

FY 26 budget preparation:

- The Library Department budget presentation has been submitted
- I will share the link when it goes live
- Budget meetings will be May 12-14, 5:30-8pm in the LMR or virtually.

Staffing:

- The Library Associate Manager is retiring in May
- The position will be left vacant
- We are creating a Senior Librarian position that will be able to cover some of the oversight duties that the Assoc Manager position is responsible for.
- This will be an internal recruitment.

Institute of Museum and Library Funding

- The Executive Order to restructure the IMLS has implications for all public libraries in Oregon.
- IMLS funds are provided to State Libraries through Library Service Technology Act (LSTA) block grants
- Here is a portion of an email from the State Librarian Wendy Cornelisen outlining the potential impacts:

Here's what we do know:

- LSTA is a statutorily required program of IMLS.
- The \$2.5M annual block-grant to the State Library of Oregon is part of the national [Grants to States program](#) so you might see that name too.
- This funding represents roughly 25% of the State Library's overall budget, including a number of services used by libraries across Oregon.
 - Two-thirds of [LS staff](#), including consultants who advise on public libraries, children's and teen services, early literacy, digital equity, continuing education, community outreach, reference services, school libraries, intellectual freedom, digitization, and public library data.
 - The [Statewide Database Licensing Program](#), which includes statewide access to the Gale suite of electronic resources as well as subsidies to academic libraries to purchase more appropriate content for their needs.
 - Statewide access to [iREAD Summer Reading Programs](#) for all public libraries.

- [Northwest Digital Heritage](#), which aggregates digital collections from libraries, museums, and other institutions around the Pacific Northwest and makes them searchable in one place.
- Various grant programs including annual [competitive grants](#), [teen internship grants](#), and [other opportunities](#).
 - Please note that Ready to Read grants are *not* federally funded. Those grants are funded through from the State's General Fund.
- Statewide and regional projects such as the [Sage Library System](#) courier, the [Oregon Digital Library Consortium/Library2Go](#), and digitization of Chemawa Indian School materials and Tribal newspapers.
- A wide variety of programs operated by the Oregon Library Association including [Oregon Battle of the Books](#), [Libros for Oregon](#), [OSLIS](#), [Overdue: Weeding Out Oppression in Libraries](#) podcast, and [professional development scholarships](#).
- [Answerland](#), the state's [24/7](#) online library chat reference service.
- A variety of [continuing education opportunities](#) for Oregon library staff and volunteers including the [Oregon Library Staff Academy](#) on Niche Academy, [library board resources](#) such as the newly released [board handbook](#), and special training such as the [Libraries Leading with Equity](#)
- SPLHM currently has a competitive grant through LSTA for the Museum Collection Technician position. This grant funding secure
- We have submitted a grant for FY26 that again supports the Museum Collection Tech position and provides funding for exhibit pieces to create ILLUMINATION exhibits for the schools and provides funding to Springfield Public Library schools to purchase materials to support and build on the information in the exhibits. The State Library is proceeding as normal with these grants as they await the FY25 Award letter from the IMLS in April.

Successes

- Books & Brew netted just short of \$32,000
- Spring Break week has been successful at the library & museum.
 - Reptile man brought in 300 people
 - The magician Jay Frazier brought in another 100
 - Passive programming and the children's area in general has been very busy at times throughout the week
- We received the Mills Davis Foundation grant in the amount of \$30,000 to support the ILLUMINATION exhibits mentioned above and the plaza summer programs