

Oregon Public Library Statistical Report (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

Appendix 1: Qualitative Narratives about library accomplishments

Responses to the prompt, “Tell us something at your library you’re proud of during this period.” Optional, free-text question.

LIBID	Library	County	Library district or tax-supported cooperative	Accomplishments narrative
OR9010	Aloha Community Library	Washington	WCCLS	As one of the only community institutions in our unincorporated area, our small staff continues to assess how to best serve our neighbors. We are committed to creatively meeting patrons' basic needs, in addition to their information and technology needs. We are situated between two large cities with many services that do not extend into our community. Our efforts include two years of school supply drives followed by free stores for families to pick out what they need, serving over 120 children each year; a warm clothing drive for adults last fall, followed by a free store that was open for two weeks and served over 100 people who needed clothes, blankets, and more; free period products, hygiene supplies, and community resources in our restrooms; and an ongoing food collection container benefitting the food pantry up the street. We have more open hours than the volunteer-run food pantry, so we serve as a drop off for community members who want to donate but can't make it to the pantry within their restricted hours. We are proud to serve our community in these ways on top of providing traditional library services.
OR0002	Amity Public Library	Yamhill	CCRLS	Amity Public Library's two staff members managed to handle everything that came their way, and received rave reviews from patrons.

OR0013	Arlington Public Library	Gilliam	NONE	<p>Arlington Oregon is a small town on the Columbia River with a population of over 600. The town was relocated by the Corp of Engineers in the 1960's when the John Day Dam was built on the Columbia River. The main downtown area was torn down, burned or moved to higher ground, if possible. Most of the homes were moved in the process of preparing for the water that would be backed up into the historic downtown of Arlington. Buildings were built to accommodate the few business that chose to remain in the community. Although parks and recreational areas were added with access to the Columbia River, it has taken years for this small town to recover and grow.</p> <p>In 2009, the library was expanded into the entire lower level of the Arlington Municipal Building. The library has been supported financially by the City of Arlington and Gilliam County for close to 50 years.</p> <p>The community is very proud of the library and the services provided to the residents and our visitors. The library is a welcoming space with an expanding collection tailored to our community, along with photographs of our history throughout the library. The community is proud to share the history of our small town and the county.</p>
OR0023	Astoria Public Library	Clatsop	NONE	<p>In Summer 2021, Youth Librarian Suzanne Harold took Summer Reading out to local free lunch sites and a weekly fresh produce food bank. She distributed 262 take and make kits, and 367 high-interest books to youth of all ages, targeting those most vulnerable during Covid closures and restrictions.</p>
OR0046	Baker County Library District	Baker	NONE	<p>In June 2022, we launched an outdoor public phone booth with free call services to the US and Canada using a VOIP subscription. It has been celebrated by the community and is reportedly useful for a variety of needs, such as children contacting parents, transportation arrangements, managing personal business, and even occasional 911 calls.</p>
OR0058	Bandon Public Library	Coos	CCLSD	<p>Bandon Library staff have done an amazing job serving the public while navigating Covid-19 restrictions and being short staffed and without a library director for several months during 2021. In 2022 as Covid-19 cases declined, the library was able to fully reopen and provide programs once again. As a new director coming in January 2022, I was impressed with how the staff had handled a very challenging time.</p>

OR0138	Banks Public Library	Washington	WCCLS	<p>We were able to restore all in-person programming and our attendance was very strong, especially because some neighboring libraries had not yet started in-person events. As part of our Homesteading Program, word about our Community Garden and Seed Library continued to spread. We gave away nearly 1,850 packets of seeds and lots of organic produce. The basket of produce on the service desk was often supplemented by items from our patrons' gardens as well! The 2021 summer reading program, especially our Camp Big Read (for grades 1-3, especially readers needing extra help), was a great success. This was, in part, due to a grant which enabled us to provide really high-quality art supplies and books to read during camp and give away and also the partnership with our local elementary school.</p> <p>The Dramatic Play Kits, created by WCCLS Youth Services staff using Ready to Read funds, are a huge hit with the kids. These kits, which may be reserved for use by member libraries and rotate on a monthly basis, have provided hours of learning and entertainment for our younger patrons. The contents of the kits provide activities for a broad range of ages and abilities. This is a great example of how centrally funded Early Learning projects can benefit a broader range of users than what the individual WCCLS member libraries could do with that same amount of funding when divided among those libraries. And we are proud to have been one of the first libraries to be able to introduce these kits to our young visitors when they were made available in January 2022!</p>
OR9011	C. Giles Hunt Memorial Library	Douglas	NONE	<p>We are extremely proud of the dedication and heart of our volunteers. This is a volunteer-led library that continues to provide excellent service to an increasing population of in person and electronic Library2Go users. We are the only public library in our county providing these services to any county resident at no charge.</p>
OR0110	Canby Public Library	Clackamas	LINCC	<p>Canby Public Library is especially proud of the fact that we've been able to transition from pandemic related services to a fully operational public library once again. It's been a challenging few years, however, as of the last fiscal year, things have largely returned to normal at the library.</p>
OR0128	Cedar Mill Community Library	Washington	WCCLS	<p>While working to establish more normal services as the pandemic eased, we also put a lot of energy into outreach to underserved in our community. We extended service to 10 Daycare sites that speak languages other than English, set up a satellite library in a subsidized housing complex, made</p>

