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Oregon Historical Society Unveils New Permanent Exhibition for K-12 Grade Students

History Hub · Opens November 1, 2016

Portland, OR – October 27, 2016 – On November 1, the Oregon Historical Society will open [History Hub](#), a new permanent exhibition where youth, students, and families can explore the topic of diversity through fun, hands-on interactives, objects, and pictures. Developed in partnership with an advisory committee of students, teachers, cultural organizations, and museums, History Hub tells the stories of people who live in Oregon, today and in the past. The content of History Hub spans grades K-12 with a focus on 4th – 8th grades.

All are invited to a [free public celebration](#) on Sunday, November 6 from 12pm – 4pm at the Oregon Historical Society. Our all ages celebration will feature family activities and special performances by talented young Oregonians, including performances by [Natya Dance Academy](#), [The Corvallis School of Irish Dance](#), and [Bravo Youth Orchestra](#).

“With many thousands of school children visiting the Oregon Historical Society each year, it is fitting to have an explorative history space dedicated to Oregon’s youth,” said OHS Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk. “While this exhibit is geared towards students, visitors of all ages will learn important lessons about the Oregon of yesterday and today, and how each of us can go forth and be good stewards and citizens of this great state.”

With puzzles, touch screen activities, and board games, History Hub asks students to consider questions like “Who is an Oregonian?,” “How has discrimination and segregation affected people who live in Oregon?,” and “How can you make Oregon a great place for everyone?” While the topic of diversity is central to History Hub, the content will change every three years and OHS will partner with cultural organizations

and museums across Oregon to share their stories in History Hub. From 2016 to 2019 our partners for History Hub are the [Oregon Black Pioneers](#), [Portland Public Schools Indian Education Program](#), and the [Southern Oregon Historical Society](#).

“I started working on History Hub on my second day at the Oregon Historical Society, and two years later the exhibit that sits before us today exceeds all of my expectations of what this space can be for Oregon students,” said OHS Museum Director Helen B Louise. “History Hub is a truly collaborative undertaking, and would not have been possible without our partner organizations and the students and educators who supported this creative process.

The Oregon Historical Society’s museum (1200 SW Park Avenue, Portland) is open seven days a week, Monday – Saturday from 10am – 5pm and Sunday from 12pm – 5pm. Admission is \$11, and discounts are available for students, seniors, and youth. Admission is free for OHS members and Multnomah County residents thanks to the recent renewal of the Oregon Historical Society levy.

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 (www.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.