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MEMORANDUM

TO: Karen Quigley, Director
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SUBJECT: Report on Collaboration with Tribal Libraries in 2006

Attached is a report on the State Library's collaboration with tribal libraries in 2006. We would be pleased to engage in further discussions with the Commission regarding opportunities for expansion 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

REPORT ON OREGON STATE LIBRARY COLLABORATION WITH OREGON TRIBES IN 2006

Jim Scheppke, State Librarian
December 14, 2006

During 2006 the State Library worked to implement a number of initiatives developed in 2004-05 to strengthen our relations with Oregon tribes and to assist them with developing tribal libraries to serve tribal communities in a variety of ways.

- *Legislative Changes*

During 2006 the State Library implemented HB 2674, passed by the Oregon Legislature in 2005, which defined “tribal library” to mean a library operated by a federally recognized Indian tribe of Oregon, and included tribal libraries in statutes authorizing the provision of financial assistance for resource sharing activities of Oregon libraries. As an outcome of HB 2674, all tribal libraries are now included in the State Library’s resource sharing contract for 26 EBSCO research databases and the *Oregonian* newspaper database from NewsBank. Two tribal libraries chose to participate and utilize access to these research databases in 2006. A tribal member has been included on the Statewide Database Licensing Advisory Committee.

- *Bibliography of State Library Holdings Related to the Oregon Tribes.*

The State Library distributed a bibliography of State Library holdings related to Oregon Tribes and will post it on our website before the end of the year (http://oregon.gov/OSL/tribal_relations.shtml).

- *Library Science and Technology Act Grant Projects*

- The Tamastlikt Library (Umatilla) is now a part of the Sage Library System, a consortium of 75 public, academic, and school libraries in 11 counties in Eastern Oregon.
- The Central Oregon Community Library Consortium grant to the Jefferson County Library District was extended to allow for additional planning and fundraising. When completed, the planned automation network will offer a shared library catalog to enable Warm Springs library users and other Central Oregon residents to access the circulating holdings of the Warm Springs library, Jefferson County Library, and the Deschutes Public Library, and to request books and other information using a shared computer system.

- *Gates Foundation Grant Participation*

In 2006 tribal libraries were invited to participate in the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation *Staying Connected* grant program which provided reimbursement for one public access computer to each tribal library. Four tribal libraries participated in the program and have received computers.

- *State Library Sponsored Trainings*
Tribal library staff were invited to participate in all State Library-sponsored library workshops and training sessions presented during 2006.

- *Tribal Library Listservs*
The State Library continues to sponsor a listserv to encourage ongoing communication and collaboration among tribal library staff. The State Library also hosts a listserv for tribal library directors.

- *Training for State Library Managers and Staff*
 - Three State Library managers and three other staff members attended workshops at Tribal Information Day on May 19, 2006.

 - The State Librarian participated in the annual Tribal-State Summit meeting on December 13, 2006.

- *Tribal Work Experience Programs*
The State Library maintains internship programs with the Siletz and Grande Ronde Tribes to place tribal members in volunteer work experience internships at the State Library. While we did not place any interns from these programs in 2006, it is our goal to expand placements in 2007.

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Goals and Plans for 2007

Training for Tribal Librarians

Explore options for subsidizing registration costs for tribal library staff to participate in the Oregon Library Association and Pacific Northwest Library Association conferences in 2007.

Continue to invite Tribal library staff to trainings sponsored by the State Library in 2007.

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Focus Group 2007

Due to a key staffing change at the State Library, the tribal focus group planned for late 2006 has been postponed to 2007. This gathering together of tribal library representatives to discuss progress in collaboration with the State Library during 2005/06 is important to identify future opportunities to work together to improve library services to tribal members in Oregon.

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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. The State Library acts as a sponsor and mentor for qualifying tribal library employees who wish to complete a grant funded Bachelor's or Masters degree in Library and Information Sciences through the Emporia State University distance education program. While no candidates were ready to participate in 2006, the State Library will continue to recruit eligible tribal candidates for this program

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Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums Conferences Grant

The State Library is working as a member of the Western Council of State Libraries to carry out an Institute of Museum and Library Services grant to host two Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums Conferences — one in Oklahoma in 2007, and one in Oregon in 2009.

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