				dozens of visits to schools and community groups and promoted the library using direct mail.
OR0107	Chetco Community Public Library	Curry	NONE	I am so, so proud of my staff: Kat, Phil, Lorene, Erik, Carla, Linda, Patti, Evelyn, Charley, Kim, Tony, Ryan, Alice, and Makeala. The incredible amount of work that each and every employee put into serving our community during this past year was nothing short of amazing. In June of 2021 we began a complete interior renovation of our 16,660 square foot library. We closed for 2 weeks and completely moved our collection to other spaces and transferred operations across the street to our Annex, which is a small converted house of about 1,200 square feet. We then ran a full-service mini library out of the Annex for 10 months, still offering computers, full access to our collection, summer reading programs for all ages, tech help, weekly programming, tons of take-home activities, and more. Our staff carried all of this out under the skilled supervision of Assistant Director Katlyn Liddell, who stayed on top of it all and kept the day-to-day going while I was occupied with renovation work. Then the staff put everything back in place in our newly renovated library, and we reopened on May 2, 2022. These amazing people labored hard, had incredible patience, rolled with the constant changes, embraced the smaller space, contributed meaningful and thoughtful ideas then implemented them, and consistently served their community with both professionalism and warmth. I am so, so proud to be their Director.
OR0116	Coquille Public Library	Coos	CCLSD	Become the director of the Coquille Public Library, purchased a recently vacated bank building to renovate for our new location, hired an architecture firm, gave raises to all staff.

OR0118	Cornelius Public Library	Washington	WCCLS	<p>Cornelius Public Library has the largest physical collection of Spanish language books in WCCLS. A total of 8,607 SP materials. That is also more than any other Oregon library location!</p> <p>We had 114,253 total checkouts for the FY 2021-22! That is the highest # of checkouts in our history.</p> <p>Had the highest amount of library card signs up ever. 867 library card sign ups.</p> <p>The library was gifted a special collection of books celebrating Mexico's 200th anniversary. The Mexican Embassy only gave this collection to two libraries, Cornelius and the Library of Congress.</p> <p>The library purchased a used transit van that will be used as our first ever bookmobile! The goal is to bring more books, materials, activities, and resources to our community out of the library.</p> <p>During library card sign-up month in September 2021, the Library publicity team mobilized resources to create and send postcards inviting over 5,000 residents to visit the library. This year the library increased accounts by 17% to 6,386 individuals and households. Pretty impressive for a town of 3,400 households!</p>
OR0119	Corvallis-Benton County Public Library	Benton	NONE	<p>We provided over 46,000 individual deliveries to community members throughout our entire service district during this past fiscal year. We did this in addition to reopening our buildings and service hours to their full, pre-pandemic levels with only .5FTE more than previous years (authorized, it has not yet been actualized). We continue to receive amazing feedback from our community about this service. I'm not certain, but I don't know if there are many libraries throughout the nation providing such robust delivery services!</p>
OR0120	Cottage Grove Public Library	Lane	NONE	<p>In the past year, I have hired a brand new staff, trained them and we have created more programs that serve our local population than we had before the COVID-19 pandemic began. I continually get feedback that my staff are helpful, kind and easy to talk to. Their enthusiasm has helped us reshape what our library services look like and how our unique skillsets from other fields can benefit library services. We have started a seed exchange, worked with organizations to help get books, information and resources into hands, and our patrons and visitors have meaningful positive experiences here. It feels good to be able to make simple changes that have such a widespread effect on our community.</p>

OR0065	Crook County Library	Crook	NONE	I'm so proud of how we rebounded from the worst of the pandemic. Our librarians emerged from the "take and make" era with renewed excitement for in-person programming and we had a lot of success based on attendance. While we're still working to get back to "old" circulation numbers, our circ and building visits have been on a steady increase.
OR0048	Dora Public Library	Coos	CCLSD	We are thrilled to be a safe place for everyone in our community to gather, communicate, learn, receive information, and have access to library materials from two counties. During this past year, our patrons have demonstrated how much they appreciate that we can be here for them in what has been a difficult time for many. Our wireless access, which is always on, serves not only our community but visitors who find they have no cell reception. To most that seems like a small thing, but cell reception is almost non-existent in our area and reliable high speed Internet is either not available or financially out of the reach of many our neighbors.
OR0094	Emma Humphrey Library	Malheur	NONE	I started a story time program that has increased from 10 participants to an average of 30.
OR0132	Enterprise City Library	Wallowa	NONE	We are very proud that once the mask mandate was lifted, we saw a record setting increase in circulation!
OR0004	Estacada Public Library	Clackamas	LINCC	Applying for and receiving an ARPA Grant to purchase our mobile library. We love how it turned out and are already taking it to events. We're currently seeking an outreach librarian (open job posting) and are excited to do more with our mobile library.

