

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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For the June 10, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting

ADMINISTRATION

IMLS Status – On Jun 6, State Librarian Wendy Cornelisen announced that the State Library of Oregon (SLO) “received the LSTA 2025 Allotment table, which shows... the expected full funding for LSTA 2025 for all states and territories.” This will fund statewide services for the SLO FY26 excluding competitive subgrants. The Sage Courier is not classified as a competitive grant, so is expected to be funded for the coming fiscal year.

FACILITIES

Interior Painting Project –While the majority of the work was accomplished during the special 3-day closure over Memorial Day weekend, unfinished tasks continued during closed hours through the following week. Ed was unable to provide direct oversight and direction to the contractor crew as he had planned, unfortunately due to sudden illness. Only a few finishing touches on this project remain.

Business Manager Office Desk Update – A new desk for Christine is planned to be assembled and installed on June 19-20.

MARKETING & OUTREACH

Invitation to present at Indivisible event – I have been invited to speak to the Baker City chapter of Indivisible at a “get-together community-building event” in Geiser Pollman park on the morning of June 28th. The group is concerned about library issues such as campaigns to purge books from libraries (“banned books”) and the potential loss of federal funding for the Sage Courier and interested in helping raise funds to support continuation of the Sage service.

LEO / Roundhouse Foundation Library Promotional Film Crew – I have authorized a film crew sponsored by the Roundhouse Foundation to conduct filming at the Baker branch on Friday, 6/13. In collaboration with Libraries of Eastern Oregon, the crew is visiting several libraries to work on a production about the Sage Courier and how interconnected the public libraries in Eastern Oregon are. Public notices will be posted for visitors to notify staff or crew members if they wish to not be captured on film. Exactly how the film will be distributed is unclear.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Summer Reading Program – Event schedules are available and registrations are open for this year’s Summer Reading Program. The theme is “Level Up at Your Library” so will promote skills building with the video game metaphor.

Program Partnerships

- **LEO / OSU Food Preservation Things** – In partnership with the Libraries of Eastern Oregon and Oregon State University College of Health, School of Nutrition and Public Health, we will be adding a number of items to our Library of Things collection focused on traditional methods of food preservation such as canning and dehydrating. This fall, we expect to have OSU provide some public programs on the topic.
- **Rotary Club Table Tennis Kits** – In partnership with the local Rotary International club chapter, the Baker branch will soon have portable Table Tennis Kits available for public checkout. The kits are primarily intended to be used at a new fixed ping pong table in the Geiser Pollman Park that the Rotary club has sponsored. An exact date of installation and launch of the program is to be determined.

PERSONNEL

No report

TECHNOLOGY

No report