State Library Board to meet on Oct. 17 & 18

The State Library Board will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17 and 9:00 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 18 at the State Library of Oregon, 250 Winter St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Ann Malkin of Bend will chair the meeting. A public hearing regarding revisions to Oregon Administrative Rules, adding minimum conditions that a public library must meet to be officially recognized by the State Library as a public library, will take place at the Board meeting on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 1:30 p.m.

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.
Challenges to Intellectual Freedom in Oregon Libraries & Schools: The 2019 Annual Report

The 2019 Annual Report on Challenges to Intellectual Freedom in Oregon Libraries & Schools is now available.

The Oregon Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse (OIFC) collects reports about challenges to intellectual freedom in all types of Oregon libraries and schools. Entities report the information to OIFC on a voluntary basis. Intellectual freedom issues include, but are not limited to: materials challenges, internet filters, patron privacy and confidential records, hate crimes, and services (public meeting room use, exhibits, programs, etc.).

This past year there were 54 challenges at 25 entities in Oregon, of which three were hate crimes and five were library service challenges. Read the report for details!

Please visit the OIFC to learn about how to prepare your library or school for potential challenges, how to talk with patrons who express concerns, and how to report these challenges.

Direct any questions to the OIFC Coordinator, Tamara Ottum (tamara.ottum@state.or.us).
Government Publications Celebrate Oregon Agriculture

The harvest season is drawing to a close, and it’s a good time to reflect on Oregon agriculture. Here are some facts, and a peek at the past, from Oregon government publications:

Do you know what Oregon’s top agriculture commodity is? Take a look at Oregon’s top 20 agricultural commodities — you might be surprised!

Farmers’ markets and u-pick farms are popular in the summer months. This poster shows when specific crops are available.

The Oregon Agripedia has a wealth of information about Oregon agriculture. For quick statistics, take a look at Oregon Agriculture—Facts and Figures.

Oregon’s WIC program provides women and children access to fresh produce.

For the history of two special crops, see our current digital highlight: Hops and Flax: Pride of the Willamette Valley.

These publications are all part of the Oregon Government Publications digital collection.

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