

Celebrating 36 Years

...a trip through time



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1986

The UCSLD established by vote of the people to:

- ▶ Using the collective of revenue obtained through a District tax, help fund library services for the residents of the District, using resources to equalize as much as possible residents' access to information and services.

*From the order creating the District – “The purpose of the Umatilla County Special Library District shall be to provide library and information services to persons within the district.”

*The UCSLD “shall be a municipal corporation and shall have perpetual succession, and shall, in its own name, exercise and carry out the powers and objects provided for by Oregon Statutes governing library districts.”

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1987

- ▶ Initial two-year (\$463,004/yr.) serial levy passed by District voters.
- ▶ Librarian/Coordinator starts work Dec. 1, 1987.
- ▶ District begins two-day per week courier service with Umatilla ESD.
- ▶ District/City agreements.

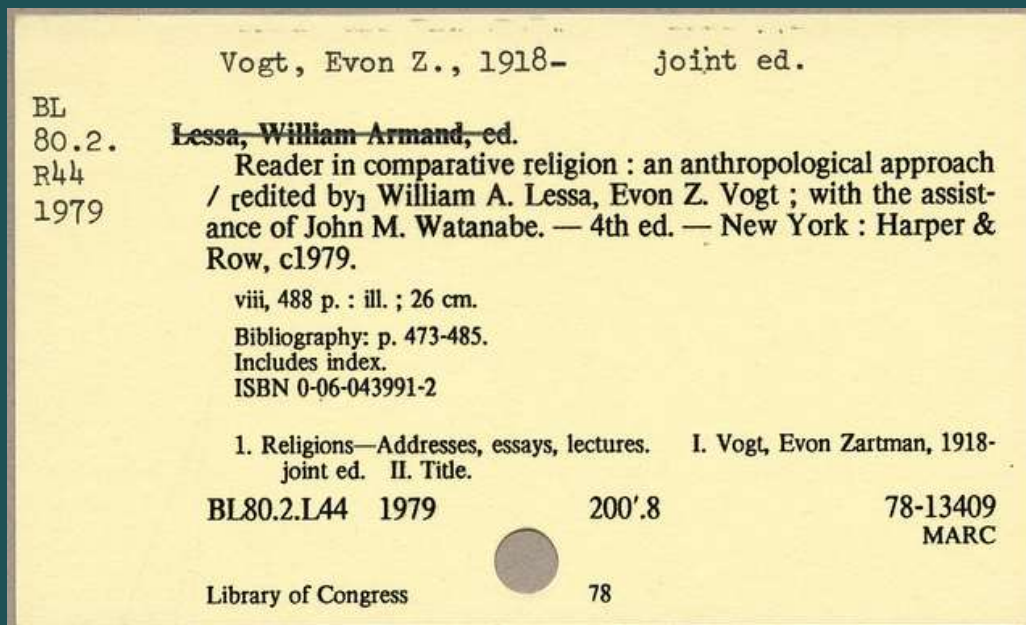
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1988

- ▶ Hermiston signs agreement to service residents outside the city limits and Helix joins the District.
- ▶ Vote to fund Adams PL, Helix PL and Ukiah PL at Threshold levels.
- ▶ Part-time Office Assistant begins work in March.
- ▶ Board begins meeting monthly.
- ▶ District receives \$169,000 LSCA Resource Sharing grant to automate cataloging, circulation and public access catalog functions.

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EO - 8/1/88

Ken Reading, coordinator/librarian for the Umatilla County Special Library District, looks over an estimated 20,000 books that will go on

sale for 10-cents a title Thursday on the second floor at Helen McCune Junior High and in the basement at Pendleton Library.

East Oregonian/Will Phinney

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1989

- ▶ District begins working with library automation consultant.
- ▶ Thirty-four Eastern Oregon high schools join resource sharing project with a grant from Meyer Memorial Trust.
- ▶ District signs contract for library automation system.
- ▶ Hermiston PL, Milton-Freewater PL and Pendleton PL automated.

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Library to join Internet

Federal grant
to meet cost

By MARINA SWAIN
of the East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Any book, anywhere, any time. That's the not-so-distant future of the Umatilla County Special Library District, which plans to hook into the Internet courtesy of a \$13,800 federal grant.

"It's going to make everybody's resources available to everyone else," said Ken Reading, the library district's coordinator.

