

Oregon Genealogy Society Survey  
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- Only societies with websites were included in this survey
- List was sorted by collection size (if determined), then alphabetically for remainder
- RVGS is highlighted in yellow
- Focuses on data that directly compares to RVGS. For example, very few groups listed lifetime benefactor memberships, so I left off ours. Others offered society and company membership options, which were not included. Many offered family membership plans instead of dual; these were included in the same column due to space.

Observations:

- Many of the smaller societies with annual dues of \$15 or less have the following in common:
  - No facility
  - Using a low-cost or free hosting site for their web page
- Only five of the twenty-one societies in this survey are operating their own facility, which is a significant impact to operating cost.
- The top three societies by collection size all offer very similar services (classes, newsletters, a genealogical publication) and operate their own facilities.
  - Pre-COVID operating hours for the top three libraries:
    - GFO – Seven days per week, one evening (49 hours/wk)
    - RVGS – Six days per week, one evening (41 hours/wk)
    - OGS – Four days per week, no 4th Saturday (18 hours/wk)
  - Membership dues for top three libraries (single annual/single life/dual annual)
    - GFO - \$48 / \$925 / \$74
    - RVGS - \$30 / \$500 / \$45
    - OGS - \$40 / \$750 / \$55

GROUP	LOCATION	Collection Size	Own Facility	Annual Single	Lifetime Single	Annual Joint/Fam	Hourly Research	Classes & Speakers	Newsletter	Publication	local pubs
Genealogical Forum of Oregon	Portland	50,000	Yes	\$48.00	\$925.00	\$ 74.00	\$ 30.00	Yes	8 per year	4/yr (Bulletin)	Yes
<b>Notes:</b> Library closed until vaccine release (according to President); using online for interest groups and classes, including a 2-day summer seminar in August; offering lookups											
Rogue Valley Genealogical Society	Medford	20,000	Yes	\$30.00	\$500.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 15.00	Yes	Monthly	1-4/yr (Rogue Digger)	Yes
<b>Notes:</b>											
Oregon Genealogical Society and Research Library	Eugene	10,000	Yes	\$40.00	\$750.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 15.00	Yes	Unknown	?/yr (Journal)	Yes
<b>Notes:</b> Library closed until gathering restrictions are lifted; looking at using Zoom for classes											
Genealogical Society of Douglas County	Roseburg	5,500*	No	\$30.00	\$375.00	N/A	No Info	Yes (quarterly)	6 per year	4/yr (Pioneer)	Yes
<b>Notes:</b> * GSDC has been reducing their holdings, so this number is most likely out of date. We purchased about 900 of this collection; collection and office in Douglas County Courthouse											
Cottage Grove Genealogical Society	Cottage Grove	5,000	No	\$20.00	N/A	\$ 25.00	\$ 10.00	No info	No info	2/yr (Trees from the Grove)	Yes
<b>Notes:</b> Collection held at Cottage Grove Public Library											
Benton County Genealogical Society	Philomath	2,900	Yes**	\$20.00	N/A	N/A	\$ 20.00	Yes	Monthly	No	Yes
<b>Notes:</b> ** BCGS is using an annex to the Benton County Historical Musuem, no information on potential overhead costs											
Bend Genealogical Society	Bend	2,000	No	\$20.00	N/A	\$ 30.00	\$ 15.00	Yes	Monthly	No	Yes
<b>Notes:</b> Library located in recreation building for a mobile home park; no information on if they are bearing overhead costs											
Lebanon Genealogical Society	Lebanon	<1,000	No	\$10.00	N/A	N/A	No Info	No info	No info	No	Yes
<b>Notes:</b> Collection held at Lebanon Public Library											
Jewish Genealogical Society of Oregon	Portland	~600	No	\$23.00	N/A	\$ 30.00	No Info	Yes	Quarterly	No	No info
<b>Notes:</b> Collection held at The Congregation Neveh Shalom Library											
Grants Pass Genealogical Society	Grants Pass	345	No	\$15.00	N/A	\$ 20.00	No Info	Yes	9 per year	No info	No info
<b>Notes:</b> Collection held at Josephine County Library											
ALSI Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc	Waldport	Unknown	Yes	\$ 5.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00	No Info	No	Annually	No	No
<b>Notes:</b> Operates as Waldport Heritage Museum with some holdings											
Blue Mountain Genealogical Society	Pendleton	Unknown	No	No info	No info	No info	\$ 7.50	No info	No info	No info	No info
<b>Notes:</b> Collection held at Pendleton Public Library											
Clackamas County Family History Society	Oregon City	Unknown	No	\$20.00	N/A	N/A	\$ 5.00	No	Quarterly	No	Yes
<b>Notes:</b> Collection held at Wilmer Gardner Research Library (Museum of the Oregon Territory)											
Clatsop County Genealogical Society	Astoria	Unknown	No	\$20.00	N/A	\$ 30.00	\$ 10.00	Yes	No info	No	Yes
<b>Notes:</b> Collection held at Astoria Library											
Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society	The Dalles	Unknown	No	\$15.00	N/A	\$ 20.00	No Info	Yes	Quarterly	No	Yes
<b>Notes:</b> Collection held at The Dalles-Wasco County Library											
Crook County Genealogical Society	Prineville	Unknown	No	No info	No info	No info	No Info	No info	No info	No info	No
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CCGS has now merged with CC Historical Society, collection held at A.R. Bowman Museum											
Genealogical Society of Washington County	Hillsboro	Unknown	No	\$15.00	N/A	\$ 20.00	No pricing	Yes	No info	No info	Yes
<b>Notes:</b> Meet at Hillsboro Brookwood Library											
Klamath Basin Genealogical Society	Klamath Falls	Unknown	No	\$13.00	N/A	\$ 16.00	\$ 10.00	Yes	No info	No info	No info
<b>Notes:</b> Website is out of date (4 years old)											
Lincoln County Genealogical Society	Lincoln County	Unknown	No	\$10.00	\$100.00	\$ 15.00	No pricing	No info	No info	No info	No info
<b>Notes:</b> Website is out of date (2.5 years old), references Toledo Public Library for materials											
Linn Genealogical Society	Albany	Unknown	No	\$15.00	\$250.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00	Yes	10 per year	No	Yes
<b>Notes:</b> Collection held at Albany Public Library											
Willamette Valley Genealogical Society	Salem	Unknown	No	\$25.00	\$250.00	\$ 30.00	Based on Doc qty	Yes	Monthly	4/yr (Beaver Brief)	Yes
<b>Notes:</b> Collection primarily held at Salem Public Library with overflow at WVGS office											