OR0005	Eugene Public Library	Lane	NONE	<p>Despite the challenges, the Eugene Public Library has managed to make a number of noteworthy achievements this last year. Thru the lens of advancing equity, inclusion, and access in our community, EPL went totally fine free on May 1st of this year. As studies show, overdue fines disproportionately affect lower socioeconomic as well as BIPOC populations, not to mention creating negative library experiences for both patrons and staff. I am happy to share that 140 patrons who were blocked by fines and hadn't come to the library since before the pandemic came back to our Library in the first month and more than 450 folks returned from May 1st thru August 31st.</p> <p>Another terrific success story for EPL has been our Library of Things. While this collection featured board games, puppets, and other non-traditional items for circulation before, the pandemic ushered in whole other level of things. Since our Makerspace area was not available during COVID-19 restrictions, we decided to offer whichever items were at all portable, such as sewing machines, button makers, and slide converters. These proved to be immensely popular, and we set out to make our pilot program a permanent one based on community interest. Our Foundation swung into action, raising \$50,000 to make this expansion into a reality. We are now proud to say that the Library of Things is a thriving circulation category—in fact, we can't keep these items on our shelves. It's good for our community in a number of ways, access to new experiences and opportunities, less environmental impact by the sharing economy, and helping save folks money by borrowing rather than buying. This builds on our HotSpots program, where we were able to purchase 500 Hotspots, thanks to our fabulous Library Foundation. 250 of these went into circulation and were immediately very much in demand and continue to have wait lists. The remaining 250 were earmarked for social agencies in our community that serve our vulnerable populations. The feedback from this service is overwhelmingly positive, with many success stories that keep on coming. Finally, I am proud to say that we went to full hours of operation in November of 2021. It was a rough path to resuming our normal hours, considering the ups and downs of keeping library services going throughout a global pandemic and its ever-changing restrictions and mandates, along with unprecedented hiring and staffing issues. We are proud we were able to find a way to get back to our pre-pandemic hours and levels of access to all the wonderful resources our library has to offer on November 1st, 2021.</p>
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OR0009	Forest Grove City Library	Washington	WCCLS	<p>This last year we are especially proud of the all the good things happening for our teens. We have a new Teen Librarian, Lily Hawley, who has increased our Teen Library Council to 27 members!</p> <p>The TLC meets twice each month and plans activities, programs, and displays.</p> <p>Also, this year we created a new Teen Space which has been in the works for several years. The City provided ARPA funds which will be used to design and build the partition around the new space.</p> <p>The Library Foundation provided the funding for new shelving and furniture.</p>
OR0010	Fossil Public Library	Wheeler	NONE	<p>We've had a great year! Primarily due to generous grants received primarily through the State Library of Oregon from the American Rescue Plan Act Grant, we have increased and improved the resources we provide for our patrons. We have added two computers, computer table, worktables and other items we didn't have. We provided both Spray and Mitchell with early child reading books, bookshelves, cd player, puppet stage, a complete curriculum for Early Child Summer Reading programs. The data coming back from these two programs has been impressive Across the board parents in these small rural groups increased the number of times they read with their children, sang with their children, played with their children, and the number of books they read to their children!</p>
OR0139	Garden Home Community Library	Washington	WCCLS	<p>Even with our right-sized, COVID era hours, our circulation continues to climb steadily, hitting 200,000 for the first time in FY 2021-22. I attribute this first and foremost to our welcoming space and friendly, knowledgeable staff. Many of our patrons know and trust us, so they're game to try our suggestions and just enjoy visiting the library. In addition, our collection is regularly refreshed and weeded to make space for new titles, and we market our collection with face-out and topical displays, Staff Picks, staff-created lists, virtual browsing, book club, and readers advisory at the desk. Finally, our super-efficient check in of returns and pulling of holds keep materials moving. Despite the many challenges presented by the pandemic, I'm proud that we have been so successful in fulfilling our core mission to connect our community with books and more!</p>
OR0024	Grant County Library	Grant	NONE	<p>Grant County library used the State mini grant to purchase a computer with Brainfuse/Jobnow on it and three patrons have new employment because they used Jobnow to do a resume. We also applied for ARPA money from the state library and bought new media tables, you can plug in your</p>

				computer into. They have been a big success usage has increased exponentially. We also increased the sitting area outside of the building so more patrons can use the WIFI after regular hours.
OR0109	Harney County Library	Harney	NONE	We began a partnership with the Harney County Historical Society, funded by grants including LSTA, to catalog our collections into a combined online database. The Western Room in the library collects oral, family and other community history, mostly paper. The museum collects community artifacts. Combined, these two collections tell the story of Harney County from the beginning but they have only been accessible in person. The ability to search online will broaden access to this history. Our website is available here: https://harneycountylibrary.catalogaccess.com/home
OR0064	Hazel M. Lewis Library	Coos	CCLSD	We were able to stay opened most of the year and had in-person programming! We were so able to hire a new Children's Librarian who has been a great asset to our community & the Library. She is Awesome! Our Friends Group was planning to disband due to a lack of members and we were able to find new members to take over!
OR0016	Helix Public Library	Umatilla	UCSLD	I created a space for a "Library of Things" and now have lots of things to offer to my community, including two kayaks! This weekend there is a community Halloween party and I will be lending a Bingo set, crawling tubes for kids, a bowling set and a cornhole game for the event. I am proud that I can be of service and offer things for free for my community. The other thing I am proud of is that I applied for the Teen Service Grant and had a great turnout for the programs I put together until I got Covid and wasn't able to follow through with the remaining scheduled events. Regardless, we had a couple of really awesome programs that the teens enjoyed and were able to reconnect after a couple of grim years for them. I'm proud that I was able to provide something positive for them. Some of the things I purchased through the grant are now available for check out in my "Library of Things".

