

# Oregon History at Your Fingertips: Highlights from Oregon Digital Collections

## Oregon Library Association Conference – April 19, 2018

### Land Use and Planning

#### Featured Resource

**Oregon Explorer Natural Resources Digital Library** - <http://oregonexplorer.info/>

A collaboration of OSU Libraries & Press and Institute for Natural Resources

Among the topics covered in Oregon Explorer, the Land Use and Planning website (<http://oregonexplorer.info/topics/Land-Use-and-Planning>) is one of the most popular. In addition to its own content, It brings together content from many other repositories and digital collections as well (including local planning resources from the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development; Portland State University Institute for Portland Metropolitan Studies; institutional repositories at UO, OSU, and PSU; Klamath Waters Library; and recently began to add Oregon State Library Digital Collections) and provides various tools for exploring maps and data.

#### Additional Resources

**Oregon Sustainable Community Digital Library** - <https://pdxscholar.library.pdx.edu/oscdl/>

The Metro Collection, Portland Regional Planning History, and Urban Growth Boundary Maps collections are particularly helpful for land use and planning topics.

### Natural Resources/Parks

**Klamath Waters Digital Library** - <http://digitallib.oit.edu/digital/collection/kwl>

The Klamath Waters Digital Collection is an online repository at the Oregon Institute of Technology. It includes information resources related to water issues in the Klamath watershed, environmental impact statements, and images pertaining to the Klamath Falls Resource Area and Crater Lake such as this [Life Zone map of Crater Lake](#).

#### OSU Special Collections and Archives - Natural Resources

<http://scarc.library.oregonstate.edu/digitalresources/naturalresources/index.html>

This rich mix of natural resource materials includes an historic wildfire photograph collection, bird photography by [Finley and Bohlman](#), stream surveys of the [Columbia River Basin](#), and historic images of the [Siuslaw National Forest](#) among other things. One fascinating resource in the Siuslaw Forest Digital Collection, is the [SALT newsletter](#), an internal publication that highlights forestry issues and staff small talk from 1932 to 1937.

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### **Southern Oregon Digital Archives (SODA) - <http://soda.sou.edu/>**

Text-based collections include the [Bioregion Collection](#), the [Southern Oregon History Collection](#) and the [First Nations Collection](#). An additional image-based collection pertaining to the bioregion is the [Rogue River National Forest Historic Image Collection](#). The Insect Museum is an image-based collection featuring insects specific to the area. These include the [Bumblebee collection](#) and the [Butterfly collection](#).

We will be moving the collections to a new Content-DM interface by summer of 2018 so it will have a different look in future.

### **Minorities and Underrepresented Groups**

#### **Featured Resource**

#### **State Library of Oregon Digital Collections - <https://digital.osl.state.or.us/>**

State Library of Oregon Digital Collections include:

- Permanent access to current and historical publications of Oregon state government
- Representative maps from the State Library's digital collection
- Publications of other Oregon entities, including city, county, and tribal governments
- Federal publications that focus on Oregon and the Pacific Northwest

Digital Collections do not include digital copies of all publications in the [State Library](#)'s collection. If you find something in our catalog you would like digitized please let us know.

#### **Additional Resources**

#### **Oregon Multicultural (OMA) and OSU Queer (OSQA) Archives**

<http://scarc.library.oregonstate.edu/oma-osqa.html>

The Oregon Multicultural Archives assists in preserving the histories and sharing the stories that document Oregon's African American, Asian American, Latino/a, and Native American communities. The mission of the OSU Queer Archives (OSQA) is to preserve and share the stories, histories, and experiences of LGBTQ+ people within the OSU and Corvallis communities.

#### **First Nations Tribal Collection - Southern Oregon Digital Archive**

<http://soda.sou.edu/tribal.html>

The First Nations Tribal Collection of the Southern Oregon Digital Archives consists of documents, books, and articles relating to the indigenous peoples of this bioregion. We have begun to collect and mount materials about many tribes in southwestern Oregon and northern California.

#### **Oregon State Hospital of Mental Health - <https://oshmuseum.org/category/primary-sources/>**

The OSH Museum is a non-profit museum dedicated to telling the stories of the Oregon State Hospital and the people that have lived and worked here. Our 2,500 square foot museum, located in the oldest building on the Oregon State Hospital campus includes permanent and changing exhibits. Linked is their online collection of primary source photographs and documents.

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### Other Featured Resources

Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) - <https://dp.la>

A “search engine” for digital collections including many types of images, documents, oral histories, museum documents, and more!

**State of Oregon, City of Eugene prohibited or restricted zones, 1943.**

<https://cdm16855.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16855coll4/id/5814>

(Map showing restricted zones in Eugene for Japanese Americans during WWII)

**Crater Lake, National Park Series, U.S. Railroad Administration**

<https://archive.org/details/nationalparkseri00unitrich>

(Introductory note from Winston Churchill)

### Other Digital Collections with Oregon Focus

**Oregon Historical Society Digital Collections**

<https://digitalcollections.ohs.org/>

A variety of historical images and documents from the OHS collections

**Oregon Digital**

<https://oregondigital.org/catalog/>

Digital Collections managed by University of Oregon and Oregon State University

**Historic Oregon Newspapers**

<https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/>

Freely available historic Oregon newspapers from University of Oregon