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Portland & Seattle News Briefs

Sellwood-Moreland Library will Close June 6 for Vital Updates as Part of Refresh Projects



Sellwood-Moreland Library will close to the public starting June 6 to start on a series of bond-funded improvements. Sellwood’s last day open to the public before construction is June 5. Project teams expect the work to last until fall 2025.

Multnomah County Library is hard at work to build, expand and renovate library spaces for the public as a result of the voter-approved 2020 Library building bond. This year, the library system will see a dramatic reinvention by building and expanding five libraries and a series of Refresh projects to libraries across the system, requiring a series of temporary library closures.

The work at Sellwood Library is a continuation of the Refresh projects, providing smaller but still important upgrades to 11 libraries on a shorter schedule than some other projects. Similar refresh projects at other locations have taken about four months to complete.

New features will include:

- Improved shelf height and layout to create more space for people and better sight lines

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- New reading room chairs (both with and without arms)
- Added bar seating with more places for power and charging devices
- Small teen/tween area with study table and bean bag chairs
- New meeting room tables and chairs that are easily movable to allow for a flexible space
- Automated materials handling to increase the efficiency of checking in and sorting books, freeing up staff time for other work
- Modern self checkout stations to provide a better patron experience
- New LED lighting throughout the building

The community is invited to use alternate locations while Sellwood is closed:

- Central Library: 801 SW 10th Avenue, Portland, OR 97205
- Hawthorne Holds Pickup: 3557 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland, OR 97214
- Hillsdale Library: 1525 SW Sunset Boulevard, Portland, OR 97239

Woodstock Library is also currently closed for important updates as part of the Refresh projects. Several library locations are closed at the same time due to an expedited bond spending timeline which maximizes the benefit to taxpayers.

Nine New Northwest Films Open for Spring 2025 at the Hollywood Theatre @ PDX Airport

For spring, a new collection of nine short films, including music and stories of life and personal experiences in the Pacific Northwest are waiting to entertain travelers at The Hollywood Theatre at PDX International Airport.

The Hollywood Theatre at PDX International Airport, which originally opened on February 23, 2017, hosts a selection of short films by Pacific Northwest filmmakers rotating throughout the year. In partnership with the Port of Portland, the Hollywood Theatre operates this first-of-its-kind free 22-seat microcinema at Portland International Airport located after security in the airport’s C Concourse.

Filmmakers interested in having their work shown can submit to: <https://filmfreeway.com/HollywoodTheatrePDX>

To be considered, films must be 10 minutes or shorter in length and appropriate for a general audience. Films must be created by a Pacific Northwest artist or feature issues relating to Oregon or the Pacific Northwest.

The microcinema fea-

tures an audiovisual system with 4K projection and Dolby Atmos sound. Learn more about the lineup below or at: <https://hollywoodtheatre.org/pdx-airport/>

East Portland TIF District Community Leadership Committees – Applications Now Open

Prosper Portland and the Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) have opened the application process for three Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district Community Leadership Committees in East Portland: 82nd Avenue Area, Sumner-Parkrose-Argay-Columbia Corridor (SPACC), and East 205.

Each district-specific committee’s purpose is to advise PHB and Prosper Portland staff, the Portland City Council, and the Prosper Portland Board of Commissioners on the creation and implementation of TIF District Action Plans by providing essential guidance, public recommendations, and oversight of the City’s development and implementation of the plans.

Prosper Portland and PHB staff, along with Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative partners, will cohost open houses in each district over the next month, in addition to holding community drop-in hours.

- Wednesday, May 7 from 5 - 7 pm: East 205 Open House
- Tuesday, May 13 from 6 - 8 pm: 82nd Avenue Area Open House

Please visit the project website for a full list of community drop-in hours. All events are open to community members and potential applicants from all three districts (the open houses and drop-in hours are not district specific).

Applications are due by 11:59 pm on Monday, May 26. To learn more about the TIF Districts, these positions, or for application materials, please visit: prosperportland.us/eastpdx

Community Celebration Marks Progress on 124 Affordable Homes in SE Portland

Join Our Just Future, Portland Community College, APANO, and Edlen and Company, for a community celebration of Legin Commons, a new affordable housing community already under construction at PCC’s Southeast Campus. This public event marks a major milestone in the creation of 124 new affordable homes in one of Portland’s most diverse neighborhoods.

Legin Commons represents a partnership between community organizations to address Portland’s growing housing needs—demonstrating what’s possible when equity and housing justice intersect.

WHEN:
Thursday, May 15, 2025
Reception: 1:30 – 2:00 PM
Program: 2:00 – 3:00 PM

WHERE:
Portland Community College – Southeast Campus
2305 SE 82nd Avenue
Adjacent to Community Hall Annex

WHO:
Remarks from Andy Miller, Executive Director, and community/project partners

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