OR0019	Hillsboro Public Library	Washington	WCCLS	<p>Over the last fiscal year, there was a lot to be proud of at our libraries. We reinstated so many of our services that were either limited, or on pause during the height of the pandemic: our live in-person programs, our study and meeting rooms, our full-regular hours, and even expanded hours for a cooling center. As part of the Washington County Cooperative Library Services, we now offer auto-renewal service for all our borrowers. Among all of these accomplishments and recovery progress to full service we also had an exciting development and beautification of our Brookwood location:</p> <p>New Installation Transforms Elevator Doors into Art</p> <p>Following the warm reception of William Hernandez’s Bridge of Love on the elevator doors on the first floor of the Hillsboro Civic Center last year, the City of Hillsboro invited artists to submit concepts for two additional sets of elevators with a goal of making our civic spaces more welcoming to our diverse community. At Brookwood Library, artist Addie Boswell was selected to create two pieces of artwork reflecting our community – Read to Grow and Learn to Dream.</p> <p>Addie Boswell is an artist and writer specializing in murals and picture books that focus on family, community, and the creative power of children. As a visiting artist at schools, libraries, and community programs around the Northwest, she knows that creativity can empower and improve the lives of every age. According to Boswell, “There is...extraordinariness in ordinary life, and there is always a story to tell. The stories I find myself returning to are about family, shared work, growth, the seasons, and a sense of community or place.”</p> <p>Originally an oil painter and printmaker, she is drawn to the spirit of recycled and street art. Boswell has a strong practical bent that wants creativity to be “useful.” She said, “These are the reasons I gravitate to public art and picture books, both of which make art accessible—imperative really—to everyday life. Both forms allow me to meet people of all ages and backgrounds and chase ideas through place and time.” Boswell creates the characters in her work by sketching from real life, but with the Brookwood Library closed to regular operations this past year, she worked from photos of past Library visitors and events provided by staff. Her designs included Library patrons of all ages engaging in a variety of activities—playing a game, browsing the stacks, watching a dog (perhaps there for Reading to the Dogs program), listening to music, and, of course, curling up with a good book. Boswell stated, “The designs for "Read" and "Dream" are based on the Brookwood Library building, its patrons, and all forms of learning and</p>
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				<p>community that happen within its doors. Bright colors and repeated circles attempt to capture the magic-- and constant possibility-- that we get from books.”</p> <p>Boswell built a moment of discovery into her designs—and a challenge for library patrons. She visited the library to observe the elevator doors opening and closing and hid a “secret message” in her artwork that can only be seen for a moment when the doors are in motion. There is a different message on each floor, so she hopes you will take time to find them both as you explore the Library.</p>
OR0144	Hood River County Library District	Hood River	NONE	<p>We are proud that our community donated \$184,000 to purchase a new Bookmobile. We are proud and grateful the State Library of Oregon issued a \$75,000 grant for our Bookmobile which allowed us to purchase all the items we need for our Bookmobile.</p>
OR0041	Jackson County Library Services	Jackson	NONE	<p>JCLD approved a new 2022-2026 Strategic Plan. https://jcls.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/JCLD_2022StrategicPlan_D8.pdf</p> <p>The District Board voted to extend library service hours by 30% by the end of FY23.</p>
OR0026	Junction City Public Library	Lane	NONE	<p>We conducted a Community Survey that received 187 responses. It was open to Junction City and patrons/residents from neighboring cities about library resources and to assess patron needs as we emerged from three years of Covid restrictions. We found patrons were most appreciative of our staff and the assistance we provide, the easy access to our computers and Wi-Fi, and though we were just getting back into programming they were excited about what had been provided and future possibilities. We gained valuable insight on current and future patrons and that our community was looking forward to coming back to the library.</p>

OR0027	Klamath County Library Service District	Klamath	NONE	<p>The Klamath County Library Service District had a very good year. We managed to keep all our services available and our staff and patrons safe during the Covid-19 pandemic. Our circulations statistics are almost back to normal and we are seeing a lot of new patrons coming through our doors. In the past year Klamath County Library has enjoyed several major improvements at the Main library:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We added an outdoor deck accessible from the library. The deck was funded by the Klamath County Library Foundation. The Foundation had been fundraising for 6 years and we finalized the project in June 2022. We added containers with flowers and plenty of outdoor furniture. Our patrons can spend time outside while using library resources and, in the future, the local garden club will be offering hands-on classes. It is a welcome addition to the space and we received a lot of positive feed-back from our patrons. • We also added a new staff restroom that is ADA accessible. • We added a TV, game consoles, and lockers to our teen room. We also revamped the way we display the collection: It is becoming quite the hub for our high-school crowd. <p>All the Klamath County libraries had a great Summer Reading Program. All the programs were held outside. The weather cooperated and we had a record number of attendees. The circulation of children materials is up to pre-covid numbers.</p> <p>We added a lot of materials to our Library of Things and it is becoming quite popular. Our study and meeting rooms are used on a daily basis.</p> <p>The Klamath County Library is still co-sponsoring the Dolly Parton Imagination library with the Friends of the Klamath County Library. We have exceeded our goal of 1,250. As of September 2022, we have 1,790 children active in the program.</p> <p>We are very pleased to report that as a result of the support of the Advisory Board we didn't have any incidents in spite of the book challenges we experienced last fiscal year. We have a very strong Advisory Board that support the Freedom to Read and is willing to take a stand when needed.</p>
OR0029	Lake Oswego Public Library	Clackamas	LINCC	<p>We re-opened the library in March of 2021 - there were no building closures during this fiscal year FY 21-22</p>

