

OREGON STATE LIBRARY

Library Services and Technology Act
Grant Activities Report

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1st Quarter Report 3rd Quarter Report
 2nd Quarter Report Final Report (*send e-copy to State Library*)

Project Name: Historic Oregonian Digitization

Grant Project Number: 12-11-5a Date Submitted: November 30, 2012

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1. Summarize the overall purpose of the grant project:

The Portland *Oregonian* is the paper of record for the state of Oregon. It is unique nationally, because the *Oregonian* covers events not just in the major city but throughout the state. Access to its content is restricted by the ability to travel to a library and use microfilm or to the residents in the wealthiest county in the state through a Multnomah County Library subscription. This content is vital and important for historical, educational, and economic purposes and should be available to all Oregonians. This project will digitize approximately 214,500 pages from the historic *Oregonian* (1906-1922) and provide free and open access through the Historic Oregon Newspapers website.

2. Summarize the project results to date:

Outputs Summary – please report as appropriate depending upon your grant

(double click Word table to enter data- table can be altered to record appropriate outputs)

Actual # of people served this quarter	0	Actual # of people served to date	0
# of programs /meetings /events	0	# of programs /meetings /events to date	0
# of programs /meetings /events attendees	0	# of programs /meetings /events attendees	0
Other output measure(s): <i>(please indicate)</i> Digitization completed (# of pages)	37,339	Other output measure(s) to date:	37,339

Narrative summary:

In the second quarter, we fully processed two batches of Historic *Oregonian* content consisting of 58,219 pages, added one batch to Historic Oregon Newspapers, and have one subsequent batch inspected, collated, and prepped for digitization.

3. Report on specific project objectives to date:

Objective: Digitization of approx. 107,250 pages of the Historic <i>Oregonian</i>	% Progress / Results: 89%
Activity Summary: (type below this table)	

Third Quarter

95,558 pages have been inspected, digitized and approved through quality control. An additional 19,196 pages have been sent to the vendor for digitization. 17,832 pages have been added to Historic Oregon Newspapers website.

Second Quarter

37,339 pages have been inspected, digitized, and approved through quality control. An additional 19,087 pages have been sent to the vendor for digitization.

First Quarter

The initial batch of microfilm reels have been processed, inspected, and sent to the vendor for digitization.

4. Significant developments:

Third Quarter

Processing is being completed ahead of schedule. We may have most of the public domain historic *Morning Oregonian* available online in this grant cycle.

Second Quarter

The ramp-up time has been completed, and we are on track to complete the project in the grant time period.

First Quarter

I am writing to propose a one year hiatus between year one and year two of *Oregonian* digitization as part of the Oregon Digital Newspaper Program. Year one of *Oregonian* digitization is progressing on schedule, and I would like to apply for year two in 2013, to begin in 2014.

Recent negotiations have resulted in a significant price reduction with our digitization vendor, and with this discount, we will now be able to process 160,876 pages during year one, increased from the 107,250 pages estimated at the time that our grant was submitted. This 50% increase in

content will require extended staff resources and likely an extension of the first year grant deadline. With our current NDNP funds and the revised figures for the first year of *Oregonian* digitization, we will be adding 260,876 pages by August 2013, not including the smaller collaborative projects that we are also undertaking.

We are working with several other libraries on smaller projects, some of whom have submitted LSTA grants for this year. Organizations that we are working with, either in initial discussions or mid-production, include: the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, Oregon City Public Library, Clackamas County Historical Society, Southern Wasco County Library, Multnomah Athletic Club, Pacific University, Washington County Historical Society, and Hood River County Library District.

I would also like to spend the next year devoting more time to further establishing our in-house processing with the microfilm scanner in order to greatly lower the costs of entry and make the project more sustainable for the long-term.

With our current staffing levels, our concurrent NDNP grant, and the increased output for year one of the *Oregonian*, I feel unable to process another year in 2013. By seeking second year funding for 2014, we will be able to proceed in these other efforts and still excel in our commitment for year one of digitization of the *Oregonian*. Our revised estimate for requested LSTA funds for year two of the *Oregonian* is \$62,316 from \$115,942.

