

## **Astoria Public Library**

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### **Press release**

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### **Astoria Library Vision and Services: Survey Asks Astorians**

A brief but important questionnaire is available on the Astoria Public Library's website from August 20 through September 9, 2013. The questionnaire asks residents to weigh in on a list of vision concepts and desired library services that have been garnered this summer through interviews and public meetings, including at the August 18th Sunday Market.

The City of Astoria commissioned a renovation study of the Astoria Public Library in June 2013 because all of the library's building systems-- water, power, heat, ventilation, handicapped access--are in need of repair and updating. Ruth Metz Associates (RMA), a library consulting firm based in Portland, is conducting the study which will result in a building program and cost estimate for renovation.

The building program will be developed to include the service priorities of the community and best practices in public libraries for providing effective and efficient services. This information will help the City leadership consider and determine next steps. The study is preliminary to any future architectural planning and design.

The City, library leadership, and consultant team are especially interested in hearing about the library service needs and ideas of Astorians, and are seeking a robust community response. The questionnaire takes about 5 minutes to complete online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AstoriaPublicLibrary>. The online questionnaire can be completed on computers at the library. Paper copies are also available at the library.

The questionnaire results will be part of the discussion at a public meeting on September 10, 2013, when the consultant firm presents its recommended building

program and cost estimates. The meeting will take place at the Liberty Theater between 5:30 and 7:30 pm. Doors will open at 5:00 pm.

*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 Astoria Public Library programs and services, contact library staff at 503-325-7323 or comments@astorialibrary, or visit the Astoria Public Library at [www.astorialibrary.org](http://www.astorialibrary.org).*