OR0030	Lakeside Public Library	Coos	CCLSD	<p>Our library has continued to serve the community of Lakeside during some very stressful times. We've added a community engagement specialist, who serves some of our underserved community members and added man programs for adults.</p> <p>We have continued to create a warm welcoming place for community members to enjoy, offered programming geared to help those in need or those wishing to enrich their lives.</p> <p>Continued our work with children through story times and make and takes. We were only closed 1 week during this fiscal year, due to a COVID exposure. We have maintained the same staff through it all!!</p> <p>Our library improved our curb appeal this year. We have a painted the outside, added a new beautiful sign, new windows, a gorgeous flower bed and hired a mural artist who painted around our entrance.</p> <p>We are all so proud of what we've been able to accomplish in 2021-22!!</p>
OR0033	Lebanon Public Library	Linn	NONE	<p>We've been working hard to insure equity of access, especially for children. In fiscal year 2021-22, we began offering a limited access no-cost student card for students who are 18 and under and live outside city limits, but within the boundaries of the Lebanon School District. (As a city-funded library, those who reside outside city limits are normally charged an annual fee that is prohibitive for many families.) The limited access card allows children to check out up to 5 items (books/magazines/audiobooks) and includes access to Library2Go and other online resources.</p> <p>Additionally, we went fine-free for children's materials this year.</p>
OR9012	Lower Umpqua Library District	Douglas	NONE	<p>We are proud of the virtual storytimes that we created and how much patrons utilized them. We are also proud that our circulation statistics increased.</p>
OR0036	Lyons Public Library	Linn	CCRLS	<p>The library did not lose staff hours or open days due to Covid-19</p>
OR0122	Mary Gilkey Public Library	Yamhill	CCRLS	<p>We're proud of our lockers! We only have six, and our system is very low-tech, but the lockers are constantly full and patrons love that they can get their items 24 hours a day in our little town.</p>
OR0042	Milton-Freewater Public Library	Umatilla	UCSLD	<p>It's been amazing to back open to the public since June 2021. It's interesting to see how the needs of the community has changed, less need for public access computers, more demand for take-home art kits (for adults and children), in-person program has been a little slow to increase, but it steadily is. I am more grateful for what we can provide to the people in our</p>

				community, nothing like a pandemic shutting our doors for 18 months to really appreciate what we do for community!
OR0044	Molalla Public Library	Clackamas	LINCC	I am so incredibly proud of the Molalla Library staff! They stepped up during Covid and provided incredible service to our community. Everyone took precautions, stayed safe, and worked hard. The programming team was, and is, creative in their programs and careful when starting in person programming. They have truly raised the bar for excellence and service. The circulation staff is the face of the library and they have been diligent as our front line ambassadors. I also give credit to our City Manager and City Council for recognizing the library staff's efforts to serve and the support they showed by using City ARPA funds to purchase a bookmobile van to improve our outreach. On a side note, the library was closed longer due to the wildfires in our area as opposed to Covid!
OR0045	Monmouth Public Library	Polk	CCRLS	We extended the Curbside Pick-up option indefinitely this past year. This is a significant benefit for those with mobility issues as well as patrons with health concerns, children in the car, etc. to be able to pick up library materials. It also is another way to connect personally with patrons who receive this service when materials are handed off.
OR0047	Mt. Angel Public Library	Marion	CCRLS	The City Council voted in May 2022 to go fine free! We are in year two (of four) of the STEAM Equity Grant from the American Library Association, the library offered STEAM programming, created Exploration Spaces, hosted the Somos Super Creativ@s/We're Super Creative Exhibit (Feb.-May), and assembled STEM kits for checkout. We added 8 Launchpads to the collection. We installed after hours holds lockers.
OR0051	Newport Public Library	Lincoln	LCLD	The Newport Public Library continued to find ways to innovate and serve our community through challenging times. We successfully completed a 3 year Library Strategic Plan, traveled to Guadalajara to select and purchase Spanish-language materials from the FIL, received a number of grants to support library programs, technology, and more. We also saw the return of in-person programming and continued to develop community partnerships. We launched a Cultural Pass with the Oregon Coast Aquarium, expanded our Library of Things selection of materials, reinstated library positions that

