State Library Board approves Administrative Rules updates

During the 2019 legislative session, HB2243, which established minimum conditions for official recognition of public libraries, was passed and signed by the Governor. The State Library, with the assistance of the Administrative Rules Advisory Committee, created the administrative rules to define minimum conditions. A public hearing was held before the State Library Board on October 18, 2019 and the Board approved the draft administrative rules on October 19th. To view the permanent rules, go to 
https://www.oregon.gov/Library/operations/Pages/Administrative-Rules.aspx. The legislation and the administrative rules will become effective on January 1, 2020. The State Library is developing resources and guidelines to assist and support public libraries in reaching
Robin Puccetti (Director, Independence Public Library) credits the Edge Assessment with helping the library define its niche in the community’s technology and workforce ecosystems. After completing the assessment, Independence Public Library implemented several changes to its policies to support tech education and employment services in the community, including allowing meeting rooms to be used for job interviews and training. The library also began to take a more active role in joining community conversations around tech development and pursuing partnerships to enhance the library’s impact on Independence’s evolution into a smart city.

“There are going to be areas where others in the community were already providing services and doing a good job at it and it’s ok for them to take the lead and for us to publicize their services,” said Puccetti. “For us it’s all about partnerships and collaboration. It’s a small community, and we all need to work together if we want to have an impact.”

At the Oregon City Public Library, the Edge Assessment surfaced a need for the library to more effectively convey the health and wellness information and resources the library provides for its community. “The Edge Benchmarks helped me work with our internal library teams about transitioning our website from only focusing on programming to becoming more of a resource for users,” said Aaron Novinger (Technology and Library Promotion Librarian).

In addition to providing information and access to federal and statewide resources, the library now provides information about local resources for its community. For example, the library
offers information on how to access The Founders Clinic, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing quality health care to low-income, uninsured residents in the community. In fact, it is the only clinic in the area that offers medical services at no cost to patients.

What's nice about Edge, Novinger remarks, is that it "gives libraries a way to assess themselves and see how they grow, but allows them to do it at their own pace and with their own deadlines."

Looking to identify your library's next steps in providing the needed technology services and programs for your community? Register or login to the Edge website! Not sure how to get started? There will be numerous online webinars in the upcoming months to assist libraries that still need to complete the assessment and for those libraries that are wondering how they can leverage the data the assessment provides!

Questions? Contact Darci Hanning at darci.hanning@state.or.us or 503-378-2527.

FY2020 Newspaper Digitization Grants

The State Library of Oregon is pleased to announce a funding opportunity for newspaper digitization, through a new partnership between University of Oregon Libraries' Oregon Digital Newspaper Program and the State Library of Oregon's Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Program. In addition to the LSTA Competitive Grants program, the State Library has set aside $20,000 of LSTA funding for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) to be used specifically to digitize Oregon newspaper content. Please visit our guide for eligibility and project requirements, grant application timeline and evaluation criteria, and contact information. Oregon’s LSTA Program is funded through the Grants to States Program of the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

LSTA Competitive Grant applications open

FY2020 LSTA Competitive Grant applications are open! Information on how to apply - including eligibility, guidelines, and deadlines - can be found on our LSTA grants guide.

Applications are due Friday, January 31 at 5:00 p.m. Those who would like input may submit a draft of their application by December 1 for review and comment by the LSTA Advisory Council.
and the Library Support and Development Division staff.

*New this year*

- We’re going paperless! Use the [online grants portal](mailto:ista.grants@state.or.us) to submit your application.
- Have a newspaper digitization project in mind? Apply for a [LSTA+ODNP Newspaper Digitization Grant](mailto:ista.grants@state.or.us) instead.

Questions? Contact us at [ista.grants@state.or.us](mailto:ista.grants@state.or.us).

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**Government Information and Library Services**

**GILS Welcomes Two New Full Time Staff Members**

On October 16th, the Government Information and Library Services Division (GILS) of the State Library welcomed on board two new full-time staff members, Kate Anderson and Max Waddell. Both Kate and Max have been valued State Library staff members for some time, and we are excited that they have joined the GILS division permanently.

Kate is the new Digitization Specialist for the Government Information and Library Services Division. Most recently, Kate was a Circulation Technician at the State Library of Oregon in the Talking Book and Braille Library Division. She moved to Oregon in 2006, later attending Western Oregon University to obtain a double degree in Gerontology and Public Policy and Administration, graduating in 2015. Kate hails from Upstate New York, though now considers herself an official Oregonian. She has already jumped into digitizing and cataloging here at the State Library, and we are very happy to have her! When not at the library, she can be found at home with her dog and partner, baking in her kitchen or searching out new places for them to go hiking.

Max is now our new Technical and Outreach Specialist. Max has been with the State Library
since 2014; first as a volunteer, then as our Collection Maintenance Assistant. He is an Oregon native and University of Oregon alumnus with a degree in history. Max has probably spent more time with our stacks ghost, Cornelia, than anyone else. She doesn't scare him one bit. And once, he touched a hummingbird with his bare hands.

Oregon Index Online now available

Oregon Index Online is a new and powerful heritage tool that points to information about the news, events, and Oregonians that shaped our great state. The index contains citations to articles published in Portland and Salem newspapers, magazines, book chapters, and more.

The State Library staff and volunteers began compiling the Oregon Index in the early 20th century and continued to 1987. The oldest entry is from 1877 but most are from 1915 to 1986. State Library staff recently completed making the more than 700,000 cards in the index available online.

The State Library of Oregon partnered with the Oregon Department of Revenue to use its high speed/high volume check scanner during down time to scan the cards. After the cards were scanned, the images were prepared and loaded into a viewer for searching and browsing. The project took a little more than five years to finish. You can find Oregon Index Online in the State Library’s Digital Collections at https://digital.osl.state.or.us/islandora/object/osl:or_index and a corresponding Infoguide on the background and using the index.

Some of the cards use archaic language that may have been considered appropriate when the citations were created, but could be jarring to library users today. The cards have been digitized and posted without altering the content. Researchers will find terminology as it was used in its time and can follow changes over time.

There will be an Oregon Index Digital Launch Celebration on November 19 at 2:00 pm on the second floor of the State Library of Oregon building. Library staff, board members, state employees, researchers, and the general public are invited. RSVPs are kindly requested at https://tinyurl.com/oregonindexlaunch.
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Mission

The State Library provides leadership and resources to continue growing vibrant library services for Oregonians with print disabilities, the Legislature and state government, and all Oregonians through local libraries.