

**Orbis Cascade Alliance Receives National Endowment for the Humanities Grant,
“Northwest Digital Archives: Expanding Access to Northwest Archival Collections”**

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This project builds on the prior success that NWDA has demonstrated under previous NEH funding (Phase I: 2002-2004 and Phase II: 2005-2007) and on the robust program that it has sustained and grown with membership funding since the program became part of the Orbis Cascade Alliance in 2007. This project addresses a key goal of the NWDA leadership: To eventually bring as many Northwest archives into the program as possible to avoid widening a gap in access to information about archival collections that creates, in effect, more “hidden collections” rather than fewer. This project, in particular, will reveal a number of hidden collections at a variety of institution sizes and types that will constitute a valuable contribution to humanities studies of the Northwest and beyond.

As of July 2011, Northwest Digital Archives will have 37 members (including three new members from this grant and six new members from a National Historical Publications and Records Commission grant): Alaska State Library, Boise State University, Central Oregon Community College, Central Washington University, Concordia University, Eastern Oregon University, Eastern Washington State Historical Society, Eastern Washington University, The Evergreen State College, George Fox University, Idaho State Historical Society, Montana State University, Lane Community College, Lewis & Clark College, Montana Historical Society, Oregon Health & Science University, Oregon