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*Become a Mentor Today!*

As a member of the Oregon Heritage MentorCorps, you can make an impact on the historic resources of the state. Mentors will provide information and training in collections care and emergency preparedness for libraries, museums and archives in their region.



Perhaps more important, you will be supporting the cooperative efforts of the organization's where you live in preserving important cultural records. This neighbor-helping-neighbor approach will support the quality of life in your community and sustain the important cultural resources in your region.

Apply now to be a Heritage Mentor. Obtain an application from [www.oregonheritage.org](http://www.oregonheritage.org) and return it by **January 15, 2013**.

## Connecting to Collections MentorCorps partners:

Northwest Archivists  
Oregon Historical Society  
Oregon Library Association  
Oregon Museums Association  
Oregon State Library  
Oregon State Archives  
Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute  
Oregon Heritage Commission



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**A cooperative,  
coordinated project  
to preserve collections  
in Oregon's Archives,  
Libraries and Museums**

The Oregon Heritage MentorCorps is a statewide cooperative effort focused on the collections of library, museum and archival organizations. Mentors will receive training in collections and emergency preparedness, then provide information and assistance to organizations in your region.

You could become a mentor and help others preserve important collections in their communities.



### ***Mentors are people:***

- ✓ Willing to approach training and organizations without judgment and with encouragement.
- ✓ With strong communication skills.
- ✓ Impelled to learn the latest best practices through training offered by MentorCorps partners and national heritage and emergency response organizations.
- ✓ Experienced in collections care and management, and/or emergency preparedness and response.
- ✓ Excited to help others learn.



### ***Mentors will:***

- ✓ Attend free trainings in collections care, disaster preparedness and adult education; and attend the Oregon Heritage Conference without charge.
- ✓ Offer basic training in collections care to archives, libraries and museums.
- ✓ Build regional relationships and initiate networking among museums, archives, libraries and emergency responders.
- ✓ Provide onsite training, and one-on-one or phone consultations.
- ✓ Communicate regularly with other mentors.

### ***How do I apply to be a Mentor?***

Complete the application form available at [www.oregonheritage.org](http://www.oregonheritage.org) and return it by **January 15, 2013**.

Funded in part by a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Oregon Heritage Commission is managing the IMLS grant. Members of the Northwest Archivists, the Oregon Historical Society, the Oregon Library Association, the Oregon State Library, the Oregon State Archives, Tamástslikt Cultural Institute, and Oregon Heritage created the project.

### ***Do I need to be a collections or disaster expert to be a Mentor?***

No. All you need is to have some experience caring for or managing a heritage collection or in emergency preparedness. A passion for Oregon is helpful.

### ***What training will I receive as a Mentor?***

Mentors will be required to attend six days of training. Two-day trainings on collections care and emergency preparedness will take place in your region during spring and fall 2013. In addition, all mentors will attend a two-day adult education training in Salem in the summer of 2013.

### ***Will I receive compensation?***

Yes, mentors will receive a small honorarium and reimbursement for some expenses as a mentor. In addition, the program will provide travel expenses to attend the trainings.

### ***Is there a full description of what Mentors will do?***

Yes, follow the link to the MentorCorps from [www.oregonheritage.org](http://www.oregonheritage.org) You can also call project director Kyle Jansson at 503-986-0673 or email him at [kyle.jansson@state.or.us](mailto:kyle.jansson@state.or.us).