

Books Build the Bridge of Friendship: Oregon-Fujian Library Exchange @ 20

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Introduction

2016 marked the 20th anniversary of the Horner Exchange, a collaboration between the Oregon State Library, the Oregon Library Association, the Fujian Provincial Library, and the Fujian Library Society. The exchange grew from the sister state/province agreement between Oregon and Fujian that began in 1987. At the Fujian Library Society's conference in October, 2016, 6 Oregon librarians and most of the Fujian Province alumni met to reflect on the program's success.



Li Fan
Huaqiao University Library
Lin Yong Xiang
Fujian Provincial Library
Chen Wen Ge
Quanzhou Municipal Library
Liu Xu Zan
Fujian Provincial Library

Timeline

1990's: Horner Exchange Program established by bequest of Dr. Layton Horner

1998: First exchange of librarians

1998-2005: Even years, 1 Oregon librarian visits Fujian; odd years, 2 Fujian librarians visit Oregon.

2007-2016: Every 3 years, 3 Oregon librarians visit Fujian; 4 Fujian librarians visit Oregon.

Total exchange delegates, 1998 - 2016: 39



Veronica Vichit-Vadakan
MaryKay Dahlgreen
Rosaland Wong
Richard Sapon-White
Amy Lee
Jian Wang

Funding

Dr. Horner's bequest funded exchange for first 10 years.

Oregon State Library diverted meeting room rental fees to the Horner Exchange from 2007 to 2013.

Participants pay 1/2 of airfare

Exchange funding after 2016 will depend on fundraising & corporate sponsorship

Total costs for Oregon (2016): USD 11,320

Budget

2016 HORNER EXCHANGE EXPENSES				
	Plane Fare	Room (15 nights)	Board (18 days @ \$40)	Insurance
OR Lib 1	\$1,107.36			
OR Lib 2	\$1,248.46			
OR Lib 3	\$1,218.44			
FN Lib 1		\$ 2,132.17	\$ 442.63	\$ 71.25
FN Lib 2		\$ 2,132.17	\$ 442.63	\$ 71.25
FN Lib 3		\$ 2,132.17	\$ 442.63	\$ 71.25
FN Lib 4			\$ 442.63	\$ 109.25
Subtotals	\$ 3,574.26	\$ 4,264.34	\$ 1,770.52	\$ 323.00
				\$ 9,932.12
Other Expenses:				\$ 230.56
				\$ 1,157.08
			TOTAL	\$11,319.76



20th Anniversary Reunion



2016 Exchange

- Fujian librarians visited 11 Oregon libraries in 18 days in May!
- Oregon librarians visited 24 Fujian libraries in 21 days in October!

2016 Exchange Takeaways

- QR-coded seating, 24-hour book kiosks, library-produced videos for cultural preservation, book sanitization
- Customer service ethic, data management innovations, library outreach activities, open access

