OSLIS: Bringing Information to Oregon Students

What is OSLIS? The Oregon School Library Information System, or OSLIS, is a website designed for K-12 students and educators which integrates information literacy resources with licensed databases. It began in 1998 and continues today under the leadership of the State Library of Oregon, the Oregon Association of School Libraries, and other partners. Find it at www.oslis.org.

Do I have to register to use OSLIS? Anyone can use the website, and all but the subscription resources can be accessed without having to log in.

How do I access the subscription databases? In Oregon, OSLIS users may access subscription resources and databases for research purposes, to support classroom instruction, and more. One way to access the resources is with a login. These products are provided without charge to schools thanks to a Library Services and Technology Act grant administered by the State Library of Oregon.

Your school may already have a login. Not sure? Check with the School Library Consultant. (Contact info is below.) Library staff or administrators: To sign up for a periodicals database login – username and password – which all students and staff in your school can utilize, please complete and return the form on the next page.

How do I use this website? Look for opportunities to receive training in the use of OSLIS and the databases. Often there are OSLIS sessions at the annual fall conference of the Oregon Association of School Libraries. Also check the About and Support sections of the OSLIS website for tips on using this resource. To possibly schedule training at your school or district, contact the School Library Consultant. (Contact info is below.)

Help us help students! Be an advocate for OSLIS in your school and district. OSLIS is designed to be a valuable resource for your staff to provide information literacy skills to your students. Please promote it in your school. Ideas include writing a small blurb about OSLIS for the school newspaper, encouraging teachers to bookmark the site on computers or devices, demonstrating the site at a faculty meeting or in-service day, and asking if other librarians or library personnel know about it. [Note: Regarding a possible school newspaper article, you are encouraged to share your school's periodicals database login (username and password) verbally, in writing, or on password-protected webpages, but logins may not be posted on a public-facing website.]

Questions? If you have any questions about OSLIS, we would be happy to hear from you.

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Oregon Public and Private School Request for Remote Access to OSLIS Databases

Return this form to the State Library of Oregon to receive a periodicals database login – username and password – for your private school or public school district. That information can then be used to access the suite of periodicals databases on OSLIS. You may want to first contact the School Library Consultant to see if you already have a login. See the previous page or below for the email address.

Provide the name and email address of the school library staff or other school personnel in charge of the library. We will add the person's name to OSLIST, our email mailing list to receive updates about OSLIS. Usually no more than four OSLIS messages per month are sent on OSLIST.

School Name

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School Address

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Name of School Librarian *or* Person in Charge of the Library (One name only, please.)

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School Email Address of the Person Listed Above

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School Phone Number of the Person Listed Above

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IP Address Range for Your School (Typically a number that looks like this: 201.192.16.255. Ask your technology support staff if you are not sure.)

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Private Schools Only
I certify that my school is a **not-for-profit organization**.

Signature of Private School Principal   _____

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