FEATURED RESOURCE

New edition of the Atlas of the Pacific Northwest is available online

The 2018 edition of the Atlas of the Pacific Northwest has launched. This new online atlas was produced by the OSU Libraries and Press and the Institute for Natural Resources, and it contains more than 100 interactive maps that cover all of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. These maps are presented for the first time in an interactive digital atlas format.

Chapters cover regional topics including water, culture and history, population and housing, outdoor recreation and more. The online atlas was made possible by the Gray Family Chair for Innovative Library Services endowment. The print edition of the Atlas of the Pacific Northwest was first published in 1961, went through nine editions and was a perennial bestseller for OSU Press.

Access all of the info contained in the innovative atlas at http://pnwatlas.oregonstate.edu/.

RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

Access to ProQuest Congressional streamlines the discovery of government resources

OSU Libraries and Press has acquired a superb collection of 21 government-related databases that support a broad range of classes and research, including history, political science, ethnic studies, environmental studies and geography. On a single platform, users can find hearings, expert reports, U.S. bills and laws, the U.S. Serial Set with high-resolution maps, executive orders and presidential proclamations. Providing context is Congress in Context, which offers an overview of the political parties, economic conditions, major laws and major events for each session of Congress. Legislative Insight compiles all primary source publications related to a specific bill.

Included in this package are two primary source collections: Civil Rights and the Black Freedom Struggle and also American Indians and the American West. In addition, Indian Claims Insight includes treaties, docket numbers and other materials related to Native American claims, and it can be searched by keywords, docket number or by specific nation/tribe.

ProQuest Congressional can be accessed at https://congressional-proquest-com.ezproxy.proxy.library.oregonstate.edu/congressional/search/basic/basicsearch.
FEATURED COLLECTION IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND ARCHIVES RESEARCH CENTER AT THE VALLEY LIBRARY

Climate change is the focus of new oral history interviews from OSU Libraries

A website focusing on climate change and featuring oral history interviews with 12 leading figures from Oregon State University is now available. Created by the OSU Libraries Special Collections and Archives Research Center, the Voices of a Warming Planet oral histories are at http://scarc.library.oregonstate.edu/omeka/exhibits/show/climatevoicesmain/.

Voices of a Warming Planet is the fourth website to be released by OSU Libraries as part of its Voices Initiative, a multi-year effort that provides online access to their oral history collections. More than 600 hours of oral history content has been released so far. Access these oral history efforts at http://scarc.library.oregonstate.edu/oralhistory.html.

OTHER NEWS

OPB utilizes library’s collections and personnel for an episode of ‘Oregon Experience’

In conjunction with OSU’s 150th anniversary, Oregon Public Broadcasting produced an episode devoted to OSU in their “Oregon Experience” series. The one-hour episode aired multiple times in June and December and can be viewed online.

The OSU episode is a beautiful, thoroughly researched and informative history that doesn’t omit the challenges and controversies of the university’s history. The episode relies on much content, especially photos and film footage, from the Libraries’ Special Collections and Archives Research Center.

You can view the episode online at https://www.opb.org/television/programs/oregonexperience/episodes/1203/.

No-cost and low-cost textbooks saved students more than $1.5 million last year

At Oregon State, we strive to deliver high-quality education while prioritizing access and affordability. Open Oregon State works in partnership with the faculty, OSU Libraries and Press, and the OSU Beaver Store to create no-cost and low-cost course materials to be used for campus and online courses. Faculty members that adopted, adapted and/or authored textbooks and other course materials that are freely available helped save OSU students more than $1.5 million last year alone.

The following are examples of departments and programs active in the Open Oregon State initiative:

Environmental Sciences Graduate Program — All their core graduate courses use no-cost course materials.

School of Public Policy — Five new open textbooks are in use.

Integrative biology, human anatomy and physiology — A joint project is ongoing with faculty at other universities and community colleges to develop open course materials.

College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences — An interdisciplinary open textbook on climate change is now in use.

College of Agricultural Sciences — New open textbooks are in use in horticulture, animal science and crop sciences.

We’re here to help you make the transition from costly textbooks to free or low-cost alternatives. If you’re thinking about using an open textbook, check out one or more textbooks from our Open Textbook Collection. The Open Textbook Collection is located on the second (main) floor of the Valley Library, and more info is at https://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/c.php?g=744797&p=6281616.

Governor Oregon: Continuity and Change

Edited by Richard A. Clucas, Mark Henkels, Priscilla L. Southwell and Edward P. Weber

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More information about this book, along with info on how to order it, is at http://osupress.oregonstate.edu/book/governing-oregon.