

Map Collection Policy

Multnomah County Library's map collection provides access to practical information and unique resources in a variety of map formats. The purpose of the map collection is to: answer questions on a wide variety of geographic and travel topics, supply information for recreational pursuits, and illuminate the history of the Pacific Northwest region. The geographical emphasis, in decreasing order of importance, is on: Multnomah County and the city of Portland; the greater metropolitan area (including Clark and Skamania counties in Washington); the state of Oregon; the state of Washington; the Pacific Northwest; the west coast of the United States. Current maps, regularly purchased, will form the basis of a collection with lasting historical significance.

Maps that pertain to Oregon history or geography are part of the Oregon Collection. The Oregon Collection guidelines govern the selection, management, and retention of these maps. Maps received as depository items by government agencies are managed according to depository guidelines.

The map collection is primarily housed at the Central Library. Maps in the Oregon collection do not circulate. Some maps are cataloged at a series level rather than the title level.

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