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MEMORANDUM

TO: Karen Quigley, Director
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FROM: Jim Scheppke, State Librarian

DATE: November 6, 2009

SUBJECT: Government-to Government Annual Report
Collaboration with Oregon Tribes in 2009

Attached is the annual Government-to-Government report on the State Library's collaboration with Oregon tribes in 2009. We would be pleased to engage in further discussions with the Commission regarding opportunities for improvement of library services for tribal people.

Please let me know if you or other Commission members have any questions or need more information about our collaborative activities with the Oregon tribes.

Attachment

**GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT ANNUAL REPORT
STATE LIBRARY COLLABORATION WITH OREGON TRIBES IN 2009**

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During 2009, the State Library worked to implement a number of initiatives to strengthen our relations with Oregon tribes and to assist them with developing tribal libraries to serve tribal communities.

Statewide Database Licensing Program Participation

Three tribal libraries chose to participate and utilize access to the Statewide Database Licensing program in 2009. A tribal member is serving as a member of the Statewide Database Licensing Advisory Committee.

Resources in the Oregon State Library Collection Related to Oregon Tribes

The State Library maintains a bibliography of materials in the State Library collection related to Oregon Tribes and posts it on our website: (<http://www.oregon.gov/OSL/ld/projects>).

State Library Sponsored Trainings

Tribal library staff were invited to participate in all State Library-sponsored library workshops and training sessions presented during 2009.

On September 2, 2009, Tribal Nations scholar, professor, and manager of the Cultural Resources Center for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Dr. David Lewis delivered a lecture on "The Other Sesquicentennial (1855): Overview of Treaties in Western Oregon." His presentation explained the 1851 Anson Dart treaties, as well the Joel Palmer 1853-1855 treaties for western Oregon with particular attention to the creation of the western Oregon reservations and the intent of the Federal government and the Oregon territorial settlers during the era. This lecture was part of the Library's regular lecture series and was attended by over 70 people.

Tribal Library Listservs

The State Library hosts a listserv for tribal library directors to facilitate communications from the State Library.

Training for State Library Managers and Staff

Two State Library managers and one program staff member attended workshops at Tribal Information Day on May 13, 2009 and a number of Library staff members attended the Tribal Information Day activities at the state Capitol.

Four Library Development Team members, the Program Manager and the State Librarian attended the 2009 National Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums Conference held in Portland, Oregon from October 20-22, 2009.

Emporia State University Diversity Initiative

The Library was a partner in the Emporia State University Diversity Initiative for the third year.

Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums Grant

The State Library has been working as a member of the Western Council of State Libraries to implement an Institute of Museum and Library Services grant to strengthen tribal archives, libraries and museums by presenting two national conferences in 2007 and 2009.

In 2008 and 2009 the Library Development Services Program Manager served as the project manager for *Streams of Language, Memory and Lifeways*, the 2009 National Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums Conference. The State Library co-hosted the Conference with Tamastlikt Cultural Institute whose Archivist, Malissa Minthorn-Winks, served as the Conference Director. The Conference, held in Portland at the Red Lion on the River from October 20 – 22, 2009 drew 550 participants from across the United States and Canada as well as New Zealand. 56 program sessions were held, plenary sessions with distinguished tribal members, including Russell Means and Billy Frank, Jr. as speakers were held and several cultural events were made available to participants. In addition to the Oregon co-hosts, several western state libraries and western tribes were represented on the planning committee. While the official evaluation has not been completed, unsolicited responses so far have been very positive.

Cooperation With other Agencies

In 2009, the State Library granted a second year of Library Services And Technology Act (LSTA) funds to the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) for the Oregon Tribes Project. The Project has utilized native voices, traditions, art forms, historic artifacts, and photographs to produce traveling exhibits, educational materials, and public programs to educate Oregonians about the state's contemporary tribes. In close collaboration with Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes, OHS laid the groundwork for the traveling exhibits and programming in the first year of funding and in 2009 the exhibit, *Oregon is Indian Country*, traveled across the state accompanied by cultural programming.

Goals and Plans for 2010

Training for Tribal Librarians

Encourage Tribal library staff to participate in the additional training opportunities provided by an IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Library Grant for the next three years, 2010-2012.

Continue to invite Tribal library staff to other trainings and tours sponsored by the State Library in 2009 and work directly with tribal librarians to promote the use of statewide database products in their libraries.

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Training for State Library Managers and Staff

State Library managers and staff plan to attend the Tribal Information Day 2010 workshops and activities at the State Capitol.

The State Librarian plans to attend the State-Tribal Summit in 2009.

Emporia State University Diversity Initiative

Continue to participate as a partner in the Emporia State University National Library Service Grant proposal to train minority librarians from 2006 – 2010.

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