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The Oregon Historical Society's Research Library Resumes Pre-Pandemic Hours; Now Open to the Public Five Days A Week, No Appointment Needed

Portland, OR — September 27, 2022 — The Oregon Historical Society is pleased to announce that its [research library](#) resumes pre-pandemic hours on Tuesday, September 27. While appointments have been required to visit the library's downtown reading room to promote social distancing, researchers are now welcome to visit the library on Tuesdays from 1pm to 5pm and Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10am to 5pm, no appointment needed.

The Oregon Historical Society's research library is an invaluable resource for learning about the past and providing context on the present. The library preserves the world's largest collection of Oregon-related materials, documenting the people, places, and events that have shaped Oregon's history. All are welcome to visit the library, both in the newly renovated reading room and online through OHS's [digital collections](#) and [digital history resources](#).

"Through a multi-year renovation and a global pandemic, OHS's library staff have continued to serve researchers and make our collections accessible through remote services and individual appointments," said OHS Library Director Shawna Gandy. "After nearly three years, we are excited to once again resume regular hours and open our doors to curious researchers from around the world looking to our collections to gain knowledge and perspective."

[Renovated in 2021](#), the new library space features a modernized reading room, with enhancements for researchers including a reconfigured reference desk, a viewing station for maps and architectural plans, a tech hub, and physical improvements that promote accessibility and inclusion for all users. A highlight of the new space is the Pietro Belluschi Architectural Resource Center, which provides a focal point to highlight the library's architectural collections and a well-equipped meeting space for instruction.

OHS's expert librarians and archivists are eager to support researchers of all types and skill levels. There is no cost to visit the library, which is located on the fourth floor of the

Oregon Historical Society (1200 SW Park Avenue, Portland, 97205). While appointments are not required, researchers are encouraged to contact the library in advance to be sure the materials they need are on site during their visit. [Visit OHS's website](#) for more tips on how to make the most of a visit to OHS's research library.

About the Oregon Historical Society

For more than a century, the Oregon Historical Society has served as the state's collective memory, preserving a vast collection of artifacts, photographs, maps, manuscript materials, books, films, and oral histories. Our research library, museum, digital platforms & website (ohs.org), educational programming, and historical journal make Oregon's history open and accessible to all. We exist because history is powerful, and because a history as deep and rich as Oregon's cannot be contained within a single story or point of view.