



## Oregon Library Passport Program: How did we get here?

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## The Passport Program Basics



- Any public or academic library can participate
- Your patron shows your card at any other Passport library and can get one of that library's cards for free
- Limits on use may apply (set by destination)
- Patron responsible for checkouts and returns
- It's that simple
- <http://librariesoforegon.org/passport>

## Why would a library participate?



- Vastly expand resources you can offer your patrons (great marketing!)
- Access to most libraries in the state
- Access to cool stuff and cool collections your library doesn't have
- It costs your library nothing (no fees, staff time, or shipping costs)
- Why wouldn't you participate?

## Initial Concerns Raised

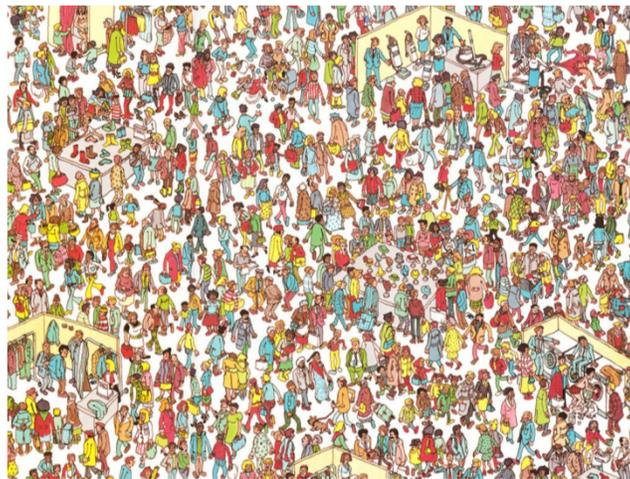


- Other libraries' patrons will take our books and not return them
- Our shelves will be bare
- Our library is a *HAVE*, but our neighbor library is a *HAVE NOT* – we don't want to share
- Our patrons won't need us anymore
- Our Council won't go for it, or
- They'll cut our budget if patrons can go elsewhere

Libraries were expecting this:



But it was more like this:



## What Really Happened



- Libraries continue to sign on as participants
- Circulation to Passport patrons is a small subset of regular circulation
- Passport patrons are no less responsible than my own patrons
- My patrons can use libraries wherever and whenever they want

## Passport Library Comments



- “Passport cardholders feel that this is how things *should* work naturally, that there *should* be statewide access” -- Astoria
- “Patrons very happy to come in while on vacation” -- Newport
- “Awesome opportunity to serve under-served residents to the south” -- Wilsonville
- “We like being connected to the community in a positive way” – Portland State Univ.

## So, how did we get here?

“The Dream of a  
Statewide Catalog” -- *State  
Librarian Jim Schepcke*

Together our libraries will  
extend library services to  
all Oregonians, at home  
and around the state.” –  
*OLA Vision 2020*



*Set your time machine...*



## THE WEST: THINGS ARE DIFFERENT HERE...

- Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center established at Univ. of Washington in 1940
- Goal: Create a Regional Union Catalog
- *"...view that each library holds its books in trust for the region as a whole, the libraries of the Pacific Northwest lend each other books for all kinds and conditions of clients, for any purpose and for any length of time within reason."*

## National Union Catalog



## Relying on the Kindness of Strangers...



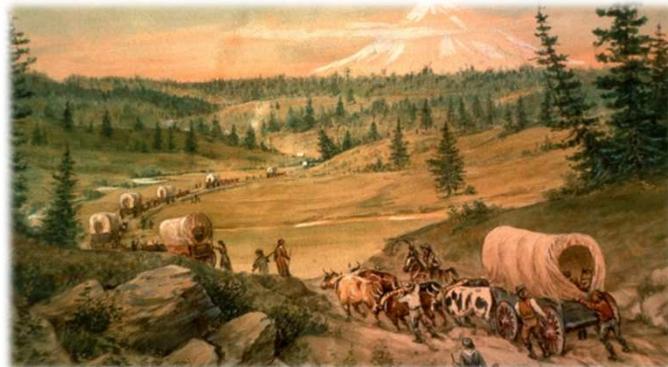
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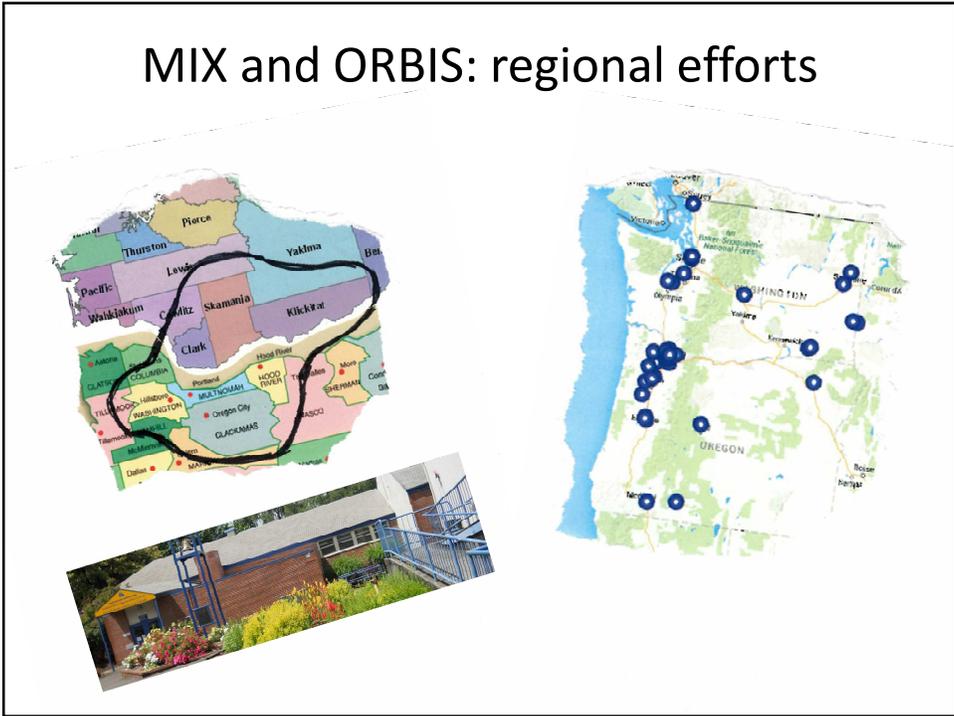
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## MIX and ORBIS: regional efforts



# YOU ARE HERE



Raise your hand and...



Do you have your Passport ready?

