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Multnomah County names three Library Director finalists

The public is invited to a forum April 14 to meet candidates and ask questions

The Office of Multnomah County Chair Ted Wheeler has named three finalist candidates for the position of Multnomah County library director. In alphabetical order, the finalists are:

- Holly Carroll, currently deputy director, Cleveland Public Library, Ohio
- Christian Kruse, currently director, Live Oak Public Libraries, Savannah, Georgia
- Vailey Oehlke, currently deputy director, Multnomah County Library

The three finalists will be involved in two days of tours and interviews on April 13 and 14. A public forum will be held on Tuesday, April 14, at 1:30 p.m. at the Multnomah County Boardroom, 501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard. Each candidate will make a presentation followed by a question and answer session. The public is invited to attend.

The process for hiring a new library director began in February after Library Director Molly Raphael announced her retirement, effective May 1. Jana McLellan, Multnomah County chief operating officer, has been leading a nationwide recruitment process. Multnomah County Library's national reputation has helped generate strong interest and a field of exceptional candidates.

The Multnomah County library director leads a staff of 568 employees and manages a budget of \$60 million. The facilities include the Central Library, 16 neighborhood libraries, and two new libraries scheduled to open in early 2010 in the Kenton neighborhood and the city of Troutdale. Multnomah County Library was visited by 4.7 million people last year and total circulation of library books and materials topped 20 million.

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