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### **Multnomah County Library and Handwriting Success Celebrate National Handwriting Day with Community Handwriting the Constitution Events**

**PORTLAND, OR — January 7, 2026** — In a powerful blend of history, reflection, and creativity, Multnomah County Library invites the public to celebrate **National Handwriting Day** by slowing down and engaging with America’s founding document—one handwritten word at a time.

At four free, quiet, and contemplative events across the county, participants are invited to **hand copy the United States Constitution**, reconnecting with its meaning through the simple, timeless tools of pen and paper.

#### **Event dates and locations include:**

**Wednesday, January 21 | 3–5 pm** — Gresham Library

**Friday, January 23 | 3:30–5:30 pm** — Hillsdale Library

**Saturday, January 24 | 2–4 pm** — Albina Library

**Saturday, February 14 | 2–4 pm** — Northwest Library

These events are **free and open to the public**. Copies of the U.S. Constitution will be provided, along with a complimentary “Handwriting Tips” guide. Participants are encouraged to bring their own writing tools and paper, though supplies will be available.

Handwriting the Constitution offers a rare opportunity for quiet reflection on the foundation of American self-governance. By physically writing the text, participants often discover new meaning, emotional resonance, and personal connection to words they may have read many times before.

The project was conceived in 2017 by artist **Morgan O’Hara**, who explains, “Hand copying a document can produce an intimate connection to the text and its meaning. The handwriter may discover passages that challenge or move them—and may leave with a deeper connection to the founders, the country, or even a sense of encouragement.”

These events are presented by **Multnomah County Library** in partnership with **Handwriting the Constitution** and **Handwriting Success**, which is sponsoring the program by providing materials and staff support.

“Handwriting is our personal voice on paper,” says **Jonathan Dubay**, CEO and Curriculum Specialist at Handwriting Success. “Hand copying a document at the core of our American culture allows people to see it in their own voice. It’s a meaningful way to celebrate National Handwriting Day, and we’re thrilled to support the Multnomah County Library’s Everybody Reads program in making this possible.”

**Handwriting Success** is the publisher of the Getty-Dubay® Italic handwriting books, apps, fonts, and learning tools designed to bring legibility, beauty, and ease to the everyday experience of handwriting. Since 1979, Getty-Dubay® Italic has helped learners of all ages improve handwriting and explore calligraphy, with materials used in schools and homes across the U.S. and internationally.

Founded in **1864**, **Multnomah County Library** is the oldest public library on the West Coast. Today, Central Library and 18 neighborhood libraries serve nearly one-fifth of Oregon’s population, offering access to more than **2.9 million** books and materials.

For more information about library events and classes, visit **[multcolib.org/events-classes](https://multcolib.org/events-classes)**, and learn more about the **Everybody Reads** program at **[multcolib.org/everybody-reads](https://multcolib.org/everybody-reads)**. Events are subject to change; please check with the library before visiting.

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