Connecting to the well known worldwide computer web won't happen overnight. Reading says it may be as late as September before local library users can log on to the information-rich computer system.

However, more immediate technological upgrades are on the way. New computer equipment is being installed next week to allow the district's 48 libraries more room for their electronic card catalogs to grow.



Staff Photo by Rob Kerr

Ken Reading, Umatilla County Special Library District coordinator, sits beside a computer site at Blue Mountain Community College where technological upgrades will be made. City libraries in Hermiston, Pendleton and Milton-Freewater will close for a few days next week to allow the system's electronic card catalog to expand. However, BMCC's library will remain open, using stamps instead of electronics to check books in and out.

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1990

- ▶ District voters pass a \$520,200 yearly tax base.
- ▶ District and Cities sign revised intergovernmental agreements.
[Note: consensus of Bd. was not to include percentage or formula in agreements. Consensus of Bd. to include appendix with threshold criteria in revised city agreements.]
- ▶ District purchases personal computers for each district library primarily for remote libraries to access the district database on CD-ROM.

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1991 - 1993

- ▶ With four years of budgeting experience to draw on District Board passes Appendix B document describing the history and intention of the Board as to the distribution of tax funds to cities (i.e. base year amounts, 80/20).
- ▶ District Board voted to base Hermiston's population figures on Directory of Statistics just as other libraries in the District.
- ▶ District and Hermiston sign revised agreement.
- ▶ Dea Nowell begins in 1992
- ▶ In 1993, District initiates cooperative regional acquisitions agreement with Ingram Book Co. and all libraries in the region for discounts and free shipping.
- ▶ Fax machines purchased for 11 District Libraries in 1993.

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1994 - 1998

- ▶ District receives a \$14,000 LSCA grant to upgrade telecommunications services and equipment at BMCC to provide Internet access to the Dynix automated system.
- ▶ The District upgrades PCs, modems and printers at District libraries.
- ▶ District Board voted to pursue using the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) as well as local checking account.
- ▶ District Board voted to approve the goals as presented following the September 6, 1997 Goal Setting Session.
- ▶ District Board voted to adopt mission statement.
- ▶ 5 year serial levy attempt at 17.6¢/\$1,000 or \$340,000 failed in 1998

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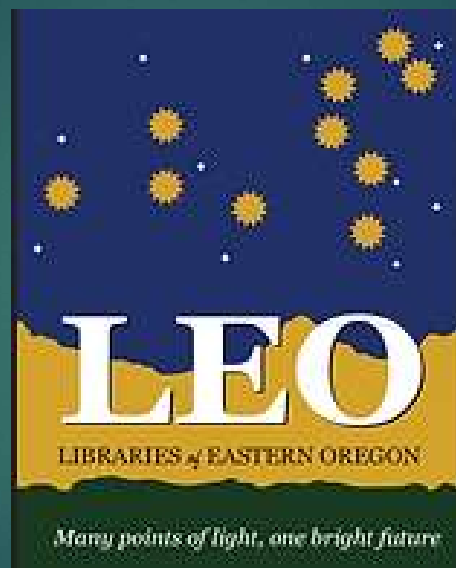
1999 - 2002

- ▶ District initiates merger of three Eastern Oregon automation nodes to form the Pioneer Library System at Eastern Oregon University.
- ▶ In 2001, District Board voted to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Libraries of Eastern Oregon.
- ▶ District Board voted to accept the UCSLD Standards as revised.
- ▶ Umatilla PL automated as part of the automation system merger.
- ▶ In 2002, Board updates City-District Intergovernmental Agreements requiring written assessments/plans.
- ▶ District begins an early literacy outreach program called Take Off!
- ▶ District Board voted to hold levy election in November, which failed.

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2003 - 2006

- ▶ In 2004, strategic planning process occurs with Paul Koch, consultant.
- ▶ Board establishes the District Office as the cataloging authority for the District.
- ▶ In 2005, revised mission & vision statements.
- ▶ Cities and District sign revised Intergovernmental Agreements that include policies for annual library service plans, evaluations, governance & staff training, automation and nine priorities for programs and services.
- ▶ District creates three ranges for tax distribution to cities to move towards per capita equalization.
- ▶ District buys plain paper fax machines for libraries that don't have them.
- ▶ The Pioneer Council voted to rename the catalog Sage and the consortial entity Sage Library System of Eastern Oregon.
- ▶ In 2006, began process of automating remaining eight District libraries.
- ▶ Helix PL automated.
- ▶ Take Off! Program Director moves from contract position to staff position.

