



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

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State Library News

Oregon Reference Summit: Save the Date & Call for Proposals

Join us for Oregon's only conference devoted exclusively to reference work!

The 3rd annual Oregon Reference Summit (OrRS) will be held on **Friday, May 29, 2020** at Lane Community College in Eugene. The Oregon Reference Summit is a one-day conference with reference-focused content appropriate for all skill levels, library types, and experiences. It is an excellent opportunity to meet reference staff from around the state face-to-face and exchange ideas.

The OrRS planning committee invites you to submit proposals for 45 minute sessions, 80 minute sessions, and 10 minute lightning talks. Nontraditional librarians, library support

staff, and first time presenters are encouraged to submit! See our [Proposals page](#) for topic ideas, assistance crafting your proposal, and the submission form. Proposals are due by February 29, 2020.

Check out the [OrRS webpage](#) or [follow us on Twitter](#) for more information.

OREGON REFERENCE SUMMIT
Call for proposals

LIGHTNING TALKS
10 minutes

PRESENTATIONS
45 minutes

INTERACTIVE SESSIONS
80 minutes

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**MORE INFORMATION &
ASSISTANCE:**
tinyurl.com/OrRS2020
 @OrRefSummit

Submissions due by February 29

Library Support and Development Services

Register for Free Oregon Edge Workshops!

Public libraries are invited to participate in upcoming, in-person Edge Workshops supported by the State Library of Oregon's statewide Edge Subscription. Join us for one or both of these workshops on **Saturday, May 2nd at the Deschutes Public Library** (main branch) in Bend, OR: the Assessment Building Blocks Workshop and the Insights to Action Workshop. Both workshops are free and lunch will be provided for those who attend both workshops.

Please note: these workshops are NOT part of the OLA conference and require that you register separately (see below).

Assessment Building Blocks Workshop, Saturday, May 2, 9am – 12pm

The Workshop provides support to libraries that have not yet completed the Edge 2.0 Assessment. Instruction provided will assist you in completing your Edge Assessment, including support in answering specific questions, identifying answers from your library and considering your library's current digital inclusion activities.

Registration is limited to 20 attendees. [Register now](#) to reserve your space.

Insights to Action Workshop, Saturday, May 2, 1pm – 5pm

The Workshop provides support to libraries that have completed the Edge 2.0 Assessment. Instruction will provide insight and resources to support your library in exploring your Edge Assessment results and supplemental community data. Learn how to use your new Edge custom comparison reports to develop S.M.A.R.T. goals and Action Plans.

Registration is limited to 20 attendees. [Register now](#) to reserve your space.

You **must register for each workshop** if you plan to attend both! Questions? Please contact Darci Hanning (darci.hanning@state.or.us or 503-378-2527)

Oregon Cultural Trust

Conversations with Funders 2020 tour!

The State Library of Oregon is hitting the road soon with the **Oregon Cultural Trust**

This series of “conversations” around Oregon are informal information sessions that will help grant seekers learn more about funding programs, and will provide an opportunity to

discuss potential projects and programming directly with foundations and funding agencies. Grants officers from the Cultural Trust, Oregon Arts Commission, Oregon Heritage, Oregon Humanities, Oregon State Historic Preservation Office, as well as the Oregon Community Foundation, the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation, Travel Oregon, and Oregon Parks and Recreation will also be there to talk with you!

Bonus! Travel Oregon is also sponsoring a 3-hour grant writing workshop at three stops along the tour (Coos Bay, Pendleton, and Bend). All events are free, but you must register ahead of time for the workshops – follow one of the links below).

The full 2020 schedule is:

- **Portland:** 4-7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 19, Portland Community College (Southeast Campus Community Hall), 2305 SE 82nd Ave.
- **Tillamook:** 3-6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 20, Tillamook Library (Hatfield Room), 1716 3rd St.
- **Eugene:** 11:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 26, Eugene Public Library (Bascom-Tykeson Room), 100 W 10th Ave.
- ***Coos Bay:** 1-4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 28, Coos History Museum, 1210 N. Front St. (Note: Preceded by free 9 a.m.-Noon grant application writing workshop, same location. [Register for Coos Bay workshop here.](#))
- **Medford:** 2:30-5:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, Medford Public Library (Adams Room and Large Conference Room), 205 S. Central Ave.
- ***Salem:** 3-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, United Way Mid-Willamette Valley (Public Meeting Room), 455 Biller Ave. NE.
- ***Pendleton:** 1-4 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. (Note: Preceded by free 9 a.m.-Noon grant application writing workshop, same location. [Register for Pendleton workshop here.](#))
- **Bend:** 1-4 p.m., Thursday, March 12, At Liberty Arts Collaborative, 849 NW Wall St. (Note: Preceded by free 9 a.m.-Noon grant application writing workshop, same location. [Register for Bend workshop here.](#))

***State Library** staff will be at the events in **Coos Bay, Salem, and Pendleton**. Please come talk with us about our [LSTA Competitive Grants](#) and our [Ready to Read](#) grants!

Government Information and Library Services

Tribal Cultural Inventory Report



The Government Information and Library Services division of the State Library recently submitted a brief report outlining archaeological, historic or archival materials “directly associated with persons/places significant to Oregon’s federally recognized Tribes’ historic experience and/or contemporary identity.”

The report was a response to Executive Order No. 17-12, signed by Governor Kate Brown in 2017, and the directives of the Tribal Cultural Items Task Force. All state agencies were asked to report.

While the State Library does not, at present, have objects directly associated with the Tribes, the library does have extensive holdings of books, newspapers, maps and state and federal government publications that would greatly aid in historical and cultural research on the Tribes.

This includes tribal newspapers and reports, state agency [Government to Government](#) reports, and a small trove of materials from the Chemawa Indian School,

A [companion website](#) to the report was also created.

2020 "Short" Legislative Session

The 2020 session convened on Monday, February 3 and given the constitutional 35 day limit, keeping on top of legislative activity is crucial.

The Oregon Legislative Information System ([OLIS](#)) is indispensable in locating and monitoring bills of particular interest.

The progress of bills through committees can be "tracked" via the [e-Subscribe](#) service. You can use the service to be prepared to submit testimony on a bill via a public hearing. You'll be notified of upcoming committee meetings well ahead of time through the service. Live video feeds of committee meetings are also available.

Particularly useful is the easy access to testimony presented by interested parties in support or opposition to a bill as well as session publications. Member votes in committee can also be found.

Speaking of members, use the Oregonian's, [Your Government](#), resource to obtain access, in blocks of 20, to legislator's votes on the floor of their respective chamber.

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