

North Portland: a Carnegie library

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North Portland Library, 1913



Fact Sheet

- Library area: 9,500 square feet
- Book capacity: 30,000 volumes
- Original architect: Joseph Jacobberger and Alfred H. Smith Architects
- Architectural style: Jacobethan
- Renovation architect: Thomas Hacker and Associates P.C.
- Renovation contractor: Andersen Construction Co., Inc.
- First librarian (1913): Miss Ernestine Heslop
- Original opening: February 20, 1913
- Reopening: March 21, 2000
- Read the [histories](#) of all neighborhood libraries, and explore historic library [photos](#).



Note the two Model Ts....

History



A children's library card from North Portland that was to expire in 1915. Printed at the top of the card is 'CHILDREN'S CARD, LIBRARY ASSOCIATION of Portland, Oregon,' which operated the library at that time. *The card number, expiration date and patron information are handwritten.*

CHILDREN'S CARD. T

No. N1522 Expires Oct 21 1915

Rosine, Walter

798 Missouri

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
of Portland, Oregon.

This card must be presented when a book is taken out or returned.

Cards must not be transferred. The person in whose name this card is issued is responsible for all books drawn upon it, and for all fines due upon the same.

Change of residence or loss of card must be reported at once.

A fine of two cents per day will be charged on every book kept over time.

DUE	RETURNED	DUE	RETURNED
NOV 6	NOV 28	DEC 8	
		Dec. 2	NOV 25
NOV 1	NOV 3	DEC 9	
NOV 17	NOV 17	DEC 14	
NOV 26	NOV 26	DEC 22	DEC 22
NOV 29	NOV 29	NOV 22	

History





1967

Storytime...a constant





Welcome



Black Resources Collection

- Multnomah County Library's Black Resources Collection offers more than 7,000 items — books, film, periodicals, music and more — relating to the African American experience, as well as works created by African Americans and other people of African descent.
- Most works in the Black Resources Collection are housed at North Portland Library, but some are located in other neighborhood libraries. Search "Black Resources Collection" to find all items in the library catalog.



Re-opening celebration

Enduring beauty



Children's Book Fair



The African American Read-In.



African American literature is for everyone, including Darcelle XV



Kate
Carroll de
Gutes,

*Objects in
Mirror are
Closer than
They Appear*



Renee
Watson

*This Side of
Home*





Lighting Kwanzaa candles



Members of PassinArt: a Theatre Company read from "The Ties That Bond," a one-act play about the principles of Kwanzaa.



Ah, the joy of it al!



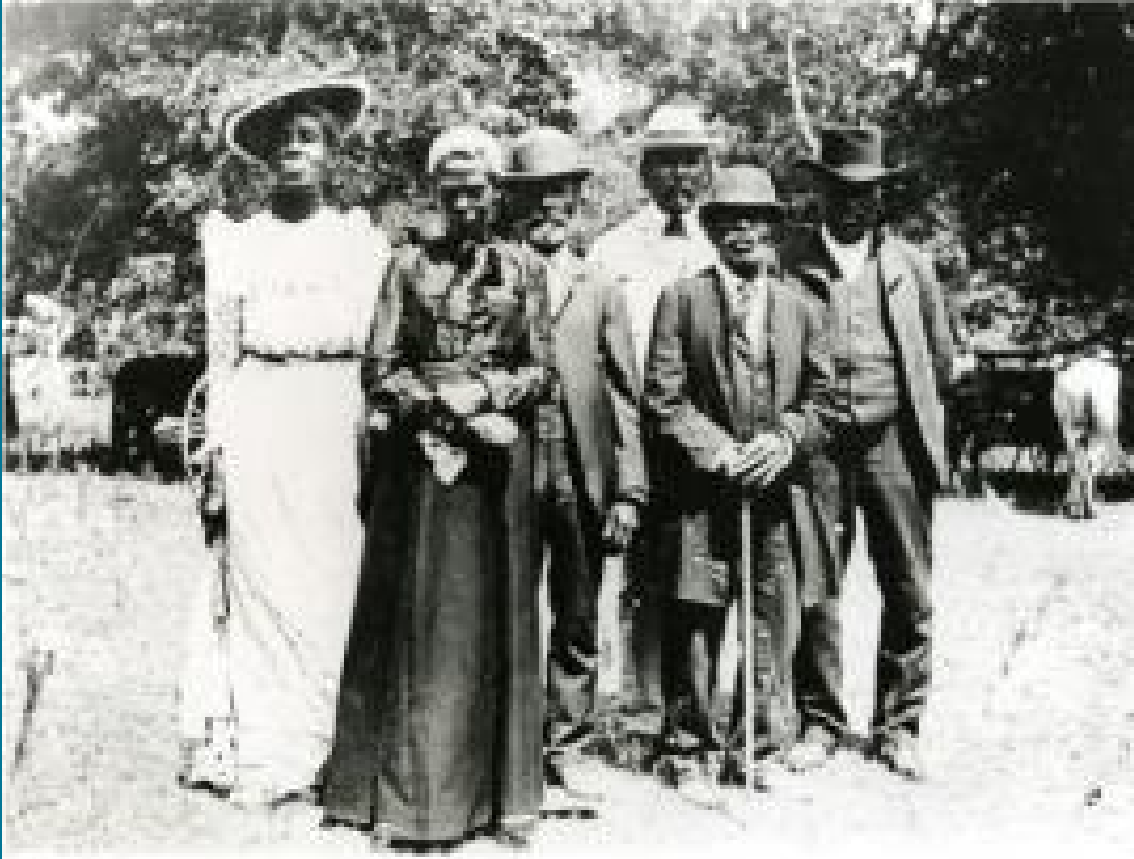
For some, there's more to Kwanzaa than candles...



