

Astoria Public Library

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Astoria Public Library Renovation Update

Astoria Library Board will hold two public meetings in December

In December, the Astoria Library Board will hold two public meetings pertaining to the *Astoria Library Renovation Study*. The first meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00PM, at the Astoria Public Library, 450 Tenth Street, Astoria, Oregon. For those who cannot attend a weekday meeting, the Board will host a Saturday coffee on December 7 from 11:00AM to 1:00PM, in the Flag Room. The Library Board and staff encourage public participation and feedback. If you cannot attend a meeting, please email your comments to the Astoria Library, comments@astorialibrary.org.

In June of 2013, the City of Astoria hired Ruth Metz and Associates (RMA) to conduct a renovation study of the Astoria Public Library. After gathering information through surveys, focus groups, stakeholder meetings, and public meetings, RMA delivered the *Astoria Public Library Renovation Study Report* in two parts: a needs assessment and building program. The Astoria Library Board has reviewed the report, and after much deliberation, reached a unanimous agreement on a recommendation to present to the Astoria City Council. The Library Board will answer questions and receive feedback at the December public meetings prior to presenting its recommendation to Council.

The Astoria Public Library is a department of the City of Astoria, providing tax-supported services to all residents living within the city boundaries. The library holds over 50,000 print and audio-visual materials, provides access to downloadable e-books and other online resources, and offers programs for all ages. Guided by the mission statement "*Explore ideas, engage minds, excite imagination*", the Astoria Public Library is an active and responsive part of the community. For more information about library programs and services, contact library staff at 503-325-7323 or comments@astorialibrary.org, or visit the Astoria Public Library online at www.astorialibrary.org.