# MORE WITH LESS EFFECTIVE SMALL PUBLIC LIBRARY MARKETING



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- Billboards
- Brochures
- Business cards
- Contests
- Email
- ► Flyers
- Media releases
- Networking

- Newspaper articles
- Postcards
- Posters
- Public speaking
- Radio ads
- Social Media
- Signs
- Special events
- Website
- Window display
- Word-of-mouth

# OBJECTIVES

#### Simple Marketing Plan

Style Guide



#### Partnerships/ Promotion

Capital Campaign Advocacy Outreach Publicity Community Partnerships Consortium

#### Maximize the Library's Reach



#### A marketing plan will allow you to:

Identify holes in your current methods

- Outline what you want to accomplish vis-à-vis your library's mission, vision, and objectives
- Track your progress

#### Generally contains:

- Executive summary
- Mission and vision statements
- Objectives
- Community and Library profiles
- Current marketing practices
- ► Target audiences
- ► Goals
- Strategies and evaluation

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Presents a summary of the proposed plan

This plan will provide guidance to Newport Public Library staff in their work to market the Library's resources, programs and services to their fullest extent. The information used to create this plan derives in large part from the Library's Strategic Plan (completed in March 2014) and U.S. Census information.

MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

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#### OBJECTIVES

#### ► Goals of your organization

- Respond and reach out to serve the current and evolving information needs of our diverse community.
- Create a sense of community by providing a welcoming, inviting, secure environment for our public and staff.
- Provide excellent customer service that is both timely and confidential.
- Develop a well-trained, knowledgeable, courteous and professional staff.
- Communicate with our public and staff to ensure vital, relevant and effective library services.

#### COMMUNITY PROFILE

Statistical information about who you serve

► Newport is a city in Lincoln County, Oregon. Newport is the county seat of Lincoln County. It is also the home of the Oregon Coast Aquarium, Nye Beach, the Yaquina Head Lighthouse, the Hatfield Marine Science Center, and the NOAA Marine Operations Center – Pacific. According to the 2014 American Community Survey by the US Census, the median age of Newport residents is 44.5 years. 19% of residents are under 18, while 38.4% are 55 years and over. 11.8% identify as Hispanic or Latino. The median household income is \$41,724.

#### LIBRARY PROFILE

#### Relevant facts about your library

► The Newport Public Library is a municipal library and department of the city of Newport, Oregon. The Library serves the residents of Newport and the surrounding unincorporated areas of Lincoln County. Nearly 75% of the 18,500 residents in NPL's service area have an active library card. Resources include: 84,000 physical items in circulation, 54,000 digital items available for download, 33 subscription databases, 3 meeting rooms, free wireless internet access, 16 public computers, I public copier/scanner, comfortable seating areas, and a welcoming Children's Room. Almost a quarter of a million people of every age visit NPL annually. NPL is a member of the Oceanbooks Consortium, which includes the Driftwood Library in Lincoln City and the Tillamook County Library. The cost per capita amounts to \$53 each year. In 2014, 70% of the voters of unincorporated areas of Lincoln County approved the renewal of the 5-year local tax option of 9¢ per \$1,000 assessed property value.

#### CURRENT MARKETING PRACTICES

#### What are you doing now?

► There is no marketing plan in use at this time. The Library has accounts on a number of social media sites, including Facebook, Pinterest, YouTube, and Flickr. Promotion of Library programming takes place on the digital reader board by the Library's circulation desk, the Library website, local news media outlets, posters placed around town, and Facebook. Handouts are created for Toddlertime, Preschool Storytime, Literary Flicks, Reading Circle, and Summer Reading programs. Posters are created for adult programs and placed near the reference desk and on the reader board. Library staff also promote programming on outreach site visits.

#### TARGET AUDIENCES

Who do you want to reach?

