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TO: Oregon Newspaper Program (ONP) subscribers

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SUBJECT: ONP update

This year has flown by, and after a successful pilot program earlier in the year, we are now working to prepare the current Oregon newspaper PDFs that we have received from participating publishers, to be accessible via Historic Oregon Newspapers online (http://oregonnews.uoregon.edu) beginning in January 2016. A list of participating publishers can be found online at http://odnp.uoregon.edu/current-newspapers/participating-newspapers/.

Publishers were given a deadline of Sept. 30, 2015, to complete, sign, and return an ONP License Agreement to us, indicating willingness to participate in the new digital program. We will continue to work with additional publishers who want to participate. Some subscribers have inquired about microfilm vendor recommendations for local newspapers that may not be participating in the digital program. We are currently investigating potential microfilm vendors for any future needs we might have, and we will share our recommendations as soon as possible.

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 is keyword searchable and freely available to the public at no cost.

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/
- FAQ (new): 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/
- 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/

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We want these sites to be effective resources for all interested parties, and your feedback is especially welcome. As always, please send any questions or concerns to dsc@uoregon.edu. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this transition.