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SAGE LIBRARY SYSTEM

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2007 - 2009

- ▶ In 2007, Pilot Rock PL automated.
- ▶ District standardizes circulation and ILL loan rules within the District
- ▶ Weston PL automated.
- ▶ County-wide standardized loan rules adopted.
- ▶ District purchased 2008 Honda Fit for 3rd day supplemental courier usage.
- ▶ District begins 3rd day per week, supplemental courier service to District Libraries.

- ▶ In 2008, Stanfield PL automated.

- ▶ In 2009, Board voted to accept Community Services Fee agreement (related to windmill funding) that was negotiated with County Commissioners.
- ▶ Athena PL automated.
- ▶ Service improvement planning process ("Talking Stock, Moving Ahead") held with consultant Ruth Metz.
- ▶ District purchased 2010 Honda Fit for Take Off! Program with grant funds.

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2010 - 2011

- ▶ In 2010, District initiates Sage Library System regional standardized loan rules, which were later adopted and implemented.
- ▶ Adams PL automated.
- ▶ Fifteen-year windmill funding begins.
- ▶ New automation system implemented by Sage (Evergreen).

- ▶ In 2011, Ukiah School/PL automated.
- ▶ District begins funding LEO databases for all District Libraries (Library2Go, WorldBook Online, Tutor.com).
- ▶ Sponsored, along with LEO, a Friends workshop with Sally Reed (Executive Director of ALA's Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations [ALTAFF]).
- ▶ District Board contracted with Darcy Dauble to delve deeper, objectively sort out options and make recommendations regarding a possible contracting model. And then agreed by consensus to move forward with developing a detailed joint administration proposal that might be acceptable to both OTLD & UCSLD Boards.
- ▶ 2012 early literacy calendar (Take Off!) created.

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2012 - 2013

- ▶ Librarian/Coordinator retires June 30, 2012.
- ▶ Began bi-monthly District newsletter.
- ▶ District & city libraries jointly sponsor booth at Umatilla County Fair.
- ▶ New Coordinator hired, begins September 1, 2012.
- ▶ Take Off! Program Director retires September 30, 2012.
- ▶ New Take Off! Program Director hired
- ▶ Continued with databases: Library2Go and WorldBook Online & dropped Tutor.com.

- ▶ In 2013, District & city libraries jointly sponsor booth at Umatilla County Fair.
- ▶ Echo PL automated.
- ▶ New Take Off! Program Manager hired (begins in mid-September).
- ▶ Databases: continued with Library2Go, and added Livemocha, as well as 3 LEO databases: EBSCO Auto Reference & Repair, Ancestry Library Edition, HeritageQuest Online.
- ▶ District logo and tagline are adopted and implemented.
- ▶ 12 receipt printers purchased and installed at all 12 libraries.

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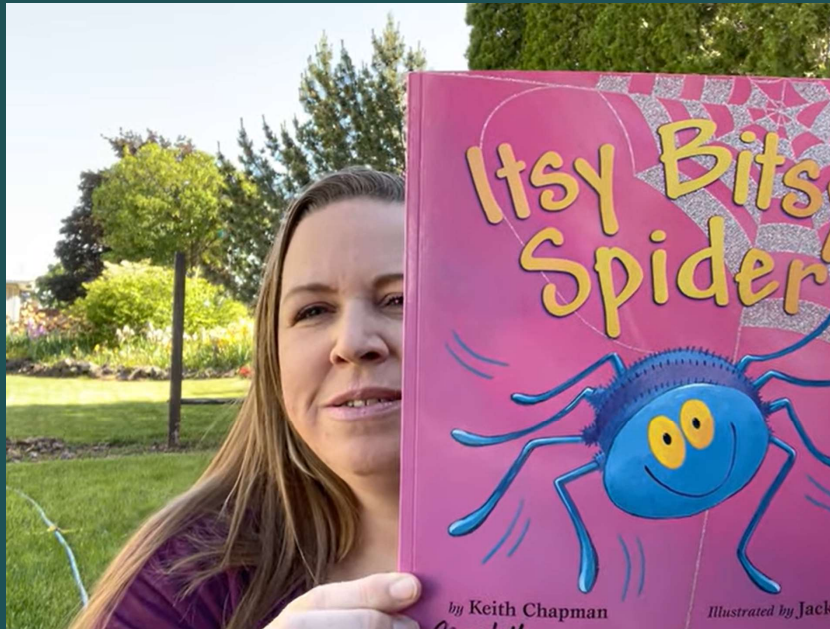
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2014 - 2015

