERS across the county in voting YES for our libraries!

Angie Amato (Parkrose)

John Metz (Portland Public Schools)

Lisa Meyers (Centennial)

Kelly Norman (Centennial)

Martin O'Brien (Reynolds)

Muhammad Rahman (David Douglas)

Mary Roberts (Portland Public Schools)

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**We need libraries that meet the
needs of our entire community**

Vote YES for our Libraries

Libraries have changed. Our buildings have not.

Most of our 19 Multnomah County Library locations were designed decades ago. Today, thousands of families, students, job seekers, seniors, and those living with disabilities rely on our library for a wide range of services we could not have imagined just 20 years ago.

Unfortunately, our library cannot meet these needs today due to lack of space and outdated infrastructure. Expanding library spaces will give every person in our community access to critical services they cannot afford or find elsewhere.

Let's create the library system our community needs — by expanding libraries in underserved neighborhoods, increasing access to technology, improving access for those with disabilities, and expanding space for children's programs so every child in the county can participate.

- **Multnomah County Library is one of the nation's busiest library systems. It's also one of the smallest library systems serving a metro area.** Even before social distancing, librarians were forced to turn children, families, and job seekers away from programs due to lack of space in overcrowded buildings.
- **Our community has grown rapidly — but our libraries have not.** It's been decades since voters approved a significant investment in library buildings. While our county's population has increased by 30%, library space has increased by only 5%.
- **Underserved communities need neighborhood libraries** with more space for children's reading programs. In East County, where library space is limited, one in four children lives in poverty — the highest rate in the state of Oregon.
- **40% of our county's lowest-income households do not have access to the internet at home.** Many students, job seekers, and families rely on Multnomah County Library to keep them connected.

Expand and improve library spaces for the people and neighborhoods that need them most.

Vote YES for Multnomah County Library.

The Library Foundation, an independent, local nonprofit that supports Multnomah County Library's work

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A MESSAGE FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN EAST PORTLAND AND EAST COUNTY

Sody Fern, East Portland
Kelly Rasmussen, Rockwood
Robyn Stowers, Gresham
Coua Xlong, Troutdale
Francisco Aguirre, Fairview
Tara Ludwig, Troutdale
Melissa Poulin, Fairview
Diana Lindemann, Gresham
Erica Murie, Lents
Dan de Vriend, Rockwood
Kelly Norman, Corbett

FOR TOO LONG, OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE LACKED LIBRARY SERVICES.

We are proud of our part of Multnomah County, including the communities of Corbett, Fairview, Gresham, Maywood Park, Troutdale, and Wood Village. Our quality of life and sense of community is special.

Libraries are a center of our communities, providing a vital, no-cost resource to children, families, jobseekers, senior citizens, and anyone who needs information.

But as our communities have grown, our libraries have not.

While 40% of the county's population lives east of the I-205 freeway, we host only 20% of library space.

THE LIBRARY BOND WILL HELP REVERSE THIS INEQUALITY.

The bond will build a flagship library in Gresham to serve East County as a regional center for learning and information resources, at a similar scale to Central Library in downtown Portland. The community will be consulted during the design of the new library, so that it matches our needs.

THE LIBRARY BOND ALSO PROVIDES CRITICAL SUPPORT FOR EXISTING EAST SIDE LIBRARY BRANCHES:

- Midland branch will be expanded to provide more room for reading, studying, computer use, classes, and more.
- Rockwood, Troutdale, and Fairview branches will be updated and refreshed.

ALL LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY USERS WILL BENEFIT FROM:

- New high-speed broadband internet in all library branches, with more devices to access it. This is particularly important for low-income families, many of whom use the library as their only source of internet.
- A centralized book distribution and sorting center to get books to people faster and save money in the process.

The library bond is a once in a lifetime investment in East County. Please join us in voting Yes!

YES ON 26-211.

YES FOR FAIRNESS.

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A Message from Community Volunteers

"It's so crowded in here!"

We are community volunteers who contribute our time and talents to support local libraries.

Our volunteer work helps support library programs like the Summer Reading Program for kids and outreach services for seniors and people with disabilities.

We see every day how important our libraries are -- a free and essential resource open to everyone. And we see how much help they need.

Many of our library buildings are over 80 years old. They were built for a different era, a smaller community, and with a focus almost entirely on books. With our growing population, they are bursting at the seams.

It's past time to bring our libraries up to date. Here are a few of the many reasons they need modernization and expansion:

- Some libraries are so small we can't host a reading program and have regular library users at the same time. With more space, kids won't be turned away from Storytime and people will have a place to read and study.
- We need improved access to libraries for people with disabilities.
- At a time when 40% of the lowest-income households don't have internet at home, libraries need high-speed broadband internet access and more space for computers.

