



Letters to Libraries Online: News from the State Library of Oregon
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State Library News

Are You Ready? 2020 Census rollout starts March 12



WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL	
On or between	You'll receive:
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
March 16-24	A reminder letter.
	If you haven't responded yet:
March 26-April 3	A reminder postcard.
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

Oregon will likely receive a 6th Congressional District if there is full participation in the 2020 Census. This means more representation at the federal level and potentially more resources allocated to Oregon, including those provided by the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Providing support for Census participation is one way libraries can help assure Oregon gets the federal representation and resources it deserves.

Oregon households will start receiving invitations to participate in the 2020 Census on March 12. With the new option to fill out the form online, libraries will be on the front lines to answer questions. Now is a great time to review some of the support resources available.

[Responding to the Census](#) – this ALA-produced one page flyer summarizes the timeline and ways to respond and where to go to seek further support for language assistance.

[Video Guide to Completing the 2020 Census Online](#) (videos in [other languages](#) are also available)

[Oregon 2020 Census Communications Toolkit](#) – Oregon- specific graphics and messaging to use with local social media campaigns

[#WeCountOregon](#) – promotional resources tailored to specific hard-to-count communities

For more information, see the [Census 2020 Resources for Oregon Libraries](#) or contact Arlene Weible, arlene.weible@state.or.us or 503-378-5020.

Library Support and Development Services

Niche Academy is back!



The State Library is happy to announce that Niche Academy is back! Currently there are two different "academies" available for your online learning pleasure:

- [Library Staff Training](#): **Tutorials for staff training** in areas such as ethics, public service, reference, and technology. (Note: many of these tutorials have been developed by other libraries, so feel free to let us know if some of them don't seem applicable to Oregon library staff.)
- [Library Research](#): **Patron-focused tutorials** for common library products (like OverDrive and Mango Languages) as well as tutorials on research essentials. These tutorials can be [embedded on your library's website](#) and also used for staff training.

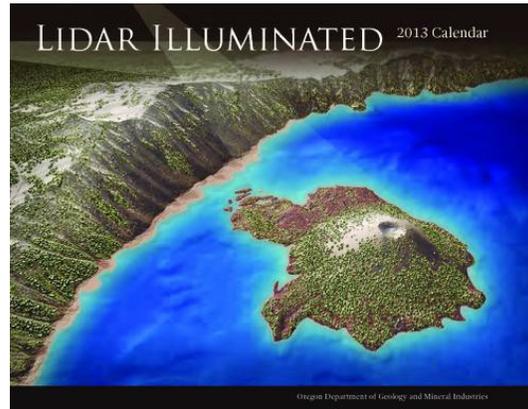
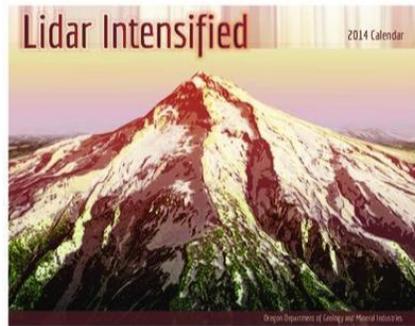
Stay tuned for updates and more information in the coming months!

For more online continuing education resources, please visit the State Library's web page: <http://bit.ly/OregonCE>

Question or concerns? Please contact Darci Hanning (darci.hanning@state.or.us)

Government Information and Library Services

State Government Agency Calendars



It's leap year, so calendars are on our minds. You might think that the only calendars published by state government agencies are things like [Executive Appointments Journal](#) and [Calendar of the Senate](#), which describes legislative action. But state agencies have also published a number of wall calendars.

The Department of Human Services used student art for its [Problem Gambling Awareness Calendar](#).

The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries used a remote sensing technique called LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) to produce these [unusual views of Oregon landscapes](#).

If you're a fan of backyard chickens, you'll enjoy [this poultry calendar](#) from the Department of Agriculture.

The most unusual state agency calendar in our collection was published in 1919 by the State Industrial Accident Commission. [The World's Greatest Change Taker](#) is World War I-era propaganda, using Kaiser Wilhelm as a sometimes macabre example of an unsafe employee. (This calendar was designed by the National Safety Council). Please note that some images contain cartoon violence.

All of these items are part of the [Oregon Government Publications](#) digital collection.

Oregon Flora painting by Charlotte Mish Loaned to the Tacoma Art Museum



The State Library's beloved painting, "Oregon Flora" by Portland artist Charlotte Mish is on loan to the Tacoma Art Museum from February 22 through August 16. It is part of the exhibit, *Forgotten Stories: Northwest Public Art of the 1930s*, which features art from Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington created by federal arts projects artists sponsored by the WPA as a part of the New Deal. Mish, who created a number of murals for the Oregon Art Project, based the flowers depicted in *Oregon Flora* on botanical

illustrations by Helen Gilkey. The painting had recently been in storage awaiting renovations to the State Library's meeting rooms. It has been on long-term loan from the federal government since 1942.

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