



State Library
of Oregon

Government to Government Report 2019

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Government To Government Annual Report

State Library Collaboration with Oregon Tribes In 2019

2019 Activities

The State Library implemented initiatives and participated in activities to strengthen relations with Oregon tribes and to provide resources and support to tribal libraries and communities they serve.

Statewide Database Licensing Program Participation

Four tribal libraries are enrolled in the Statewide Database Licensing program. This program provides 23 library information databases (general reference, business, health, etc.) and the LearningExpress Library test preparation database at no cost to tribal libraries. A tribal member is serving as a member of the Statewide Database Licensing Advisory Committee.

Consultation and Information Sharing with Tribal Libraries

- Visit to the Grand Ronde Tribal Library to discuss the Statewide Database Licensing Program and other library related topics.
- Communication with Warm Springs Community Library to set up their access to LearningExpress Library.
- Consultation with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde regarding Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants.
- Information sharing through the tribal library directors email list hosted and managed by the State Library. This is a communication tool for the State Library to share relevant information and announcements such as grant program opportunities.

Tribal Cultural Items Inventory

The State Library created a project team to work on the tribal cultural items inventory in compliance with the implementation of Executive Order 17-12, which established the Task Force on Oregon Tribal Cultural Items, and requires state agencies to survey items within their possession that may be of cultural significance to Oregon's nine federally recognized Native American Tribes. The team submitted the draft inventory report in November and developed a corresponding [online information guide](#) that provides information and easy access to State Library collections related to Oregon tribes.



Government to Government Annual Summit

The State Librarian attended the Government to Government Annual Summit on December 3, 2019 at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino near Pendleton. This event included presentations on topics including the Tribal Cultural Items Taskforce update, education and economic development, and water in the coming decade. This was a great opportunity to learn and connect with Oregon's tribes, and a connection was made with the Collections & Research Manager at the Tamástslikt Cultural Institute resulting in information sharing about State Library collections and resources.

Goals and Plans for 2020

Needs Assessment

As part of the 2019 – 2021 Affirmative Action Plan, the State Library will conduct a needs assessment with the nine federally recognized tribes and develop a plan based on the assessment to provide resources, training, and consultation in support of tribal library services.

Promotion of Services

The State Library will continue to share information and promote services through various communication channels including the tribal library directors email list, and will update contact lists as part of the needs assessment efforts to ensure regular communication with Oregon Tribes. In addition to grant opportunities, the statewide database program, and consultation services, we will promote the State Library's Talking Book and Braille Library to tribal libraries to ensure that eligible individuals are aware of this program. This is a free, federally-funded library service for Oregonians with print disabilities, which includes visual, physical, and reading impairments. Lending is done free through the mail or via download.

Training for Tribal Libraries

The State Library will continue to invite tribal library staff to trainings and tours sponsored by the State Library in 2020 and work directly with tribal libraries to promote the use of statewide database products in their libraries.

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Tribal Cultural Items Inventory

The State Library will complete the final tribal cultural items inventory report in compliance with the implementation of Executive Order 17-12 and will continue to develop and update the corresponding [online information guide](#) that provides information and easy access to State Library collections related to Oregon tribes.

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Education Cluster Meetings

The State Librarian will attend meetings of the Government to Government Education Cluster in 2020.

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