

Oregon public libraries:  
Your partners in literacy!



# Oregon Public Library 101

- There are 130 legally established public libraries in Oregon. Find your library: <http://libdir.osl.state.or.us/>
- All public libraries in Oregon are independently governed by cities, counties, or special districts.
- 4% of Oregonians do not live in an area with tax supported library service so do not have free access to a public library.
- Services differ from library to library based on their governance and local community profile.

# Oregon Public Library 101 (cont.)

- 20 Oregon libraries are open for 25 hours or fewer per week.
- 30 Oregon libraries have only 1 paid staff person who is responsible for everything—often all the cleaning too!
- 74 Oregon libraries provide early literacy education to families—most use the *Every Child Ready to Read*® curriculum.
- 98 Oregon libraries offer at least one outreach service to community partners.

# Oregon Public Library 101 (cont.)

- People checked-out 21,113,569 children's items (books, audio books, CDs, DVDs, etc.) from Oregon libraries in FFY 2011-2012.
- Oregon libraries hosted 44,269 children's programs and 1,171,704 people attended those programs in FFY 2011-2012.
- Oregon libraries collectively received \$605,668 in state funding in FFY 2011-2012.





# **Oregon libraries are partnering with CHILDCARE PROVIDERS & HEAD START**

- Regularly scheduled visits include a storytime, delivery of a rotating collection of library books, and provider/teacher support such as bringing materials to assist with their curriculum, early literacy information, and storytime tips—Beaverton, Crook County, Newberg, Deschutes County, Sherman County, Astoria and more.
- Annual early literacy workshops at Head Start and childcare center parent meetings—Newberg, Stayton and more.





Preschool's monthly field trip to  
Sherman County Library



Wallowa County Library's *Mother  
Goose Asks Why*® science storytime



Wallowa County Library's FFN storytime



Deschutes Public Library's  
Head Start storytime

# Oregon libraries are partnering with PEDIATRICIANS

- Libraries provide hospitals with new baby kits that include a board book, early literacy information, and other resources to distribute after child birth—Curry County and more.
- Libraries provide pediatricians with children's books to use in their waiting rooms and exam rooms—Newberg, Hillsboro, and more.
- Multnomah County Library implements *Reach Out & Read*® which provides pediatricians with children's books and early literacy information to giveaway at all well-child exams (i.e. a prescription for reading!).





**Newberg Public Library,  
off to deliver books!**

# Oregon libraries are partnering with SCHOOLS

- Regularly scheduled visits to afterschool programs to present story and activity times for young children—Sherman County and more.
- Regularly scheduled visits to pregnant and parenting teen high school programs include early literacy workshops for teens, storytimes for their babies, and giveaway books—Beaverton, Deschutes County, Newberg, Stayton, and more.
- Annual community-wide early literacy nights—Stayton and more.



**Sherman County Library's  
afterschool storytime**



**Deschutes Public Library's  
teen parent early literacy  
workshop and storytime**

# Oregon libraries are partnering with EI/ECSE

- Regular visits to the ECSE Language Group include storytime, music, flannel board stories, rhymes, and book distribution—Deschutes County and more.
- Regular visits to the EI preschool include adapted storytimes to meet the unique needs of the children—Stayton and more.
- Sensory storytimes at the library are shorter, limit attendance, include more repetition, follow a familiar pattern each week, and encourage families to interact at their own level—Newberg, Josephine County, Eugene, and more.





**Stayton Public Library's  
EI preschool storytime**



**Deschutes Public Library's  
ECSE Language Group**

# Oregon libraries are partnering with **RELIEF NURSERIES & HEALTHY START**

- Provide *Raising A Reader*® and similar programs that provide book bags for children to take home, return to exchange books, and take home again so families have new books every week—Jackson County, Multnomah County, and more.
- Distribute literacy bags to families monthly—Wallowa County and more.



## Jackson County Library's book bags for Relief Nursery families



Multnomah County Library's  
*Raising A Reader®*

## **Oregon libraries are partnering with WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC)**

- WIC and library staff present a joint storytime that focuses on healthy eating and exercise—Lake County and more.
- Provide early literacy training to families who must attend classes 4 times a year to get vouchers—Multnomah County and more.





**Lake County Library's WIC storytime**

## **Oregon libraries are partnering with OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO...**

- Distribute early literacy bags to families at low-income housing when they pay rent each month and at the local food bank—Wallowa County.
- Provide monthly early literacy workshops and storytimes to mothers and their children at Coffee Creek Correctional Institute—Wilsonville.
- Present annual community literacy event in partnership with Head Start and County Juvenile Department—Astoria.
- High Desert Museum presents a monthly science-based preschool program—Crook County.



**Crook County Library's  
Wild Adventures preschool science program  
with the High Desert Museum**

# Oregon libraries are starting to make changes to align with the Early Learning Council

Washington County Cooperative Library Services partnered with Washington County CCR&R to contract with [Jim Gill](#), child development specialist with an emphasis on music and play, to provide 2 performances at childcare centers, 2 free community performances at libraries, and 1 training for library staff and childcare providers for Oregon Registry Set One credit.



# Oregon libraries are starting to make changes to align with the Early Learning Council

Pendleton, Hermiston, La Grande, Baker, Enterprise, and Grant County public libraries are partnering with EOU's Pierce Library, InterMountain Education Service District, and the Oregon College Savings Plan to implement Ready 2 Learn, a kindergarten readiness pilot project that will...



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Ready 2 Learn will...

- Incentivize and improve kindergarten readiness while establishing planning for college as a fundamental part of early learning, and
- Provide measurable data on the impact that public library visitation, borrowing, and children's program attendance has on a child's early literacy development.

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The Oregon State Library is planning to provide an *Every Child Ready to Read* early literacy train the trainer for you and your colleagues in 2013. This would enable your organization to provide in-house training for staff now and in the future to provide early literacy workshops to the families you work with.

Interested in participating? Contact me (Katie) at 503-378-2528, [katie.anderson@state.or.us](mailto:katie.anderson@state.or.us)

Call your library to  
start partnering today!



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