

Destination: Rockwood

Redefining the public library to build 21st century literacy in East Multnomah County

Overview

Multnomah County Library is both the smallest and busiest library system in the nation for a community of its size.

Though a cherished institution, the library's spaces are cramped, outdated and not suited to current community needs. This deficit of space is more pronounced east of I-205, where **40% of the county's residents have access to just 23% of total library space.**



In 2017, the library's elected leaders adopted the [Framework for Future Library Spaces](#) to expand and modernize library spaces. This vision would create safe, modern and adequate space for the community to learn and create.

Destination: Rockwood would jump-start Multnomah County Library's vision to modernize a cramped set of buildings, keep pace with a growing population and leverage public assets and investment with an advanced "destination" public library project in the heart of Rockwood.

Key details

- New, energy efficient LEED-certified 20-30,000 square foot library
- Possible sites near Rockwood Rising, MAX, East County Courthouse
- State-of-the-art facility to complement and enhance neighboring services and investments
- Extends library's culturally responsive service in six languages and to communities of color
- Cost estimate: approximately \$27,000,000 (uses accepted best practices, includes construction; soft costs; escalation; contingency; site acquisition; books; furniture; technology)

Contacts

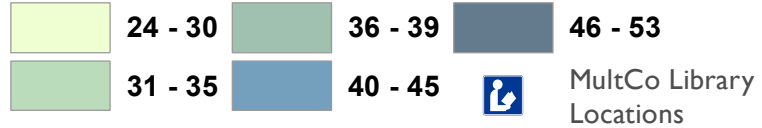
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Geographic Composite of Indicators that Demonstrate Highest Risk of Marginalization

Composite Score

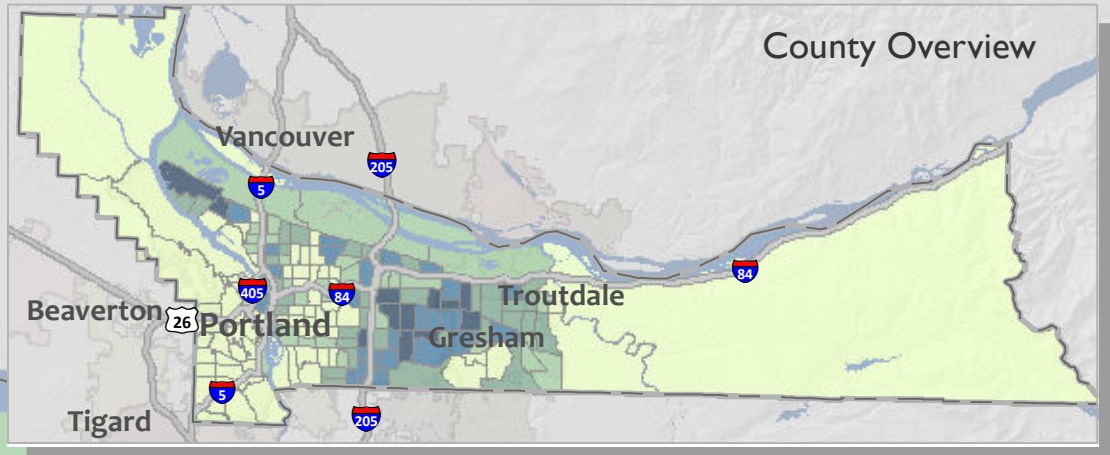


Data Sources:
Multnomah Co. Health, DCJ, LPSCC
Census Bureau, ACS
February, 2016



Methodology:
Categories were developed through a reclassification of factors into Low, Med and High Risk. Using the Natural Breaks Method, these risk levels were translated into numbers (1-3) in preparation for combining into one composite layer; thus giving way to a potential range of 21-63 in scoring. Areas are drawn to Census Tract geography. High=3 Med=2 Low=1

- 1) High Density of People of Color
- 2) Lowest Median Household income
- 3) Low Voter Registration
- 4) Low Educational Attainment
- 5) Low Birth Weight Births
- 6) High Teen Births
- 7) Density of Reported Incidents: Part I Violent Crime in 2013
- 8) Density of Reported Incidents of Non-DV Assault in 2012-2013
- 9) Density of Domestic Violence Assault Cases in 2014
- 10) Density of Reported Incidents Flagged as Gang Activity Oct 1, 2013 - Oct 31, 2014
- 11) Counts of Foster Care, Oct. 2013-Sept. 2014
- 12) High % Unemployed
- 13) High % Renter Occupied Housing
- 14) % Below Poverty Level
- 15) Language; % Age 5 and over Not Using English at Home
- 16) Subsidy; % Receiving SNAP Benefits
- 17) % of DCJ Active Offenders for Population Ages 18 and Over
- 18) % of DCJ Juvenile Offenders for Population Ages 15-19
- 19) % Receiving Multnomah Co. Mental Health Services; fiscal year 2014
- 20) Receiving Medicaid and WIC; fiscal year 2014
- 21) % Single Parent Households



Downtown Detail