Measure 26-211 will provide basic fairness. **While 40% of the county's population lives east of I-205, they only have 20% of the county's library space.**

The Library Bond will build a long-overdue and much needed full-service branch in Gresham.

Please join us in supporting our libraries. They do so much for us. And they need us now more than ever.

SIGNED

Matt Berning
Patricia Carlin
Jeffrey Allen Scherer
Heather McGivney
Ade Nurasih
Jose Luis Pasaye
Sara Lindgren
Margaret Collins
Lane Shaffer
Sharon Little

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Gresham
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Dear Neighbors,

I'm a resident of Gresham and the mother of two school-aged children.

I've been a Multnomah County resident and a library card holder most of my life. When the libraries are operating on normal hours, we go to the library once or twice a week. These days we're there every week to pick up our books on hold.

My middle schooler uses her library card so often that she has memorized her library card number! It makes me so proud.

Last year, I brought my kids to a big, modern library in Hillsboro.

I was so impressed at the space they have available there. Places for kids to hang out. A makerspace for hands-on learning. Plenty of room to sit and read or to use a computer. Rows and rows of books.

At our local Multnomah County library branch, it feels like everything and everyone is wedged in.

Like the rest of East County, our little neighborhood library branch is bursting at the seams. The staff created a teen space with books just for teenagers. They can barely fit a couple of bean bag chairs in the tiny space.

When we don't have enough space in our libraries for kids to read and study and hang out, then we are sending them a very clear message -- that learning doesn't matter as much as it should.

A while ago, my children and I went to a science activity at the library. We arrived 45 minutes early. Fully 35 kids showed up but there was space for only 20. So 15 kids were turned away.

Kids want to engage in activities in the library and we should encourage them, not turn them away because our library buildings are so small and outdated.

We ought to have more space for kids and families in our local library branches here in Multnomah County.

I hope you vote YES on Measure 26-211.

Sincerely,

Liz McCann
Gresham resident

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Measure # 26.211 Order # M F-12

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For parents, our libraries are more important than ever!

There are a lot of pressures on parents and families these days.

What's happening with schools this year? Our jobs? Older family members? For parents, getting help is more important than ever.

Our public libraries provide essential resources:

- Organized activities for kids.
- Internet and computer access for families who don't have them at home.
- Help from librarians on how to search for a new or better job.
- Books sent to senior citizens – over 200,000 a year!
- Free customized help for almost everything: teaching children to read, tutoring, applying to college, or even fixing a car!

Our libraries serve us so well. But the buildings are small and out of date.

- Children are regularly turned away from reading programs because there isn't enough space for everyone.
- Several libraries conduct programs for reading, learning English, or computer training right in the middle of the building because there's no meeting space. This disrupts other library users.

Library services aren't available evenly across our county.

People living east of I-205 make up 40% of the county's population but have only 20% of library space.

Parents from across Multnomah County urge a YES vote on 26-211. It will provide:

- More space so local children are not turned away from reading programs.
- Facilities for kids who have missed months of classroom instruction.
- High-speed internet at all branches, more devices, and space to use them.
- Equitable access to library services in East County.

**Please join us in voting YES for the libraries we need.
Now more than ever.**

FRANCISCO AGUIRRE, FAIRVIEW

JOANNE BRODY, SOUTHEAST

LUCIO DALLA GASPERINA, NORTHEAST

NUHAMIN EIDEN, SOUTHWEST

MARY EVANS, NORTH PORTLAND

REBECCA JENKINS, NORTHWEST

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Vote YES for our Libraries!

A Message from the Friends of the Library

Our non-profit organization has served the community since 1972. We are volunteer community members who have spent decades supporting our local library branches in Multnomah County.

We know our libraries are a community treasure: a safe, welcoming place that opens the doors to reading, learning, and opportunity for all.

Multnomah County Library is the 4th busiest library system in the country, but we are 102nd in terms of square footage. In fact, you can fit all 19 of our county library branches inside Seattle's downtown library building, with room to spare!

As library volunteers, we see firsthand how the lack of library space impacts our community:

- Librarians must regularly turn families away from Storytimes and reading programs due to lack of space.
- There are only 10 quiet study rooms to serve 800,000 people.
- In many branches, there is no space for reading or homework and people are crammed together just to get to a computer screen.

