



State Library
of Oregon

Government-to-Government Report 2022

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Government-to-Government Annual Report

State Library Collaboration with Oregon Tribes in 2022

2022 Activities

The State Library implemented initiatives and participated in activities over the course of this year to strengthen relations with Oregon tribes, and to provide resources and support to tribal libraries and the communities they serve.

Grants Awarded to Tribes

In 2022, the State Library continued to engage with Oregon tribes on two grant projects.

The Institute of Museums and Library Services (IMLS) received \$200 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in 2021. Most of these funds were distributed directly to state library agencies, of which Oregon received \$2.9 million. The Funds were awarded to support libraries, museums, and tribes to increase digital equity and connectivity, reach out to their communities, promote workforce development, and address ongoing needs arising from the pandemic.

State Library staff reached out individually to tribes to see if there are any projects for which these funds could be used. In total, two projects were identified:

Tribe: Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon

Project: Museum at Warm Springs Education and Digitization Program

Amount: \$40,000.00

Description: The Museum at Warm Springs, an independent but tribally-affiliated organization, hired a contractor to coordinate educational outreach programs and help create curriculum on tribal history, in part to assist with SB13. They also used some funds to purchase equipment to digitize portions of their collection.

Tribe: Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

Project: Career Center Mobile Laptop Lab

Amount: \$8,250.00

Description: The Career Center purchased eight laptops, a meeting camera, and other peripherals to create a mobile laptop lab. As a result, the center can now host live seminars for Tribal citizens on jobhunting, resumes, and other workforce development topics. This grant expands upon a previous State Library grant that the Career Center used to create instructional videos on job-seeking skills.

Statewide Database Licensing Program Participation

Four tribal libraries are enrolled in the Statewide Database Licensing program. This program provides 24 library information databases (general reference, business, health, etc.) and the LearningExpress Library test preparation database at no cost to tribal libraries. There is a currently-vacant seat for a tribal library member on the Statewide Database Licensing Advisory Committee.

Consultation and Information Sharing with Tribal Libraries

The State Library shared information with tribes through the tribal library directors email list hosted and managed by the State Library. This is a communication tool for the State Library to share relevant information and announcements such as grant program opportunities.

In 2022, the State Library's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Workgroup initiated a Native Plants project, in conjunction with State Parks and the Legislative Administration Committee. Together, we consulted tribes in Oregon to seek input, guidance, and participation from all interested Tribal Nations on a new project to elevate Tribal voices in the State Capitol State Park. This collaborative effort is meant to reimagine the landscaping and create an interpretive experience around the State Library of Oregon to better illustrate significant native plants, while intentionally creating space for tribal voices.

Other Related Activities

Using ARPA funds, the State Library also created a competitive grant process open to all libraries and museums. Through that process, we awarded a grant to an organization affiliated with a tribe that is not currently recognized in Oregon.

Organization: Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland

Project: History of Tamkaliks Short Film

Amount: \$20,000.00

Description: The organization is creating a short documentary about the Tamkaliks Celebration, an annual opportunity for the Nez Perce Wallowa displaced from their ancestral homeland to return and celebrate. As a part of the project, they are also digitizing and archiving hundreds of slides and photographs from powwows and making them publicly available online. Work continues on both projects. More information about the film is available at <https://www.wallowanezperce.org/tamkaliks-film>, and the archive is available at <https://www.wallowanezpercearchive.org>.



2022 Annual Tribal-State Government-to-Government Summit

The State Librarian attended the Annual Tribal-State Government-to-Government Summit on October 3-4, 2022. This event included presentations on topics including workforce, housing, and economic development. This was a great opportunity to learn about issues and strategies.

Goals and Plans for 2023

Community Outreach

The Native Plants project will continue in 2023, with both the planting and the creation of an interactive and accessible (primarily digital) interpretive experience associated with those plantings to share tribal voices and agency resources.

Promotion of Grants and Services

The State Library will continue to share information and promote grant opportunities and services through various communication channels including the tribal library directors email list and will update contact lists to ensure regular communication with Oregon Tribes.

Newspaper/Document Digitization

The State Library has begun working with partners at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, University of Oregon, and Southern Oregon University to plan a large project to digitize tribal newspapers, media, and other documents that may be of interest to tribes. The first phase of the multi-year project will include digitization of all or portions of five tribes' public newspapers: *Voice of CTCLUSI*, *Klamath News*, *Confederated Umatilla Journal*, *Siletz News*, and *Spilyay Tymoo*. More newspapers, as well as other types of media, will be identified and prioritized in future phases. The project begins in earnest during the 2023-25 biennium, and additional updates will be provided in future report.

Training Opportunities

State Library Program Manager Buzzy Nielsen is registered for the 2023 Portland State University's Certificate in Tribal Relations program. Offered by the Institute for Tribal Government and Center for Public Service in the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government, this program seeks to foster understanding of tribal perspectives and increase staff effectiveness and accountability.

The State Library will continue to invite tribal library staff to trainings sponsored by the State Library in 2023 and work directly with tribal libraries to promote the use of statewide database products in their libraries.



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Education Cluster and Culture Cluster Meetings

The State Librarian will attend relevant meetings of the Government-to-Government Education Cluster and Culture Cluster in 2023.

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