

Greetings library community!

Oregon Humanities is once again offering [free facilitation training](#) – please read on for more information:

Since 2024, Oregon Humanities has presented trainings for staff, board members, volunteers, and program partners of Oregon libraries of all types (public, academic, school, and tribal). These trainings help people involved with libraries strengthen their skills in leading conversations about vital issues and ideas across differences, beliefs, and backgrounds.

Using the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence as a jumping off point, participants will learn about facilitation and reflective conversation, practice new skills and techniques, and learn to design and facilitate conversations that allow people and groups to learn more about themselves and others.

These trainings and other programs are part of Oregon Humanities' work called "Beyond 250"— "This semiquincentennial of the nation provides an opportunity to reflect on our complex founding and history, lift up under-told stories, and appreciate diverse perspectives about the past, present, and future of our nation."

In 2025, Oregon Humanities will host [free trainings](#) in Pendleton, Burns, and other communities to be announced.

Registration is free and now open for the following dates and sites:

April 17 and 18: Pendleton Public Library, 502 SW Dorion Ave., Pendleton, OR

- Day 1: Thursday, April 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Day 2: Friday, April 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Go [here](https://www.tfaforms.com/5160304) to register for the April training in Pendleton.

Questions? Please contact programs@oregonhumanities.org. For more information about Oregon Humanities and "Beyond 250" please visit: <https://oregonhumanities.org/programs/beyond250/>