



*Rendering of the art site, interior view looking towards the west windows of the new Black Cultural Center*

## **Albina Library Sculpture Series Supplemental Materials**

**Site Address:** Albina Library, 216 NE Knott Street, Portland, OR 97212

**Project Scope:** One artist/artist team will be selected to create a series of mid-size, 3-dimensional, site-specific, exterior sculptural artworks which will be installed along the new south side entry path and within the new interior courtyard

**Project Budget:** \$125,000

**Submissions Due:** Monday, December 18, 2023 at 11.59pm PDT.

### **More About the Library Capital Building Projects**

The renovation and expansion of Albina Library is part of the first phase of the [Library Capital Building Projects](#). Approved by voters in 2020, the building project includes expansions and renovations to seven branch libraries; building a destination library in East County; adding gigabit speed internet to all libraries; and creating a materials handling and distribution center, also known as the Operations Center. Based on the [Multnomah County Library \(MCL\) project sequencing](#), all building projects are anticipated to be completed by the end of 2025/beginning of 2026. Some of the first projects include Albina, North Portland, Midland and Holgate libraries.

[The new Multnomah County Library Operations Center](#) was the first real estate purchase for these projects. This building leads the way for the additional building projects and will be located near the intersection of NE Glisan and NE 122nd Ave, approximately 8 blocks from Midland Library, in east Portland, Oregon. After the Operations Center, Albina Library will be one of the first locations to reopen, currently scheduled for Spring 2025. The exterior and interior Sculpture Series at Albina Library is one of several public art elements intended for the revised site.

Since the scope of the building project is substantial and will impact different communities with different needs, MCL has made a strong [commitment to community engagement](#) throughout this process to ensure that each community will be authentically engaged in the building and service design of each library. Additionally, the building project is being guided by [Capital Planning Project Principles](#) which include equity, accessibility for all and community partnership. As part of this work towards equity and inclusion, the architecture teams for many of these projects are being led by women of color.

## More About the North Portland Library Project Team

As part of the Library Capital Building Projects, North Portland Library renovations are being led by Multnomah County Library. Construction is being overseen and coordinated in conjunction with [Andersen Construction](#). RACC is stewarding the public art elements allocated by Multnomah County's Percent for Art Program.

The North Portland Library design team includes [LEVER Architecture](#) and [Noll & Tam Architects](#).

LEVER is a leading architectural practice recognized for design excellence and material innovation. From offices in North Portland and Los Angeles, they collaborate with communities, institutions and creative companies to design buildings and spaces that elevate human experience. They see architecture as a tool for moving the world forward, leveraging the forces that shape our broader culture to create buildings that amplify client and community goals and aspirations. Design excellence is the fulcrum of LEVER's approach to making buildings that are simple, elegant, beautiful, and inherently useful.

Noll & Tam believe in creating uncommon spaces for the common good. They have deep experience in a multitude of sectors and are champions for inclusiveness and uniqueness. They have a passion for architecture with a keen sense of empathy and believe you can't have both without being devoted to sustainable design. Their values connect them to their partners and communities where they find inspiration for designs that make them feel whole. Ever since their founding, the & has been bringing it all together. Noll & Tam's uncommon nature defines and unites them in a wonderfully meaningful way. They celebrate this in everything they do, for the benefit of all.

## Community Engagement, Site Plans and Other Resources

[Albina & North Portland Libraries Community Engagement Report](#)

[Albina Library City Site Map](#)

[Albina Library Neighborhood Site Map](#)

[Albina Library Site Plan](#)

[Albina Library Level 1 Floor Plan](#)

[Albina Library Aerial Plan](#)

[Albina Library Rendering - East](#)

[Albina Library Rendering - North](#)

[Albina Library Rendering - North at Night](#)

[Albina Library Rendering - Northeast](#)

[Albina Library Art Sites](#)

[Albina Library Design Principles](#)

[Albina Library Community Engagement Highlights](#)

[Albina Library Objectives + Opportunities\\_1](#)

[Albina Library Objectives + Opportunities\\_2](#)