				were eliminated due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and partnered with the Lincoln County Harm Reduction Department to provide naloxone kits, condoms, lube, and other hygiene products. We also distributed COVID-19 Rapid Tests to the community. We are getting ready to launch a Curiosity Cabinet with a mini food pantry to help with reducing food insecurity. We are also developing our outdoor spaces. The Newport Public Library continues to adapt and expand services to meet the evolving community needs.
OR0141	North Plains Public Library	Washington	WCCLS	Our library was a bright spot in the community during this second year of the pandemic focused on ways to support students and foster community connection. We were recognized by the city with a budget increase to add a full-time librarian to our staff who started in September 2021. In early summer 2022, we published a new strategic plan created with the kind assistance of Darci Hanning. The new plan is available on our website at https://www.northplains.org/library/page/library-strategic-plan .
OR9005	North Powder City Library	Union	NONE	We have been able to completely clean out the inside of the library, after receiving access to another storage space. It has been very cluttered in here form years past. This has brought in more patrons, they love a nice clean, roomy library to enjoy! We are also working with the city in looking at a new space to renovate for a larger newer library space. We are so excited for this project.
OR0053	Nyssa Public Library	Malheur	NONE	We were really excited about the Summer Reading program this last year. We went all out and decorated. We had an ocean area, forest area, and desert area. Then we had a bulletin board with those areas also and the readers had a hiker character with their face (photo) that they used to read along the path to camp. It was a fun year. The readers did really well. Reluctant readers, we needed a little more work on getting them motivated. We also had a fun ending party with hot dogs and games and lots of prizes. It was a fun theme and we were happy to get back to "normal" after the covid restrictions.
OR0054	Oakridge Public Library	Lane	NONE	We are proud that we have been able to stay open during a serious city budget crisis. Also, many thanks for our volunteers without which we would not be open at all!
OR0135	Oregon Trail Library District	Morrow	NONE	Oregon Trail Library District is very proud to offer WiFi Hotspots for circulation. Adding this to the 24 hour every day of the year WiFi access outside of our branches is important for our patrons.

OR0062	Port Orford Public Library	Curry	NONE	The number of community connections we were able to make in the last year has been astounding. With the pandemic affecting every aspect of life organizations that normally don't think about partnering with the library have suddenly realized that we can help them with their mission. Our library has gone from partnering with our school and local SCREL to adding partnerships with our local municipality, electrical co-op, food co-op, and health center. We are excited about the new possibilities these partnerships will bring.
OR9014	Roseburg Public Library	Douglas	NONE	Roseburg Public Library received grant funding in summer 2021 to purchase a van that was wrapped with a design modeled after the library's new mural and logo. The van has allowed staff to significantly increase outreach in the greater Roseburg community.
OR0069	Salem Public Library	Marion	CCRLS	Salem Public Library welcomed the patrons back to our newly renovated Main Library in October 2021. We were able to restart in-person programming in May and have been out in the Community several times throughout the year. We started our strategic planning process which will help guide the next five years of services. Our Teen Advisory Board started a Take What You Need program with support of the Library Advisory Board. Through this project supplies such as hand sanitizer, gloves, toothpaste and other essentials are available in public bathrooms free of charge,

OR0072	Scappoose Public Library District	Columbia	NONE	<p>Scappoose Public Library is especially proud of a couple of things this year. The first thing is the amount of self-directed activities staff planned for children and adults. Covid curtailed the number of in person activities we could have, so we started doing activities people could take from the porch of the library. For nearly the entire year, staff created activity kits for children and made between 50 and 100 kits a week on different STEAM themes. The kits were usually all taken within two days. Due to the popularity of the children's kits, we started creating kits for adults too. These activities are a testament to the creativity and quality of our library staff.</p> <p>Another thing we are very proud of is the new Scappoose mural on the side of the library. Scappoose City government had wanted to have a mural on City Hall for the Scappoose Centennial in 2021, but was unable to create a workable plan and design. We worked with the Oregon Community Foundation, Tumblewheel Studios (a local husband and wife team of art educators), and local high school students to create a mural on the side of the library. Because we are a special district and own our building, we can produce our own projects on our building. We found a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation for summer activities for students to pay for the mural. Tumblewheel Studios created the curriculum and worked with Scappoose students to design, create, and make the mural. Over several weeks, Scappoose high school students designed and painted the mural. Each student was given a letter in Scappoose to create, illustrate, and paint. The mural was completed just in time for the Scappoose Centennial. It was an excellent summer project for high schoolers and showed pride in community.</p>
OR0074	Seaside Public Library	Clatsop	NONE	<p>During the peak of covid for the last 2 years, we only closed our doors to the public for 12 weeks. 8 of those weeks we offered curbside checkout services. Staff are hardworking and overachieving here at the Seaside Library. We pride ourselves on being connected to our community.</p>
OR9003	Sherman County Public/School Library	Sherman	NONE	<p>We are proud that we managed to pull together our summer reading program with a staff of only two and the help of three community members/volunteers. This was the first big event we had after all of the restrictions from COVID were lifted and the turnout was GREAT!</p>
OR0133	Sherwood Public Library	Washington	WCCLS	<p>We launched a new strategic planning process with a renewed focus on community engagement, building relationships, and inclusive representation from our community and stakeholders. It's a new model we've developed</p>

