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Salem, Ore – Libraries and institutions across Oregon help their local communities thrive. To support these efforts, the State Library of Oregon is issuing grants totaling over \$820,000 from the federally funded <u>Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Program</u>, administered on the national level by the Institute of Museum and Library Services' Grants to States Program.

- 17 organizations are receiving funds through the <u>competitive grants program</u>. Projects range from makerspaces to huge library software migrations to digital heritage projects to academic tutoring for underserved communities.
- 19 libraries are hiring <u>teen interns</u>, who will develop and lead a <u>connected learning</u> project that matches their interests and abilities.
- 9 libraries will enhance connectivity and implement digital inclusion programs and services in their community.
- 6 statewide programs continue to have LSTA support: <u>Libros for Oregon</u>, <u>Oregon Battle of the Books</u> (OBOB), <u>Oregon Digital Library Consortium</u> (ODLC), <u>Oregon School Library Information System</u> (OSLIS), <u>Overdue: Weeding Out Oppression in Libraries</u> podcast, and the <u>Sage Library System</u> courier.

These federal funds support Oregonians from all walks of life, in a variety of ways, by strengthening libraries across the state. A complete list of grant recipients can be found on the Grant Awards page.

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