State Library Board to meet on Aug. 16

The State Library Board will meet at 9 a.m. at the Newport Public Library, 35 NW Nye St., Newport, OR 97365, on Friday, Aug. 16, 2019. Ann Malkin of Bend will chair the meeting.

Sign language interpretation will be provided for the public if requested 48 hours before the meeting; notice 72 hours before the meeting is preferred. Handouts of meeting materials may also be requested in alternate formats 72 hours before the meeting. Requests may be made to Ferol Weyand at 503-378-2525 or ferol.weyand@state.or.us.
Spotlight on services: Oregon public library statistics

Has your active patron base been keeping up with population growth? Curious to know how many full time positions your library had in 2008? Wonder how your collection size measures up? Want to make a case to your Board about a trend supported with state and national data? Look no further than the Oregon Public Library Statistics!

Each year (usually during August and September), all legally established public libraries in Oregon report data on programs, service, revenue, and expenditures through the Public Library Statistical Report, coordinated by the State Library. This report has a wealth of data about public libraries, not only in Oregon but also across the United States. To help Oregon libraries through this process, we are pleased to announce a newly refined online guide, with complete instructions, a sample report, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Do you need more help reporting your statistics? Are you looking for help interpreting or navigating statewide or national stats? Please ask Data & Federal Programs Consultant Ross Fuqua for help any time at ross.fuqua@state.or.us or 503-378-5027.

2020 Ready to Read applications are open

You can access everything you need to apply, including the proposed grant amounts and a link to the online grants portal on the State Library Ready to Read page. Applications are due August 31.
The 2019 Legislative Session is behind us, and it’s a good time to look at legislative ideas that have been considered before. The Oregon Government Publications digital collection provides a peek at legislative ideas from the past that have come around again.

Many legislative sessions have had bills on campaign finance, including the 1993 session.

In 1973, the federal government was considering year-round daylight saving time. Here’s what Legislative Research had to say about its potential energy conservation impact in Oregon.

The “single tax” has been considered in Oregon for years. Here’s an example of a ballot measure from 1914.
Another recurring theme is reorganizing state government. [Here’s an outline](#) from state senator Hector MacPherson in the 1930s. (He was the father of the Senator Hector MacPherson who introduced [Senate Bill 100](#), Oregon’s pioneering land use legislation, in 1973).

The subjects that public school students study change with the times. Here’s an example of [what students were studying in 1925](#).

We’re currently concerned with barriers to recycling. In the 1970s, Oregon was concerned with solid waste disposal, as illustrated in [Covering the Garbage Before the Garbage Covers Us](#).

Be sure to explore all of the [State Library’s digital collections](#).
Talking Book and Braille Library 50th anniversary at the State Library: Media mentions

Extra, extra, read all about it! Talking Book and Braille Library in the news. Let's take a look at some of the stories the media has seen fit to print about the Talking Book and Braille Library over the last 50 years.

In October 1980, the Salem Statesman Journal ran a story detailing a donation of several
Perkins Braillers made to the Talking Book and Braille Library by four Salem-area Lions clubs. The article included a huge photo featuring project Chairman Earl Smith, Talking Book and Braille Library director Patricia Kirk, and one of the Braillers.

In February 1981, another Statesman Journal column lead with the headline “Talking Books help sighted, too,” which illustrates something people still need to be reminded of today. The Talking Book and Braille Library is not just for people who are blind or visually impaired; it is also for Oregonians with physical impairments that keep them from being able to read standard print.

In April 1988, the Wallowa County Chieftain ran a story on Lucille Jordan of Enterprise, Oregon, who became the 10,000th person registered with the Oregon Talking Book and Braille Library! She enjoyed a mixture of fiction, including classics, best-sellers, and novels with an “element of mystery” to them, and received a certificate to commemorate her registration.

In national news, in May 2002, the Richmond Times-Dispatch in Virginia shared details of the National Library Services (NLS) plans to upgrade the Talking Books program to digital audio. The article featured Karen Keninger, then part of the Iowa Talking Book and Braille Library, and now Director of the NLS, and Judy Dixon, Consumer Relations Officer for NLS. It would be another seven years before the digital audio format would be released.

In February 2004, the Corvallis Gazette-Times reported on Talking Book and Braille Library’s plan to upgrade to the Keystone Library Automation System (KLAS). Though the upgrade took a week to complete, it did earn the Talking Book and Braille Library a rose in the paper’s “Roses and Raspberries” column.

We’ll end with a final Statesman Journal article from February 2011, featuring long-time Talking Book and Braille Library volunteer Clyde Mullin, which detailed the 94-year-old’s tireless commitment to service. The following year Clyde would be awarded the Governor’s Statewide Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award!

Here’s to another 50 years of positive media coverage for the Talking Book and Braille Library!
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