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LIBRARY DISTRICT HIRES NEW LIBRARIAN/COORDINATOR

Pendleton, OR— The Umatilla County Special Library District (UCSLD) has hired Mary Nixon as its new Librarian/Coordinator beginning September 4. She replaces Ken Reading who retired June 30, after nearly 25 years in the position. Mary comes to UCSLD from the Gladstone Public Library where she was the Director. Gladstone Public Library is a member of the Libraries in Clackamas County cooperative, one of 11 public libraries in the Clackamas County Library Service District.

Mary worked in Eastern Oregon as a community development Coordinator for the nonprofit organization Rural Development Initiatives (RDI); as Coordinator of the Morrow Umatilla Workforce Quality Committee; and as Executive Director of the LaGrande Downtown Development Association before leaving her home and husband in eastern Oregon, for Gladstone, in order to return to her passion for libraries.

The UCSLD Board of Directors conducted the search in the western United States and Canada. Jean Eckles, UCSLD Board President said, “We are eager for Mary to join the District, she brings the qualities the Board is looking for.”

“I’m very excited about the opportunity to partner with the members of the UCSLD Board and the public libraries in Umatilla County to achieve the District’s mission and vision,” stated Mary.

UCSLD’s mission is to support the development of public libraries in Umatilla County to provide services, programs, and continuing educational opportunities to individuals of all ages, thereby strengthening their communities through individual, family, economic and community development.

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