				with varied input and consideration to elevate voices and increase participation. It's also iterative and scalable for our small staff. I'm thrilled to see it starting to take shape! See https://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/library/strategic-plan .
OR0008	Siuslaw Public Library District	Lane	NONE	Over the course of the pandemic, library staff and volunteers were nevertheless able to create a Siuslaw Public Library Foundation which now houses more than \$650,000 in funds to ensure the future of the library district!
OR0038	Southern Wasco County Library	Wasco	WCLSD	We are proud of our new building that opened in 2020, but then had to go to limited use during covid. We reopened to the public in the summer of 2021 and kept the doors open. We also reintroduced in person programming in safe and healthy ways. We are a small rural library but we do a lot of programming and the community loves it. We are also proud to be exploring new library trends like our new Library of Things collection.
OR0079	Springfield Public Library	Lane	NONE	<p>During 2022 the Springfield Public Library has done many things of note. One decision we made was a bit of a hard one, but because we are trying to keep staff well-being in the forefront of all we do, we reduced our open hours from 52 hours a week to 43. Because we are not funded at a level that allows us to be sufficiently staffed to support the 53 hours, this was causing a lot of stress for staff. With the restructure of the hours, we are able to provide all staff with a true “weekend” (read as two consecutive days off) each week. This goes a long way in helping staff be refreshed and ready to address the community’s needs when they are at work.</p> <p>SAfER Award: April 2022, the Springfield Public Library received a distinguished Human Rights Leadership Award from the Springfield Alliance for Equity and Respect (SAfER) for their service to the community, especially to community members who are often underserved. This award was part of the Dolores Huerta/Cesar Chavez commemoration.</p> <p>The Library was selected for this award for their extensive work to support all members of the Springfield community. The Library has initiated numerous activities that support the Latinx community, and they work to educate and enrich the larger population of Springfield. Among these events are Día de los Muertos, Día de los Niños/Libros, and bilingual story time. They have also sponsored entertaining presentations by bilingual authors. Library staff have worked as active partners with the Huerta/Chavez Celebration for several years, generously contributing both human and financial resources to the event.</p>

				<p>Library Staff works hard to include and provide a welcoming environment for everyone in our community. We have been conducting diversity audits on our collections, creating displays that represent our community as well as cultures and peoples of the world. We have historically had large and well-attended Día de los Niños and Día de los Muertos celebrations. This past Summer we also focused on representation in our Plaza Programs series entitled Springfield Welcomes the World. Every Wednesday from June through August hundreds of families gathered on the plaza to be entertained by and learn from a wide variety of performers including: Bollywood Bhangra with DJ Prashant, Vikki Gasko-Green: Magical Bilingual Ventriloquist, Son de Cuba, Mhondro musical group, Dancevbiity, Eugene Taiko, Kutsinnhira Cultural Arts Center: Bubbles and Marimba. and more. 2665 people attended the 14 events.</p> <p>Springfield A to Z, Springfield de la A a la Z: the library and history museum published their first book!</p> <p>The library and history museum created a bilingual alphabet book all about Springfield and rural east Lane County, full of submissions from a community art contest held for all ages intermixed with historic photos and information about the topics covered. Featured artists autographed books in July. Sales go to support the library and history museum and the book is being sold by the Friends of the Springfield Library for \$19.95; visit their online store at https://friends-of-the-springfield-public-library-inc.square.site/. The book is also available to check out from the library. The book was created with funds from our support groups: the Friends of the Springfield Library and the Springfield Library Foundation.</p> <p>Fine Free!</p> <p>The Springfield Public Library officially went fine free in 2022 after not charging fines during the pandemic. The Library Advisory Board made a presentation to the City Council requesting to make the library permanently fine free and the City Council supported their proposal.</p>
OR0081	St. Helens Public Library	Columbia	NONE	<p>In fiscal year 2022, the St. Helens Public Library excelled in meeting the needs of our community. Patrons and staff alike were thrilled to embrace our post-pandemic “normal.” In May 2022, our City Council budget committee cut our Youth Librarian position for fiscal year 2022-2023. We received enormous grassroots support in the form of more than 40 comments submitted to the committee, with 11 people testifying at their hearing, and letters to the editor in both local newspapers – all in addition</p>

				to quick action the library staff to provide fiscal and services justification. Numerous patrons came to the library asking about the position and expressing their dismay. In addition, we successfully advocated for a salary increase for library assistants. In Columbia County, we are the only designated cooling center. Our innovative Makerspace continues to grow in importance for children, adults, and developing small businesses. We are forging collaborations with other key workforce development programs in the region. This work has attracted the attention of civic leaders like US Representative Suzanne Bonamici, who visited the Makerspace to learn more about our impact in the state. Going fine free in April gave us the opportunity to better serve our patrons who are struggling with economic and personal circumstances. We heard from so many patrons that they again feel welcome at the library and are able to enjoy our expanded services. Our Library of Things continues to engage our patrons and demonstrate that we are not just a building full of books. The biennial Genealogy Conference doubled attendance from the 2019 conference, and, thanks to ARPA funds, we had participants from around the country. In all, we are proud of our ability to be nimble in the face of so many challenges – both internal and external. We look forward with enthusiasm to continuing to be a safe space and our community’s “living room.”
OR0082	Stanfield Public Library	Umatilla	UCSLD	I am proud of having the same staff that we had before covid. I am very proud the over the past 3 years we have had the opportunity to try new things and have been successful.
OR0084	Sweet Home Public Library	Linn	NONE	With a new Director being hired in the Fall of 2021, we have been working hard to update the collection. We added board games and puzzles in the 2022 and officially ended fines for all materials in February 2022 after a three month trial period starting in November 2021.
OR0085	The Dalles-Wasco County Library	Wasco	WCLSD	Our programmers are fired up and our community is grooving on their gusto!
OR0086	Tigard Public Library	Washington	WCCLS	38 Tigard Public Library teammates -- that's over 75% of our team! -- attended at least one day of the national Public Library Association Conference in Portland March 23-25, while still providing full library services and hours to the community. The conference enabled library teammates to learn about the latest trends and best practices in the public library field.
OR0088	Toledo Public Library	Lincoln	LCLD	We planned and held a Toledo Triwizard Tournament at the end of August as a final Summer Reading Program event, and it was very successful! This event was a Harry Potter themed scavenger hunt with ten stops through the

