



## Letter to Libraries Online

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***Vision: All Oregonians have the information essential to be engaged citizens, to strengthen our communities, and to build a prosperous state.***

***Mission: The State Library provides leadership and resources to continue growing vibrant library services for Oregonians who are print-disabled, the Legislature and state government, and all Oregonians through local libraries.***

### Library Board News

#### State Library Board Met in Salem on February 13th

The Oregon State Library Board of Trustees met on Friday, February 13, 2015 at the Oregon State Library in Salem. The Board discussed the State Library's Strategic Plan with staff of the Coraggio Group and heard an overview of the 2015 Legislative Session.

#### State Library Board to Meet at the Salem Public Library on March 20th

The Oregon State Library Board will meet on Friday, March 20, 2015 at the Salem Public Library in Salem. The Board will hear a report on [Libraries of Oregon](#) and will discuss changes to Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 543. For more information about the proposed changes to OAR 543, please visit the [Proposed Rulemaking Hearing Information webpage](#) on the State Library's website.

#### State Library Budget Hearing on March 2nd and 3rd

The Oregon State Library will be presenting its budget, Senate Bill 5519, to the General Government Subcommittee of the Joint Ways and Means Committee on March 2nd and 3rd at 1:00 p.m. Please visit the [Oregon Legislative Information System \(OLIS\)](#) for more information.

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### State Library News

Oregon Department of Transportation Library - A Special Library with a Vital

## Mission



While considered to be part of the ODOT Research Section, the [ODOT Library](#) serves as a technical information resource for the entire Oregon Department of Transportation. The library also provides transportation-specific information and research assistance for other state, county, and local government agencies, and is open to the public via phone, email, or in-person by appointment.

In addition to technical engineering and transportation publications, journals and standards, the library houses the [ODOT History Center](#), which offers a unique collection of historical photos, reports, maps, and documents covering the 100+ year history of the agency. This collection offers resources often tapped by authors and researchers interested in the progression of the highway system within the state. The library offers interlibrary loans without charge through OCLC (symbol OTT). Outside requests involving extensive research may be subject to a [Public Records Request](#).

As is the case with most transportation libraries, the ODOT Library has a solo librarian, so networking and collaboration is very important in order to serve such a large, diverse customer base. The Transportation Division of the Special Libraries Association maintains a listserv allowing communication between members, and librarian Laura Wilt serves as chair-elect of that division. Other networking organizations allow for collaborative projects, including a current program creating a collection of LibGuides focused on topics of interest to the transportation community.

For more information contact Laura Wilt, ODOT Library, [Laura.e.wilt@odot.state.or.us](mailto:Laura.e.wilt@odot.state.or.us), 503-986-3280.

Now Accepting Nominations for the Statewide Database Licensing Advisory Committee (SDLAC)

Nominations are now being accepted for the following SDLAC positions:

- Position #4 - Public Library Serving 25,000 to 100,000 (Term: July 1, 2015-June 30, 2018)
- Position #5 - Academic Library from an Oregon Community College (Term: July 1, 2015-June 30, 2018)
- Position #6 - School Library drawn from OASL membership (Term: July 1, 2015-June 30, 2018)
- Position #10 – Tribal Library Representative (Term: July 1, 2015-June 30, 2018)
- Position #7 – Public Library Serving over 100,000 (Fill vacancy due to resignation, Term: July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016)

More information about the SDLAC can be found on its [website](#). Feel free to [contact current](#) members if you would like to know more about the duties and activities of the committee. Nominations are being accepted [online](#). The deadline for nominations is Friday, April 3, 2015. Questions? Contact [Arlene Weible](#), Electronic Services Consultant.

## Reports to the Oregon Legislature - A Useful Resource



Have you ever received a question from an angry patron who received traffic violation in the mail for running a red light? Did you know that all Oregon municipalities utilizing a photo red light system are required to submit a “process and outcome” evaluation report to the Legislature each odd numbered year (ORS 810.434)? Where can these reports be found?

We are not far into the 2015 Legislative Session and undoubtedly, the Oregon State Legislature will enact bills that mandate reports be created on a number of different topics. What about reports that were mandated by prior legislatures? Unfortunately, not all mandated reports are created and not all were collected. Recognizing this issue, the Legislature passed [2011 HB 3105](#) and the Oregon State Library created a resource to provide ongoing access to these required reports.

The Oregon State Library maintains a "[Reports to the Oregon Legislature](#)" blog where you can locate a number of these required reports. You can learn more from our "[About](#)" link and our holdings are relatively complete from about 2011 onward. If you are looking for a report issued prior to 2011, please check the [Oregon State Library catalog](#) and the [Oregon State Archives](#) pages. Reports are tagged, by agency, so you can quickly review other agency issued reports.

Using the Legislature's [eSubscribe](#) service, you can sign up for alerts from the "Legislative Library" and periodically you will receive notice of new reports added to the blog. Another valuable resource to locate reports is available via the "[Publications and Reports](#)" page on the Oregon State Legislature's site.

Please let us know if we can be of assistance to you during this busy legislative season.

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## Other Library News

### Summer Learning Summit Occurred in February



On February 10th, legislators and other stakeholders attended the Summer Learning Summit at the Salem Convention Center, sponsored by [OregonASK](#). They learned about [summer learning loss](#) and how it can be prevented by providing underserved youth access to expanded learning opportunities, nutritional lunches, library materials, and the summer reading program at their local elementary school—the [SL3 program](#). The desired outcome of the summit was the following: Through advocacy, key stakeholders and communities will acknowledge that poverty and lack of access have a significantly negative impact on children and youth. Poverty and lack of access increase summer learning loss and perpetuate the opportunity gap

Highlights of the Summer Learning Summit include a keynote address by Matthew Boulay, the founder of the National Summer Learning Association, and a panel discussion facilitated by MaryKay Dahlgreen which included Heather McNeil (Deschutes Public Library), Robin Rolfe (James John Elementary School Library), and Nancy Albritton (Central 13J school libraries).

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