

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Oregon City Library Association founded and opened the Oregon City Reading Room on December 13, 1909, on the third floor of the Masonic Temple; and

Whereas, in 1910 Oregon City residents agreed to support the library with a special library tax, thus founding the Oregon City Public Library; and

Whereas, Andrew Carnegie funded the construction of 2,509 libraries throughout the world from 1883 to 1929 with 1,689 of them in the United States; and

Whereas, Oregon City submitted an application for a sum of \$12,500, the estimated cost of the building plus furniture, for the construction of a library in Oregon City, and

Whereas, the lot at 7th and John Adams, set aside by Dr. John McLoughlin as a public space and donated to the City, was selected as the site of the new library, and

Whereas, the application was approved on the condition that Mr. Carnegie authorize final building plans, and

Whereas, construction began in 1912 on the new Carnegie Library in the Seventh Street Park using a design by E. E. McClaran of Portland, which was approved by Mr. Carnegie, and

Whereas, Robert Shelley of Portland was retained as the builder, and

Whereas, on June 21, 1913 a gala dedication of the Oregon City Public Library was held with many distinguished guests in attendance to celebrate the opening day of the Oregon City Public Library; and

Whereas, in 2013, the City of Oregon City Public Library continues to serve the people of the community and the community responds by using the library and its services extensively.

Now, Therefore, I, Doug Neeley, Mayor of the City of Oregon City, do proclaim

June 21, 2013

as the

100th anniversary of the opening day of the Oregon City Public Library
in the Carnegie Library

and call upon our citizens to celebrate the centennial of Oregon City's Carnegie Library by attending activities in celebration of the centennial on June 20th, 21st, and 22nd, and by visiting the library to discover what was set in motion 100 years ago by Andrew Carnegie and continues to serve the residents of Oregon City today.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand this 19th day of June 2013:

DOUG NEELEY, Mayor