

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## All Libraries Open by End of August

### Services return as public gets vaccinated

The Multnomah County Library system has announced that all locations will be open by the end of August.

The renewal of branch library services got started last week as vaccinations for the coronavirus reached more than 70 percent of the adult population.

As branches reopen, patrons are able to browse, pick up holds without an appointment, use computers and Wi-Fi, scan/fax/print documents and get help from library staff. Other library services like in-person programs, youth story times and public meeting room use will begin later and expand over time, official said.

Masks are still recommended for library patrons.

"I'm proud of the new and innovative ways the library served this



With vaccinations for coronavirus fully available and reaching at least 70 percent of the adult population, Multnomah County has been able to safely open more libraries to public access and plans to have all locations open by the end of August.

community during the pandemic, but there's nothing we have looked forward to more than opening those doors to serve people in person at every library," said Director of Libraries Vailey Oehlke. "I am

grateful to our community for its support of the library through this historic and challenging time and I am eager to embrace our next chapter together."

Learn more at [multcolib.org](http://multcolib.org).

## Eight Easy Steps to Playing Piano

### Portland musician authors new book

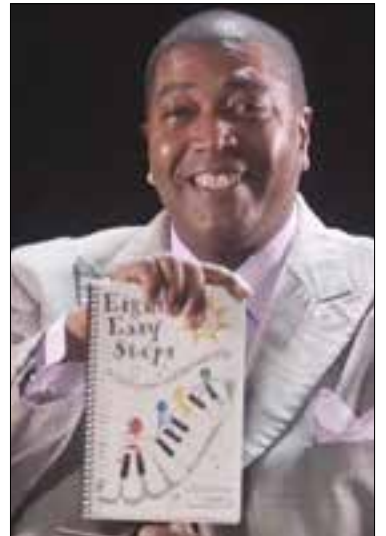
Portland musician Kirk Green's new book, *Eight Easy Steps to Playing Piano*, will be celebrated on Saturday, Aug. 7 with a book signing event from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, 3138 N. Vancouver Ave.

Members of the community, music teachers and students of music alike are invited to attend the free gathering and discover a fresh take on the musical arts with this smartly written, colorful new book that teaches the fundamentals of piano play in a fun and easy manner.

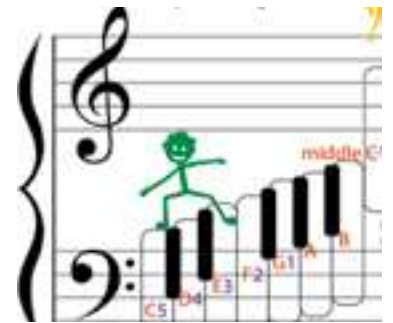
Written by Green with colorful design and sharp layout by Paul Neufeldt, *Eight Easy Steps to Playing Piano* is suitable for all ages, containing everything music students will need to boost the learning process, including hand positioning, differences between high and low tones, dynamics and different time signatures.

Green explains that after completing the *Eight Easy Steps*, piano students will be capable of writing their own songs, and play with ease to all their favorite music.


Teachers will find this to be a great reference and new students will follow its format to learn



Portland musician Kirk Green with his new piano instruction book, *Eight Easy Steps to Playing Piano*. This book is available on Amazon and iBooks.



how to play piano with ease. The book is formatted to both visually and musically understand the relationship between the musical grand staff to the positioning of the black and white piano keys.



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