				town of Toledo. We had 10 sets of volunteers who manned each stop where groups were asked Harry Potter themed questions. Upon the correct answer, earned a Harry Potter stamp on their scavenger hunt board. The hunt started and ended at the library, which was decorated as Harry Potter Central! This event was a collaboration with the Greater Toledo Pool, and after the scavenger hunt all participants were invited to the pool for swimming and snacks. We had an amazing turn out with lots of families, and everyone from the volunteers to the staff to the participants really got into the theme by dressing up and having a great time! There was a plethora of positive feedback at the end, including comments that this was the most fun they had all summer!
OR0090	Tualatin Public Library	Washington	WCCLS	Thanks to a partnership with Washington County Cooperative Library Services and the Tigard Public Library, we were able to register all Tigard-Tualatin School District students with a library card, including more than 3,000 students in Tualatin.
OR0092	Umatilla Public Library	Umatilla	UCSLD	I am so proud of all the work our staff did to try and provide services during the hardships of the pandemic. I hope the programs and events that we had made even just a small impact on our community.
OR0093	Union Carnegie Public Library	Union	NONE	We started social media accounts, adult crafting groups, and significantly increased attendance during our summer reading program.

OR0097	Waldport Public Library	Lincoln	LCLD	<p>This year Friends of the Library purchased a 3D printer for the library and we have been holding labs for both teens and adults. The Friends also purchased 5 laptops for checkout within the library. The laptops can also be checked by the teens to take into our program room for gaming. We had a group of teens that were using the public computers this summer to game together. Trying to keep the noise down and sharing computers with the adults proved challenging. The laptops will allow the teens to game together in their own space.</p> <p>With the summer reading theme, Read Beyond the Beaten Path, we created camps for the summer reading program. Each week featured a different camp such as cooking, STEM, photography, writing, etc. They were all well attended but we found with our small staff, it kept us very busy. We have had camps in the past but not all summer long.</p> <p>We have also opened our programs to in-person over the past year and have seen many of our regulars come back. However, our circulation numbers and our program numbers are down from pre-COVID. We will look at where we will go from here and how we will bring people back into the library.</p>
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OR0098	Wallowa Public Library	Wallowa	NONE	<p>This past year our children's services and engagement has increased significantly since the beginning of the pandemic. Nearly 100 youth participated in Summer Reading 2022 and there is now a small group of youth who just come to the library to hang out. Our library is providing a much needed, safe indoor space for community members of all ages to enjoy themselves, but by far this is mostly used by our town youth ages 8-14.</p> <p>That attached photograph was taken on 9/15/2022 shows the window on the north side of the building covered in plywood due to the hail storm we endured on 8/11/2022 and the ADA sidewalk work that's underway in our town.</p>
OR0137	Warrenton Community Library	Clatsop	NONE	<p>This year we started offering 9 new programs for Warrenton young people, families and adults including: Anime Club, Family Game Club, Lego Club, Teen Advisory Board, Adult D&D club, Philosophy class/discussions, food pantry, a Friends group and monthly local author visits (Library After Dark).</p>

OR0099	West Linn Public Library	Clackamas	LINCC	<p>Our library is most proud of the ingenuity and adaptability of our workers, as they not only survived, but thrived during the Covid lockdowns and restrictions. We found new ways to reach and serve our patrons to work around these restrictions and often found better ways to serve them in normal circumstances, let alone in the middle of the pandemic. Our staff showed us that they had ideas to spare, and so many we able to shine during this difficult period.</p> <p>Our library also saw an influx of teens hanging out here, more than ever before, and we are so proud to be one of the first places they think of for hanging out after school. Over the past couple years, we developed policies to exclude children and adults from hanging out in the Teen Room, and this past year we finally saw the fruits of our labor with so many youths treating the library like a second home!</p> <p>West Linn is largely a family city. We've had excellent programming for our children and youths, but struggled to bring in enough adults for programs. Our adult services librarians worked so hard to retool their program offerings to meet the needs of busy parents and overschedule families. They found that virtual and passive programs worked best for our adult community, and in addition to including a homebound service, have found ways to reach the adult community of West Linn like we've never seen before.</p> <p>In many ways, the heart of our community is the library, and the heart of our library is our staff. They make such amazing connections with our patrons, our schools, and other departments within the city, as well as provide excellent services and programs for our citizens. We are proud of everything they do and how happy they make the city of West Linn.</p>
OR9018	West Slope Community Library	Washington	WCCLS	I am incredibly proud of my team! They continue to amaze me with how dedicated they are to serving our community through the hardships of last FY.
OR0100	Weston Public Library	Umatilla	UCSLD	We created a photo archive of more than 400 historic images of Weston and the surrounding area. It is linked to our website, https://www.cityofwestonoregon.com/library/page/photo-archive-online
OR0104	Woodburn Public Library	Marion	CCRLS	Our Friends of the Library non-profit group grew from 1 person at the end of 2021 to 15 members by June, and they have put on two book sales.