- Citizens of Newport and surrounding unincorporated areas
- ► Government and public officials
- **Educators and education administrators**
- Business leaders
- ► Potential and existing Library volunteers and donors

#### GOALS

Set some concrete, measurable goals

- Create unified and consistent marketing materials
- ► Increase traffic to the Library website
- Increase awareness of Library resources, services and programs

GOAL I: Create unified and consistent marketing materials

► Strategies

► Create a Marketing Committee

Create and implement a Style Guide

Evaluation

Compare new marketing materials against Style Guide and alter materials and/or Style Guide appropriately

#### ► GOAL 2: Increase traffic to the Library website

- ► Strategy
  - Work with the IT Department to redesign Library website according to user experience (UX) principles (i.e., discoverability, learnability, efficiency, system performance, delight)

#### ► Evaluation

- ► Use Google Analytics to track usage
- ► Collect user feedback in focus groups

#### ► GOAL 3: Increase awareness of Library resources and programs

- Strategies
  - ► Increase online presence by creating Twitter and Instagram accounts
  - Grow the number of followers on existing Facebook account and the new Twitter and Instagram accounts
  - Create monthly email newsletter
  - Continue to email program and resource press releases to local media outlets
  - Continue to work with community partners to publicize events

#### ► Evaluation

Track follower and engagement stats on social media as well as continuing to track the Library's physical data (door counts, circulation stats, etc.)

# What Does A Style Guide Do For My Library, Exactly?

A Style Guide Makes Your Library's Marketing Materials Look:

- UnifiedConsistent
- ► Professional







- Creates Brand Recognition
  - Applies your library's brand consistently across all media
  - Makes your colors, font, and logo recognizable on sight by your patrons
  - Doesn't make your patrons work to figure out what's what

### BEFORE

#### Yikes!

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- Unified?
- Consistent??
- Professional???

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New Large Print Books



#### AFTER



- Get one person from each department for your Marketing Committee, preferably
  - Adult/Young Adult
  - Juvenile
  - ►A collection of interested staff
- You may need to tailor your style guide to your umbrella organization: city, county, district



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Library Director

Please do not put carts in front of this door. This is a fire emergency exit.

Do Not Enter

LIBRARY STAFF ONLY PLEASE TAX

FORMS

**Downstairs** in

Reference

# STYLE GUIDE Newport Library:

►4 colors (plus charcoal, black, and white)

▶1 font

Several logos (color; black & white)

► Tagline



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LOGO

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#### Think about your library's:

Mission Statement and GoalsService Population

Newport's: Learn.Discover.Connect

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PLEASE KEEP THE DOOR CLOSED!!! THANK YOU!!!

Please don't use Comic Sans—we are a Fortune 500 Company, not a Lemonade Stand.



Go big or go home on the font size on your materials!
Think of all your patrons who

struggle with poor eyesight

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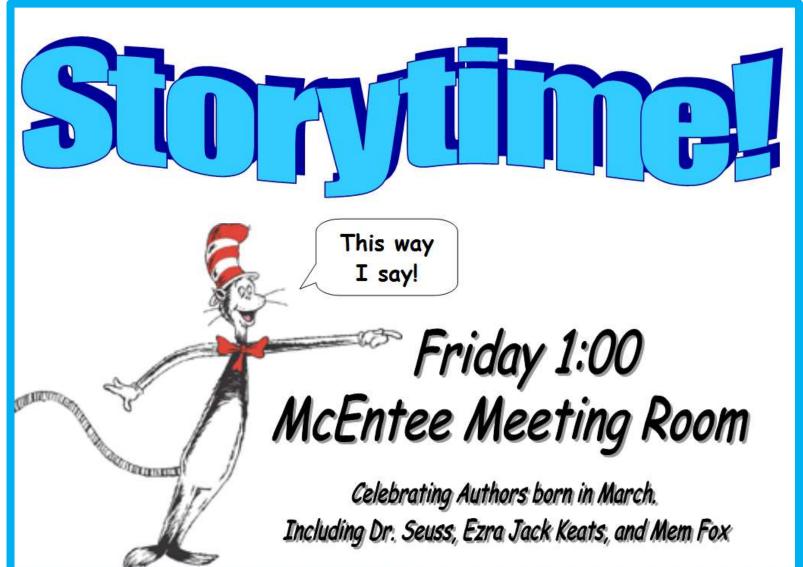
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### BEFORE



### AFTER

Newport Public Library presents

#### Trail Tales

Enjoy a story and a hike!