Measure 26-211 is a chance for our residents to have access to:

- Adequate library space for kids and families to sit, read, study, and work together.
- More space for reading programs so families aren't turned away.
- Up-to-date, high-speed internet.
- Improved access for seniors and people experiencing disabilities.

Multnomah County Library is one of the best-loved and most widely-used library systems in the nation because our libraries are an essential part of our lives.

We need our libraries now more than ever. This is our chance to make an overdue investment that will help our libraries be there for the entire community.

The library bond will dramatically increase library space in East Multnomah County.

Measure 26-211 will expand and modernize neighborhood branches across the county and create more space for critically important community resources.

VOTE YES FOR OUR LIBRARIES!

Signed,

**The Friends of the Multnomah County Library
A Volunteer-Led Community Nonprofit**

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**Libraries are a Critical Resource for
Small Businesses and our Employees.**

Voting YES on 26-211 will support our economic recovery.

We all know libraries are great. But you might not know how much small businesses rely on them:

- Libraries provide important services for small businesspeople, geared toward our needs: sources for researching products, market trends, training materials, and more.
- Libraries are neighborhood anchors throughout Multnomah County. They attract families, students, and senior citizens – the heart and soul of our customer and employee base.
- In fact, many small businesses purposely locate near libraries because of the economic activity they help generate.

If libraries are too small to reopen or cannot accommodate all the people who want to use them, it hurts us too. Decades without expansion to meet public demand limit the library's potential and ours.

That's why we support the investment to expand and modernize our library branches through this bond measure.

The library bond will expand seven local branches in the neighborhoods that need them most -- and add a new Gresham flagship branch for underserved East County communities. It will also provide updates to every branch in the system, including adding high-speed internet.

And there's one more thing to know: our librarians are excellent stewards of taxpayer money:

- Our libraries are well-maintained. Though small and out of date, these buildings do not have "deferred maintenance."
- All funds collected for the library bond go only to the library, not to other uses.
- The library undergoes annual county audits and bond expenditures will be overseen by an independent bond oversight committee.

As businesspeople, we count on a strong community and supportive services to conduct our operations. Just like you, we count on our libraries.

Please join us in Voting Yes for our Libraries!

Michael Liu
Fubonn Shopping Center

Cynthia Zielinski
Fyberworks Boutique

Faith Myers Camp
Sweet Betty's Bistro

Jonathan Rawson
Independent Contractor

Mary Milstead
The Stacks Coffeehouse

Laura Tran
XLB Restaurant

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Measure # 26-211 Order # 14 F-15

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Name of person (required): Geraldine E Hen Organization Name: (if applicable)

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Libraries YES! Committee Email: Rachael@yesforourlibraries.org

Name of person/organization paying or submitting petition for 'Measure Argument'

Phone: cell: 503-724-3102 Work: Home:

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Libraries are critical to senior citizens, providing continuing education and connection to others.

Many senior citizens use the library – either in person or from home. As we age, we need the library’s help keeping us up to date and connected to the world. Fortunately, our wonderful library system provides so much for senior citizens.

Now, after visiting and benefitting from the library for years, it’s become obvious: We must support the library bond in order to get larger, modern library buildings.

Libraries need more room to help senior citizens plan for the future through educational and service programs:

- Scam protection workshops to protect yourself from scams.
- Retirement planning.
- Wills, trusts and estate planning.
- How to use current digital and electronic devices – computers, tablets, phones and more.

Libraries need more room, and better internet, to help senior citizens learn new technology and stay connected through classes and support:

- Introduction to Computers: all the basics.
- Library2Go: download e-books and learn how to operate electronic devices.
- TechnoHosts, people who help you develop your computer skills.
- Page-turners large print book group: where we can talk about books and get to know our neighbors.

Some of our libraries are so small, they were overcrowded even before the pandemic. Since Covid-19, these buildings have become unsafe. There isn’t enough room for physical distancing.

Senior citizens count on our libraries for so much. Libraries help us to learn, stay active and remain living independently.

We need larger libraries to access these essential programs. And, libraries need enough space to manage the thousands of books and materials delivered to isolated seniors and the homebound.

We support the library bond.

If you want to help support local senior citizens, we urge you to vote YES too!

Rhonda Ensley

Diana Lindemann

Geraldine Ethen

Kathryn Longstreth-Brown

Lori Merchel

Molly Weinstein

Susan Hathaway-Marxer

Jacqueline Abel

Reba Parker

Steve Weiss

Nancy Becker

Judith Widen

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26-211 Order # 15 F-116

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Name of person: (required) Mohamed Bahamadi Organization Name: (if applicable)

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**People of Color Community Leaders
Urge a Yes Vote on Measure 26-211**

Black, Indigenous and People of Color communities have been especially hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. We need the library to be there for us as our communities work to recover from the coronavirus and the economic crisis.

