

## **Government Research Services (GRS)**

Reference (GRS staff)

 Serve as Guides and Trainers – point researchers to appropriate sources of information and train users on how to use information tools

Document Delivery (GRS staff)  Delivery agents – locate and deliver information sources to users in the most costeffective way possible

Research (State employees) • Evaluate, Synthesize and Create – evaluate data from information sources and synthesize the information into agency reports, public documents, best practices, and evidence-based decisions

The Oregon State Library is an independent agency that provides quality information services to state employees, and collects and provides permanent access to publications of Oregon state government.



## **Oregon State Library Collections**

- Provide permanent public access to **Oregon public documents** to citizens as defined by <u>ORS 357.004 (3)(a)</u>
  - o Over 219,000 physical state publications
  - o Over 38,000 archived online state publications
- Provide public access to federal documents
  - o Regional Federal Depository Library, in partnership with Oregon State University, University of Oregon, & Portland State University
- Provide Oregon state government employees with access to online and print publications to serve job-related information needs
- Provide access to materials on Oregon history and culture that give background and context to current and future issues
- While there is some overlap between the collections of the Library and the Archives, a random sample of 1,000 titles showed only 4% duplication (sample taken in 2011 by OSL and Archives staff in response to recommendations from the Workgroup on Libraries & Archives in Oregon State Government)

## Other GRS Services

- Distribute state publications to Oregon libraries
- Provide state employees with centralized subscriptions to information resources, reducing redundancy and cutting costs
- Provide state employees with on-demand access to books, articles, and more from libraries worldwide (just-in-time document delivery)
- Meet the **job-related information and research needs** of state employees

"It is a basic right of citizens to know about the activities of their government, to benefit from the information developed at public expense and to have permanent access to the information published by state agencies."

Oregon Revised Statutes, 357.001

The Oregon Documents
Depository Program supports
government transparency
and civic education by
ensuring consistent and
coordinated permanent
public access to information
published by Oregon state
government.