- ▶ In 2014, Database change: Livemocha replaced by Rosetta Stone.
- ▶ Revised mission & vision statements.
- ▶ Take Off! Program Manager resigns effective July 31, 2014.
- ▶ New Take Off! Program Manager hired (begins in mid-September).

- ▶ In 2015, Librarian/Coordinator retires February 28, 2015.
- ▶ Database change: Rosetta Stone replaced by Mángo Languages.
- ▶ New Coordinator hired, begins part-time May 2015, & full-time June 1, 2015.
- ▶ Cities and District sign revised Intergovernmental Agreements that... & added language to review agreements every 3 years.

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2016 - 2018

- ▶ In 2016, database funding paused.
- ▶ In 2017, Coordinator resigns in May 2017.
- ▶ Aletha Bonebrake appointed as Interim Manager in May 2017.
- ▶ Erin McCusker hired as District Director in July 2017.
- ▶ Database change: Library2Go covered for the District libraries.
- ▶ 2018, New Agreements for Library Service signed.

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Through Agreements with 11 Cities and 1 School District, we provide excellent library services throughout the whole county.



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Libraries are not just about what they have for people, but what they do for and with people.

(ALA News)



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Highlights!

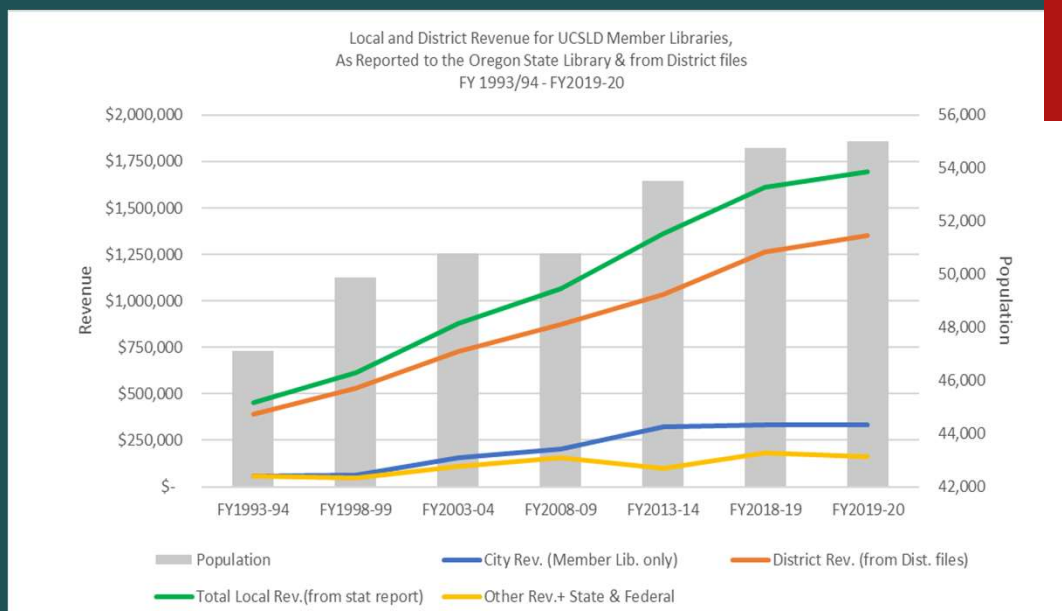
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DISTRICT	LIBRARY	DATE
UCSLD	Adams Public Library	
UCSLD	Athens Public Library	
OTLD	Boardman Public Library	
UCSLD	Echo Public Library	
UCSLD	Helix Public Library	
OTLD	Hesperian Public Library	
UCSLD	Hermiston Public Library	
UCSLD	Irish Public Library	
OTLD	Irish Public Library	
UCSLD	Milton-Franklin Library	
UCSLD	Pendleton Public Library	
UCSLD	Pilot Rock Public Library	
UCSLD	Stanfield Public Library	
UCSLD	Union Public Library	
UCSLD	Umatilla Public Library	
UCSLD	Weston Public Library	

