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Strengthening our community libraries

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CITY LIBRARIES RECEIVE READY TO READ GRANTS

Your local Library, along with the other 11 city libraries and the Umatilla County Special Library District, has received grants totaling \$24,968. These annual grants, funded by the General Fund of the State of Oregon, are administered by the State Library. Oregon libraries may use these funds for early literacy services for children ages 0-6 and the statewide summer reading programs for children ages 0-14.

This year the Helix Public Library was awarded one of five “Outstanding Ready to Read Project” awards for effectively achieving the goals of the 2013-2014 grants program. The Adams, Hermiston, Pendleton, Ukiah, and Weston Public Libraries were recognized as “best practice” libraries for implementing all three youth services best practices during that same time.

“We are at a pivotal moment in Oregon history as we move forward in implementing the Governor’s education agenda,” said State Librarian MaryKay Dahlgreen. “The Ready to Read Grant Program administered by the Oregon State Library has provided funding for 20 years so local libraries can work with other organizations to help every Oregon child be ready to start school and retain their reading skills over the summer. Using their Ready to Read Grant funds public libraries in Oregon will continue their good work of providing early literacy opportunities and summer reading programs for Oregon’s children.”

Formed in 1986 and governed by a five-member voter-elected Board of Directors, the Umatilla County Special Library District (UCSLD) is an independent taxing district funded by taxpayer dollars. 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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