



Renaming of Wapato Bridge



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Multnomah County is named after the Multnomah tribe from this area and is honored to carry their name. Our County acknowledges the land we occupy as residents is unceded Native land. Due to efforts to annihilate Native peoples from lands and history, many tribes and Nations who lived, hunted and fished in what is now Multnomah County and Oregon are not remembered. Multnomah County also acknowledges the history of the Portland metro area as a destination site for the Indian Relocation Act of 1956, which coerced Native people to leave their homes on tribal land and assimilate into the dominant culture.

Because of this history, Multnomah County is home to the ninth largest urban Native population in the United States and will continue to work in solidarity to uplift the collective power, leadership, creativity and wisdom of Indigenous communities in the County and beyond. In remembering these communities, we seek to honor their legacy, their lives and their descendants.



*Albina Library Reopening
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