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State Library Recommends 150 Books for the Sesquicentennial

To help commemorate Oregon's sesquicentennial, the State Library is pleased to announce the Oregon 150 Booklist. The list consists of 150 books for children, teens and adults that describe the Oregon experience, including fiction, non-fiction, history, and poetry. The books are available in libraries and bookstores and are highly recommended for all Oregonians to read during the sesquicentennial.

The books present a comprehensive view of the Oregon experience, including the stories and voices of the tribes that inhabited Oregon for millennia to those of the many cultures that live here today. The oldest book on the list is *Astoria: or, Anecdotes of an Enterprize Beyond the Rocky Mountains* by Washington Irving, originally published in 1836. The newest book is *Oregon at Work: 1859-2009* by Art Ayre and Tom Fuller that will be published this spring by the OSU Press.

"For 150 years, Oregon has been a state of readers and writers," said State Librarian Jim Scheppke. "It's no accident that we have some of the best libraries and bookstores anywhere in the country. It's our hope that many Oregonians will use this reading list to spend time in 2009 reading and reflecting on the Oregon experience."

The Oregon 150 Booklist is available on the State Library website at <http://www.oregon.gov/OSL/OR150.shtml>.

The Oregon 150 Booklist is one of many ways the State Library and other state agencies are observing the sesquicentennial. The State Library is hosting a monthly lecture series on Oregon topics and is a co-sponsor, with the Oregon Library Association, of *Oregon Reads 2009*, a statewide community reading project.

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