

# PANDEMIC RESPONSE SPENDING

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\$381,108

\$2,924,165

### ADDRESSING COMMUNITY NEEDS





worked with partners to connect renters with rental assistance and information about their rights.





coordinated to hire a Community
Engagement Specialist who held
regularly scheduled hours at each
library to support community
members in accessing housing, food,
employment, healthcare, and other
vital resources and services.

430 PATRONS SERVED ACROSS 3 SITES

## INCREASING ACCESS TO INFORMATION



Washington County Cooperative Library Services developed Spanish collections for incarcerated adults and at-risk youth at the county jail, juvenile shelter, and corrections center.

"The books have been very well received! Many of our students speak Spanish as their preferred language, and it has been so nice for them to have access to that. It is a way for them to stay connected to their culture, home, and family and to practice the language for those who are still developing their reading and writing skills in Spanish. We are all so grateful to you for the collection."





LIBRARIES LAUNCHED BOOK MOBILES

to bring books, information assistance, digital devices, literacy activities, and more to underserved areas with limited access to libraries.

STAFF AT JUVENILE SHELTER

## PANDEMIC RESPONSE SPENDING (CONTINUED)

## FOSTERING DIGITAL INCLUSION



Fossil Public Library hired a tutor to offer weekly computer classes to increase digital literacy in their small, rural community.

"Hearing the tutor work with the patron and bringing them to understanding of their current digital obstacle was heartwarming. The excitement and joy they expressed at each step further into enriched digital literacy was proof this program was needed and working."

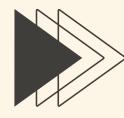
LIBRARY DIRECTOR



Many libraries grew their online collections, lent WiFi hotspots and devices, updated wifi and computer access in buildings, and added accessibility technology to increase information access and connectivity in their communities.

56 LIBRARIES INCREASED CONNECTIVITY IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

## SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS



Greater Albany Public
Schools libraries provided
resources, support, and
engagement to help
students overcome the
educational impacts of the
COVID pandemic.

"The district increased the number of elementary counselors significantly this year, and we were able to purchase titles for our elementary collections to support social-emotional learning and to help those new counselors work with our elementary students suffering from trauma. Our new elementary counselors were thrilled: 'I use bibliotherapy with students daily and it is so effective.'"



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KEY OREGON HISTORY DIGITAL TOOLS REDESIGNED

Oregon Historical Society redesigned four key Oregon history digital tools - Oregon History Project, Oregon Encyclopedia, Oregon History Wayfinder, and Oregon TimeWeb – to create an innovative and interconnected public history resource accessible to researchers, teachers, and students across the state.

