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TO: Oregon Newspaper Program (ONP) publishers

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SUBJECT: ONP update

As you are aware, the University of Oregon (UO) Libraries’ Oregon Newspaper Program (ONP) has been microfilming and preserving Oregon’s newspapers as a public service since the 1950s. By providing access to Oregon’s history, these microfilms have been an invaluable resource for libraries, individuals, and organizations throughout the state and have been the foundation of the Oregon Digital Newspaper Program. Following a successful pilot program earlier in the year, we are now making the transition from microfilm to a new digital program for preservation of and access to current Oregon newspapers.

First, thank you to those who have submitted a signed ONP License Agreement, indicating your willingness to participate in the new digital program. If you have submitted a signed license agreement and have not started uploading your PDFs, please see instructions attached for how to upload your PDFs to our Oregon Newspapers Google Drive.

If you have not yet returned the ONP License Agreement, be aware that current newspapers will only be added to Historic Oregon Newspapers online with permission and participation from publishers. Each publisher must decide whether or not they want to participate in the digital program. To be included in the digital collection, publishers must submit a signed license agreement and upload their PDFs to the Oregon Newspapers Google Drive (see attached for ONP License Agreement, and below for uploading instructions). Participating publishers have the option to select an embargo period of 3 months, as well as a copyright statement for their content. A summary of the four copyright options can be found on our Current Newspapers FAQ page: [http://odnp.uoregon.edu/current-newspapers/faq-current-newspapers/](http://odnp.uoregon.edu/current-newspapers/faq-current-newspapers/)

There is no cost to publishers for participating in the digital program. Just as we have subsidized the high cost of microfilming newspapers over the past several decades, we will continue to cover reasonable costs associated with receiving, processing, storing, and hosting current newspapers in digital format. Digital content (PDFs) submitted by participating publishers will be preserved and stored by the UO Libraries as a public service. All content on Historic Oregon Newspapers online ([http://oregonnews.uoregon.edu](http://oregonnews.uoregon.edu)) is keyword searchable and freely available to the public at no cost.

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Further information about the UO Libraries’ new digital program for current Oregon newspapers is maintained on the following websites:

- General information: [http://odnp.uoregon.edu/current-newspapers/](http://odnp.uoregon.edu/current-newspapers/)
- FAQ (new): [http://odnp.uoregon.edu/current-newspapers/faq-current-newspapers/](http://odnp.uoregon.edu/current-newspapers/faq-current-newspapers/)
- Documentation (includes all letters sent to publishers and subscribers, as well as the ONP License Agreement sent to publishers): [http://odnp.uoregon.edu/current-newspapers/documentation/](http://odnp.uoregon.edu/current-newspapers/documentation/)
- List of newspapers that have submitted a signed license agreement to the UO Libraries for participation in the new digital program for current newspapers: [http://odnp.uoregon.edu/current-newspapers/participating-newspapers/](http://odnp.uoregon.edu/current-newspapers/participating-newspapers/)

We want these sites to be effective resources for participating publishers and researchers, and your feedback is especially welcome. As always, please send any questions or concerns to [dsc@uoregon.edu](mailto:dsc@uoregon.edu). Thanks again for your ongoing interest and participation in the ONP.