Ricardo Lujan-Valerio, Latino Network

"The library bond means more room for homework help, programs for people learning English, and activities for students and teens to thrive."

Kayse Jama, Unite Oregon

"Our local libraries bring immense value and resources to people of color, immigrants, and refugees. Libraries are free, accessible and inclusive spaces that make room for all people to learn and explore. This bond measure is an investment in our community at a time when we need it most."

Andrea Valderrama, David Douglas School District Board Chair

"Fully 45% of kids in Multnomah County are kids of color. The library needs to have the space to serve ALL students and their families so everyone has a chance to thrive."

Mohamed Salim Bahamadi, HAKI Community Organization

"Through ESL classes, computer classes and accessible meeting spaces, the Library provides intercultural learning and engagement opportunities for all our communities to prosper and thrive."

Luz Reyna, East County Rising

"East County is home to so many people of color and low income residents. Fully 40% of Multnomah County residents live east of I-205, but we only have 20% of library space here. We need this measure because it will build a large, full-service branch in Gresham and serve the entire community."

Coua Xiong, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon

"Multnomah County hasn't expanded library space in years, even though the community has grown dramatically. During the COVID-19 pandemic, library space has been even harder to access since many of our local library branches are way too small for physical distancing."

VOTE YES FOR OUR LIBRARIES

VOTE YES ON 26-211

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Measure # 26-211 Order # 16F-17

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Name of person: (required) Earl Blumenauer Organization Name: (if applicable)

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A MESSAGE FROM U.S. CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER

Our Libraries are a Pillar of Our Communities

**Voting Yes on the Library Bond
Will Help Them Be There for Everyone**

We all love our Multnomah County Libraries. They are such an essential part of what makes a strong community.

It's not just about providing books and materials. At a time when 40% of the lowest-income families do not have internet access at home, the Multnomah County Library is Oregon's largest provider of free internet access.

Our libraries are places of learning and information, open to all. They were incredibly important to me. I literally grew up in the County branch libraries. When I served as a Multnomah County Commissioner, I was very proud to be part of the team that governed and supported them.

But being open to all does not necessarily mean our libraries are available and accessible to all. While our love of the libraries makes ours one of the busiest systems in the nation, we are also one of the smallest.

Too many kids and families are turned away from reading programs, Storytime, and language classes for people learning English. Many branches don't even have room to read, study, or work. **This Library Bond will mean more space, better internet, and greater accessibility.**

It will also mean greater equality of service for underserved parts of our community. And as a graduate of Centennial High School, I know East County is particularly shortchanged: it has 40% of the County's population but only 20% of the library space. The bond will expand library space East of I-205, including a new "flagship" branch in Gresham. I greatly appreciate the bond helping address this imbalance.

It has never been more important to have institutions that support learning, provide good information, and draw our community together.

That is why I am voting Yes on Measure 26-211. I hope you will too.

- Earl

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Measure # 26-211 Order # 17F-11

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Name of person: (required) Steve March Organization Name: (if applicable)

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A Message from Financial Professionals

**Our libraries have a record of financial responsibility
and the library bond includes vigorous and independent oversight.**

As a former Multnomah County Auditor and a private sector financial officer, we have reviewed many financial practices, reports, and audits.

We know what it means for an organization to have a strong set of financial practices that promote cost savings, financial transparency, and, most importantly, direct most resources toward serving the public.

Multnomah County Library has demonstrated very strong financial management over the years:

- Financial audits have requested very few recommendations for changes and all have been implemented.
- While most of the library buildings are older, they have been kept well-maintained and have not accrued deferred maintenance.
- Additional independent oversight is provided from the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission.

The Library Bond Measure includes additional oversight:

- An independent citizen oversight committee will review bond projects and expenditures to ensure funds are used as promised.
- Annual financial audits of bond expenditures will be conducted.

Multnomah County Library has operated under budget each year since voters approved the Library District:

- The Library maintains a positive operating balance every year.
- All financial information and budgets are available to the public for independent review.

However, even the best financial oversight cannot overcome the reality of aging buildings that need modernization or address their lack of space.

We urge you to support Measure 26-211 so the library can continue to do its central and essential job: providing our community with a free place to read, study and learn.

