

LSTA grant: Information Literacy for College Ready Oregonians
Memo to the OLA Board
June 2014

The Information Literacy Advisory Group of Oregon (ILAGO) has submitted a LSTA grant proposal, *Information Literacy for College Ready Oregonians*.

Description: A greater emphasis on “college readiness” for Oregon’s K-12 students has recently come to fore, driven by the state’s acceptance of the Common Core education standards, Governor Kitzhaber’s 40/40/20 initiative, as well as the Oregon Education Investment Board’s investigation into “accelerated learning” agreements between high schools and colleges. Information Literacy skills are articulated within the Common Core and, more recently, by the Oregon Association of School Librarians. The provision for information literacy instruction, however, has not been made clear. Generally, this instruction is provided by Library Media Specialists or “Teacher Librarians.” But, the current deficit in such personnel among Oregon’s school districts makes it clear that the responsibility for information literacy instruction, as well as access to library information resources, will fall to other school personnel who will vary in regards to preparedness to teach information literacy or library research skills.

The full proposal is provided as a supplementary document. Please refer to that document for details pertaining to project goal, objectives, and budget.

Request to the OLA Board: Clatsop Community College has agreed to serve as temporary fiscal agent for the brief proposal, which was due in April. Should that brief proposal be accepted and ILAGO invited to submit a full proposal, however, ILAGO requests that the Oregon Library Association assume the fiscal agent position.

The State Library Board will meet on June 20 to approve the list of full proposal invitations. The LSTA grant timeline can be found here,

http://www.oregon.gov/osl/LD/Pages/LSTAcomp.aspx#Grant_Process_and_Time_Cycle

For an overview of Oregon’s LSTA Grants, please refer to this page,

<http://www.oregon.gov/osl/LD/Pages/LSTAcomp.aspx>.