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# Multnomah County Library Priorities | October 2022

**Multnomah County Library's mission:** Empowering our community to learn and create

Multnomah County Library serves our community based on a set of priorities that change over time and on four pillars that will not change.

## ■ Our pillars:

- *Free access for all*
- *A trusted guide for learning*
- *The leading advocate for reading*
- *A champion for equity and inclusion*

The library works to create an environment that serves and supports those who have not had access or been welcomed. The library acknowledges its own legacy of oppression and racism and is committed to a path of evolution and improvement to deconstruct those systems. Multnomah County Library will focus resources on people and groups who have been left out. To this end, the library will act based on the priorities below.

## ■ Our priorities:

### **Evolving library services**

Centering community voices, race and culture in developing library services, collections and resources  
Meeting and serving communities at their point of need  
Uplifting the voices of those who have not been heard

### **Supporting education and learning for all ages**

Serving youth, educators, parents and caregivers in libraries and beyond  
Offering students and learners tools and resources to help online and in-person learning  
Providing tools and help for lifelong learning

### **Delivering technology training, access, and assistance for all**

Making technology available and useful for those who need it most  
Collaborating with partners to provide devices, internet access and training  
Acting and advocating for digital equity and inclusion

### **Creating and maintaining safe and healthy spaces**

Serving people in buildings that are as safe and healthy as we can make them  
Striving to maintain inclusive library spaces that promote emotional health and safety  
Planning for future library spaces that support safety, health and wellbeing