...Sweet Potato Pie, another cultural icon



Juneteenth: Words Along the Way



On June 19, 1865, two years after the Emancipation Proclamation, Union soldiers brought Texans the news that the Civil War had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Juneteenth, the observance of that date, has become a national celebration of freedom. Each year, on the North Portland lawn, we celebrate Juneteenth with words and music under the skies.



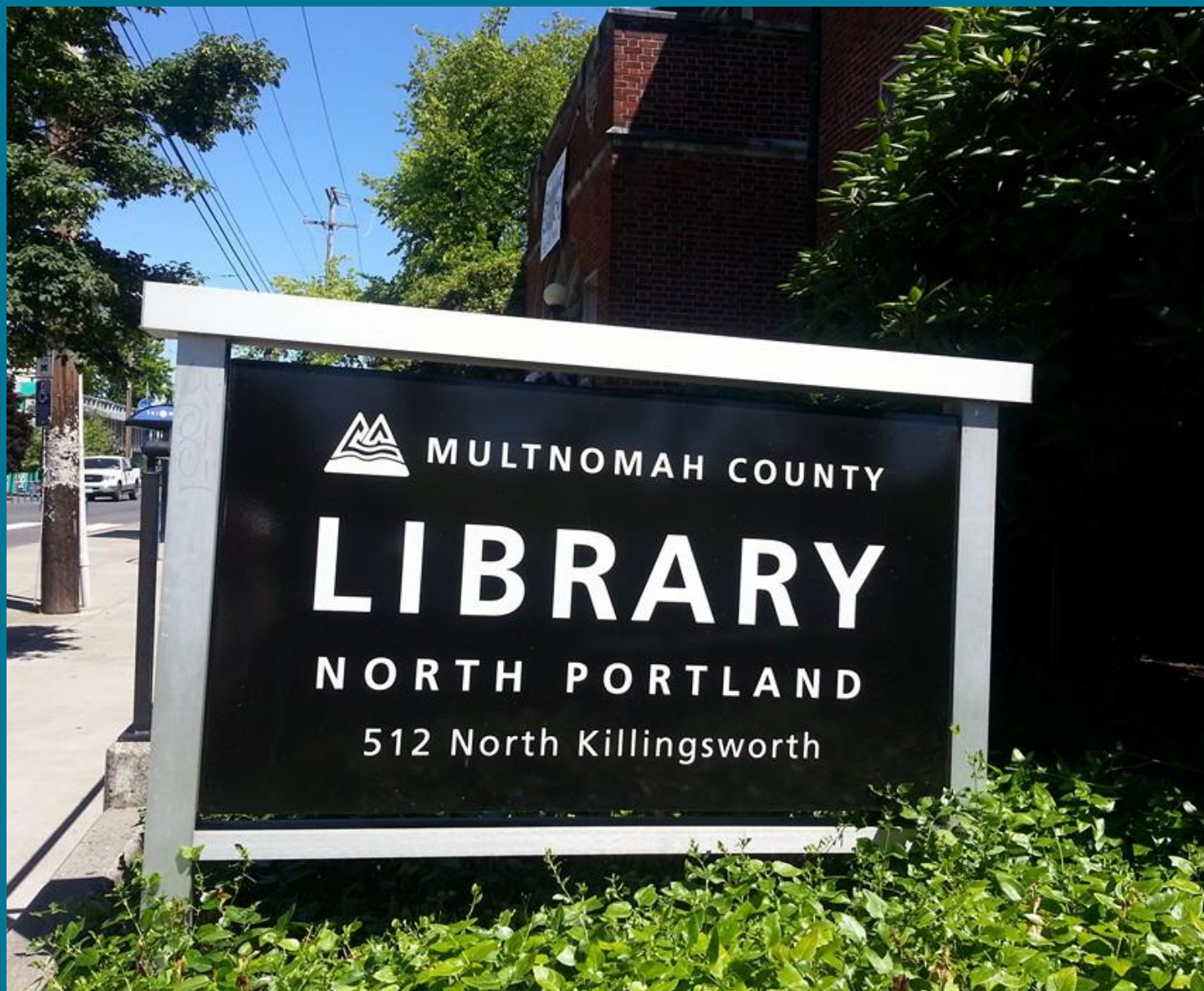












Hope you'll come and see for yourselves.

