OREGON MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION

October 2023 newsletter

OMA Events

Advocacy alert! Please respond to our funding needs survey

OMA is in the beginning stages of working with Rep. Kevin Mannix (HD21) and Rep. Ed Deihl (HD 17) to collect information which will most likely be used to help craft legislation for the 2025 session to support museums across the state of Oregon.

This information about your funding needs is being collected by the OMA Advocacy Committee. Please click the link to complete the survey. Remember, this is in the early stages of planning, so please share your BIGGEST existing need, even if it sounds like a pie-in-the-sky dream.

Participation in this survey is voluntary and funding is not guaranteed. We appreciate you taking the time to provide this insight so we can help Oregon museums to thrive! **Please reply by Friday, October 27, 2023.**

- Take the survey.

Recalculating, recalculating… Using the Museum Assessment Program (MAP) as your museum's GPS on the road to excellence

Tuesday, December 5, 11 am - 12:30 pm

Thinking about applying for the Museum Assessment Program (MAP) from American Alliance of Museums? MAP is a year-long process of self-assessment activities, a peer reviewer site visit and a final assessment report with prioritized recommendations. This webinar provides space for Oregon museums to ask the questions you want and get into the nitty gritty of the application and the process with Brianne Roth, Program Officer for MAP.

Find out more.

- OMA members: $15
- Non-members: $25

Register now

Membership special: get three months free!

Join OMA or renew now and receive membership through the end of 2024. That's three months free! Members receive the following benefits:

- Discount on registration fees to OMA conference and workshops
- Listing in the museum directory, business directory, or member directory on the OMA website, including your photograph
- Access to member forum
- Monthly e-newsletter
- More!

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News

October is American Archives Month

Are you looking for practical information and great ideas to help you make your archives program more visible during American Archives Month in October? The Society of American Archivists (SAA) and the Council of State Archivists has some good resources.

- Resources and toolkits from SSA.

The OMA 2023 Annual Conference had some great presentations about archives that might be helpful.

- Collections management for rogues: Sometimes the wrong way is the only way
- Finding aids first: Organizing collections as a first step towards increasing access

Oregon Heritage offers free guide to collections

The Heritage Organization's Guide to Creating and Cleaning Up Collection Information was developed in response to those looking to create a system to preserve and track the information about their collection or those that want to cleanup their systems full of collection information that may be inconsistent or inaccurate with staff/volunteer turnover over time.

The purpose of this guide is to break down best practices and standards for creating collection data and provide an actionable path forward for your organization to improve data quality.
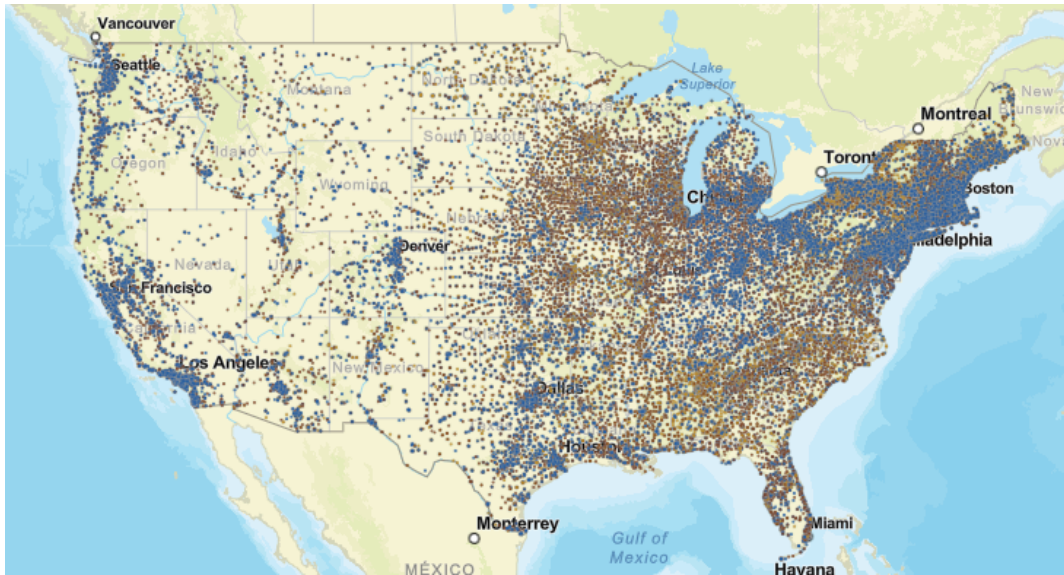
- See the guide.