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Population, Allocation Formula, Agreements for Library Services continue the ongoing success of UCSLD funding

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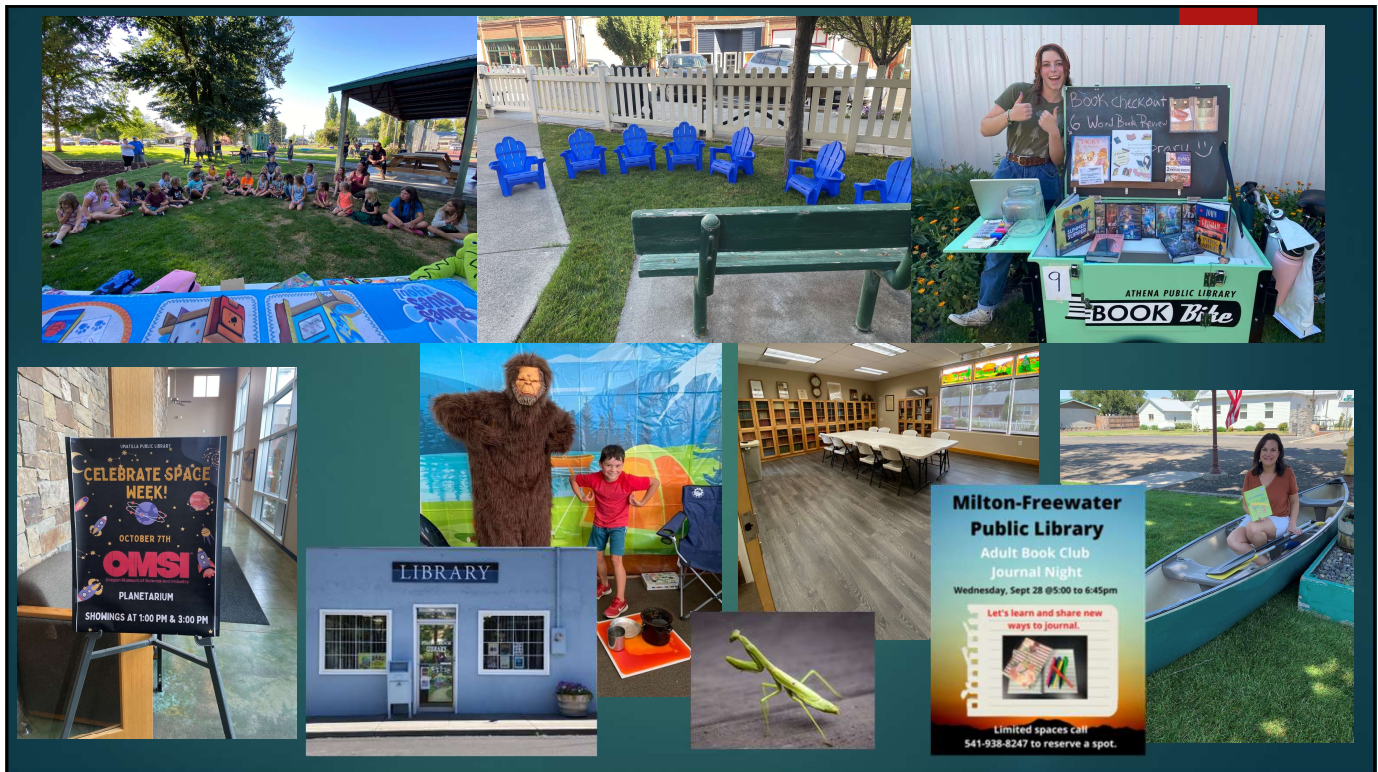
The idea that

libraries serve communities at times of crisis

is now pretty well established. Some 55% of those ages 16 and older say libraries contribute a lot (19%) or somewhat (37%) when a natural disaster or major problem strikes the community. There have been dramatic examples of libraries becoming refuges and outposts, for instance after Hurricane Sandy in the Northeast in 2013.

(Pew Research Center)

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Thank you
for all you
do!

It makes a
difference!

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