June-August 2016

Picture books set up along Mike Miller Park Trail, and Ocean to Bay Trail (Big Creek Park)

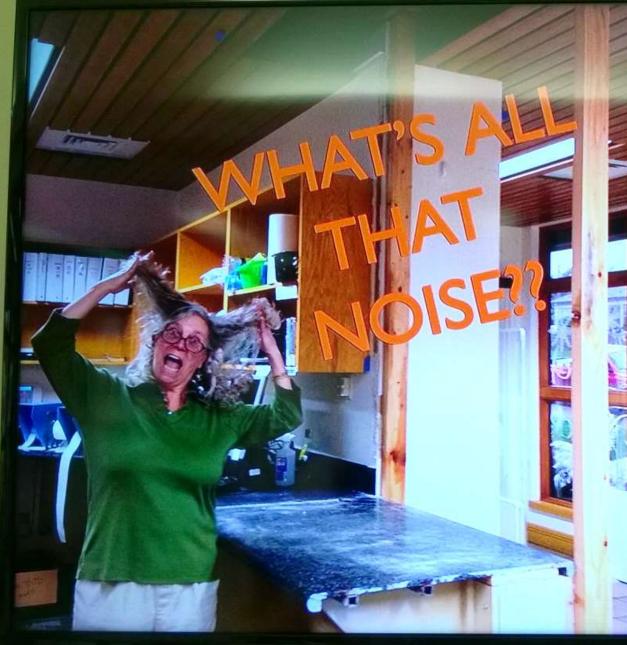






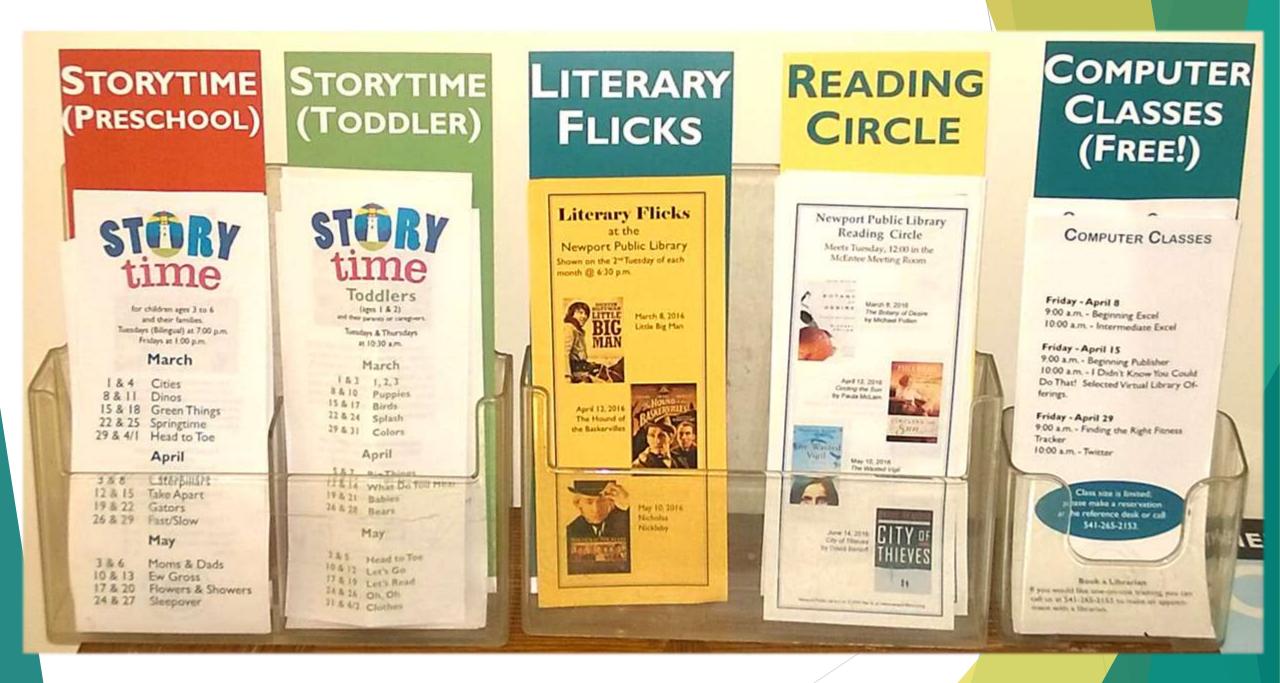






Please excuse all the noise! We've started remodeling upstairs to make our circulation space more efficient and to create the **NEW TEEN ROOM!** 







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### RESOURCES

Blogs <u>The Library Marketing Toolkit</u> <u>The M Word</u>

Facebook Groups Libraries and Social Media Shareable Clique

Image Sources <u>Compflight</u> <u>Creative Commons</u> <u>Morguefile</u> Marketing Plan Templates Marketing Plan Workbook

Blueprint for Your Library Marketing Plan

Free Tools American FactFinder Coolors Hootsuite