2023 survey of archivists available

The 2023 All Archivists Survey, fielded seventeen years after the original A*CENSUS collected foundational data for the field, provides a measure of how far the field has come in nearly two decades and introduces new or expanded areas of exploration, including sections on diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility, community archives, and student loan debt.

Findings include the following:

- The majority (61 percent) of respondents employed full-time make between $40,000 and $79,999 annually.
- While diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility goals have not yet been achieved in the archives profession, there is encouraging evidence that steps are being taken to reach them.
- The top three challenges community archives face are funding, collection storage space, and generating awareness of the archives.

Read the Survey Report.

Researchers develop dataset of US museums, libraries, galleries, and archives

A research team from Louisiana State University compiled and verified a unique dataset, including the georeferences for the majority of US Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums (GLAMs). The original data sources included the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the National Center for Education Statistics, the Archives RepoData project, and the Department of Defense. After compiling the source data, the project team employed over 35 undergraduate and graduate students to manually verify and update physical location of the GLAMs. The resulting dataset includes nearly 74,000 entries and represents the first known directory of all U.S. GLAM locations.

The dataset is part of the research study *Providing Risk of The Environment's Changing Climate Threats for Galleries, Libraries, Archives & Museums (PROTECCT-GLAM)*. It is freely available for use via the LSU Digital Commons and accessible on the project website. The PROTECCT-GLAM team also provided access to a form for GLAMs to submit feedback and revisions to the dataset which will be updated monthly through 2024 and quarterly thereafter.

- See the project website.
- See the dataset in map form.

Diversity, Equity, Access and Inclusion (DEAI)

Trans-inclusive guidance available for museums, galleries, archives and heritage organizations

In the context of growing uncertainty and anxiety surrounding trans-inclusive practice in the cultural sector, the University of Leicester's (England) Research Centre for Museums and Galleries (RCMG) – working with a team of legal scholars and experts in inclusion, equality and ethics – has developed comprehensive guidance on advancing trans inclusion for museums, galleries, archives and heritage organizations.

The guidance, intended primarily for anyone working with or in museums, galleries, archives and heritage, sets out an ethical framework to support cultural organisations to advance trans inclusion.

- Read the guidance.

New standards released for museums with Native American collections

The School for Advanced Research and the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) released Standards for Museums with Native American Collections. It includes actionable recommendations to help museums clarify and strengthen their roles as stewards. It aims to help institutions provide more meaningful and culturally sensitive interpretation and documentation and includes case studies from institutions exemplifying meaningful collaboration and inclusion.

- Read the new standards.

Jobs

Oregon Museums Association

- Part-time Administrative & Communications Coordinator

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Clackamas County Historical Society

- Museum Educator
- Museum Educator and Executive Assistant
- History Education Outreach and Sponsorship Coordinator

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Oregon Historical Society

- Exhibit Preparator

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Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI)

- Digital Marketing Manager

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Oregon Heritage

- Administrative Assistant

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Oregon Military Museum

- Museum Assistant

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Five Oaks Museum

- Cultural Resources Manager

Grants

Council on Library and Information Resources

Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives: Amplifying Unheard Voices. **Deadline November 1, 2023.**

Institute of Museum and Library Services

IMLS is accepting applications for six grant programs, all **due byNovember 15, 2023**.

- Museums for America
- Inspire! Grants for Small Museums
- Museums Empowered
- National Leadership Grants for Museums
- Museum Grants for African American History and Culture
- Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services

Oregon Heritage

Fellowship for Oregon students researching Oregon. **Deadline November 2, 2023**.

Oregon Cultural Trust

- Lane County Cultural Coalition. **Deadline October 13, 2023**.
- Multnomah County Cultural Coalition. **Deadline October 15, 2023**.
- Clatsop County Cultural Coalition. **Deadline October 31, 2023**.

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