



## **Young patrons show appreciation for end to library fines**

The library eliminated late fines for youth and youth materials on June 15 to make using the library that much easier for kids in our community. During a recent Summer Reading visit to Woodland Elementary, youth librarian Jean Diaz received a huge stack of thank you notes from appreciative fifth graders.

Here are just three of the heartwarming notes that show what removing this barrier to access means for the youth in our communities:

"I am so grateful because we have no job and that's why. Thank you very, very much."

"I'm soooooo grateful because children still have small brains. They can't remember the day to return it or they're too busy! Thank you very, very much!"

"I am so grateful because some children don't have money and it's so nice of you guys. You will see me visit your library."

What a difference this change is already making in the lives of our youngest patrons!



## Summer Reading is underway with amazing volunteers

More than 770 volunteers are now welcoming 88,000 readers to our Summer Reading Program, with participant signups still growing. These volunteers are learning about professional expectations, delivering good customer service, entering data, and getting to know the library staff at their locations. Some of our teen volunteers at Hillsdale Library even went the extra mile, creating a special Summer Reading sidewalk chalk mural.

Our volunteers are helping share the wonderful Summer Reading opportunities and prizes with this year's participants as well. We selected this year's book prizes from [Oregon Battle of the Books](#) and [Oregon Reader's Choice Awards](#), which are already proving popular among our young patrons and volunteers. We've also added more eco-conscious toys to the prize selections for the youngest players. Plus, our volunteers are helping promote the

connection between Summer Reading and our free and fun learning programs for young patrons.

Summer Reading is supported by gifts to [The Library Foundation](#), a local nonprofit dedicated to our library's leadership, innovation and reach through private support.



## Library launches new look and logo

On July 6, Multnomah County Library launched its new look and logo across our digital platforms, including our website and catalog. New library cards and other materials will also reflect the look and logo once our remaining inventory is used up. Plus, our *Library Director's Report* has been updated to include the new logo and style elements seen here.

The new look helps share our story and reinforce all aspects of our services. And the new logo, reminiscent of an open doorway to possibility, is a direct reflection of the outstanding patron-oriented service that the library is known for, thanks to our dedicated staff, advisors and supporters.

The new look and logo is made possible by a generous contribution by the [Friends of the Library](#).

## Library helps people seeking pathway to homeownership

In May, the library partnered with the Portland Housing Bureau to support a [new program designed to help residents displaced from housing](#) seek a new pathway to homeownership. This project recognizes the unintended consequences of urban renewal and gentrification on longtime residents of North and Northeast Portland and creates a way to give housing preference to those with generational ties to these neighborhoods.

Capitol Hill, Midland, Woodstock and Troutdale libraries served as designated information sites to help community members apply for the program during the application period. Regional librarian Diana Miranda and other library staff helped community members find information, use computers and complete application materials.

Thanks to this community partnership, the Portland Housing Bureau received more than 1,000 applications to the program. This is a great first step for those looking to begin the process of homeownership in the neighborhoods they know and love.

## Patron comments

"I am stoked about these reading options! Thanks so much [**Darcee Maloney, library assistant**], for really hearing what I'm into and taking wing with it. I can't wait to rack up these new reads! Thank you!!" — Kay, June 23

"Thank you [to everyone at **Hillsdale Library**] for all your help over the last couple of years while I worked on my master's degree. You have a big job that positively impacts so many people!" — Suzanne, June 20

"[Eliminating youth fines] is the BEST!!! When I saw it yesterday, I did a little leap of joy!" — Teacher, June 8

"[Eliminating youth fines] is incredible! You are exactly right. This is the greatest barrier that prevents my students from using the public library. Thank you for this!" — Teacher, June 8

## In the news

[Summer Reading Challenge](#), *The Portland Observer*, June 28

[Unpacking ESSA for the Library Ecosystem](#), *American Libraries Magazine*, June 26

[Read about 'beautiful game' at local library](#), *The Hollywood Star*, June 14

## Upcoming events

[Making the Most of Social Security](#)

July 14

Belmont Library

[Notebooks from Old Books](#)

Various dates and libraries

[See to Read vision screening](#)

Various dates and libraries

[Beyond the Scoreboard: Sports in Our Lives and the Community](#)

July 23

Central Library

[Lead Screening Family Clinic](#)

Various dates and libraries

[Plant Yourself Where You Will Bloom](#)

July 24

Hollywood Library

[Intro to Home Coffee Roasting](#)

Various dates and libraries

[Principles of a Healthy Home](#)

July 30

Troutdale Library

[Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body](#)

July 17

Capitol Hill Library

[Hogwarts' Open House](#)

July 30

Hollywood Library

[Play Ball with the Portland Pickles](#)

Various dates and libraries

[Music of West Africa](#)

July 31

Central Library

[The Music and Life of David Bowie](#)

July 24

Northwest Library

[Climate Change](#)

Various dates and libraries

[Intro to Home Coffee Roasting](#)

Various dates and libraries

[Colors of the Jungle](#)

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