Steve March

Former Multnomah County Auditor

Terry McCall

Former Financial Consultant & Former Chair, Multnomah County Tax Supervising & Conservation Commission

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Measure # 26-211 Order # 18 F-19

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Name of person (required) Rachael Bowen Organization Name: (if applicable)

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The Multnomah County Library Bond By The Numbers

- Multnomah County Library is the nation's 4th busiest by circulation.
- It is 102nd in space.

Measure 26-211 will expand seven of the smallest library branches.

- Multnomah County Libraries are the Number 1 provider of free Internet in Oregon.
- 40% of lowest income households in Multnomah County do not have Internet access at home.

Measure 26-211 will upgrade all libraries with high speed WiFi Internet access and add devices -- and space to use them

- 40% of Multnomah County residents live East of I-205; that area has only 20% of the County's Library space.

Measure 26-211 will build a "flagship" library in Gresham and expand library space and services throughout East Portland and East County.

- Multnomah County Libraries serve 800,000 people.
- There's only 10 quiet study rooms, available in only 3 library branches.

Measure 26-211 will add space for students, job-seekers, and others who need a quiet place to learn.

- It's been decades since the last significant investment was made to some library buildings.

Measure 26-211 will help ensure that our libraries will be open to all for our future.

- Multnomah County Library delivers 115,000 per year to seniors.
- More than 50,000 times each day, someone checks out, renews, or streams materials from our libraries.
- Each week the library delivers more than 175,000 items around the county, delivering books and materials for check out.

Measure 26-211 will add space for materials handling and distribution, delivering books more quickly and saving money.

- More than 110,000 young people engage in the library's summer reading program each year.
- Annual attendance at children's Storytime activities is over 120,000.
- Librarians work with nearly 270 local schools every year.

Measure 26-211 will provide improvements to every library branch in the county.

VOTE
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LIBRARIES
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YES ON 26-211

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Measure # 26 211 Order # F-19F-20

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Name of person: Susannah Morgan Organization Name: Oregon Food Bank
(required) (if applicable)

Argument paid for or petition provided by:

Nicole Forbes / Oregon Food Bank Email: nforbes@oregonfoodbank.org

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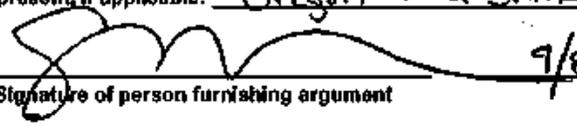
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Susannah Morgan
Printed name of person furnishing argument


Signature of person furnishing argument

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Joint County Voters' Pamphlet

Statement of Endorsement

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Filing Information This Statement of Endorsement is only valid for the election indicated below.

Election Date: November 3, 2020

Statement of Endorsement Filing Information

Candidate Statement Candidate Name:

Measure # 26-211 Name of Person Who Furnished Argument:

Statement of Endorsement Options - Choose One Option

- Option 1 allows the filer to determine how your name, the name of the organization you represent, if any, and other information about you will appear in the 'Candidate Statement' or 'Measure Argument'.
- Option 2 requires the filer to reproduce your name, the name of the organization you represent, if any, and other information about you exactly as you specify in the space provided.

Option 1- Determined by Filer

Endorser Name Susannah Morgan

Organization Name I am authorized to represent, if any Oregon Food Bank

Consent

I give consent to the filer to use my name, applicable title, and/or the name of the organization I am authorized to represent, if any, and other biographical information about me in a 'Candidate Statement' or 'Measure Argument' by the filer listed above.

 9/8/20
 Signature Date Signed

-OR-

Option 2- Reproduction as Designated by Endorser

Endorser Name

Organization Name I am authorized to represent, if any

Required Reproduction

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Consent

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Oregon Food Bank support's Measure 26-211 - the Multnomah County Library Bond.

Libraries are an important cornerstone of any thriving community. We know they are part of the social safety net for people and families who experience hunger. Our libraries provide access to unique and valuable community resources, access to the internet, and a sense of place and gathering – all while being one of the only indoor spaces you can visit without cost barriers.

Right now, roughly 40% of Multnomah County's population resides east of Interstate 205, but only about 20% of library space is in that same region. Gentrification has pushed Black, Indigenous and other communities of color further and further east where Multnomah County has not invested in equitable community infrastructure – like libraries. Measure 26-211 provides an opportunity to address this inequity and create the thriving communities we want to see for everyone in our region.

The pandemic has shown us all how closely our health and well-being is tied to one another. Hunger is a symptom of harmful policies and systems that create barriers for people to thrive. We will emerge stronger when we address social issues together, as a community. We can end hunger for good by tackling its root causes.

Oregon Food Bank urges you to vote yes on Measure 26-211.

Susannah Morgan, CEO, Oregon Food Bank