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## Society websites

Genealogical Forum of Oregon	Portland	<a href="https://gfo.org">https://gfo.org</a>
Rogue Valley Genealogical Society	Medford	<a href="https://rvgslibrary.org">https://rvgslibrary.org</a>
Oregon Genealogical Society and Research Library	Eugene	<a href="https://oregongs.org">https://oregongs.org</a>
Genealogical Society of Douglas County	Roseburg	<a href="https://gsdci.org">https://gsdci.org</a>
Cottage Grove Genealogical Society	Cottage Grove	<a href="https://cggenealogy.org">https://cggenealogy.org</a>
Benton County Genealogical Society	Philomath	<a href="http://www.bcgs-oregon.org/main-site/">http://www.bcgs-oregon.org/main-site/</a>
Bend Genealogical Society	Bend	<a href="http://www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs/">http://www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs/</a>
Lebanon Genealogical Society	Lebanon	<a href="http://www.usgennet.org/usa/or/town/lebanon/">http://www.usgennet.org/usa/or/town/lebanon/</a>
Jewish Genealogical Society of Oregon	Portland	<a href="http://sites.rootsweb.com/~orjgs/index.html">http://sites.rootsweb.com/~orjgs/index.html</a>
Grants Pass Genealogical Society	Grants Pass	<a href="http://www.gpgenealogy.org">http://www.gpgenealogy.org</a>
ALSI Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc	Waldport	<a href="http://waldportmuseum.org/index.php">http://waldportmuseum.org/index.php</a>
Blue Mountain Genealogical Society	Pendleton	<a href="https://sites.rootsweb.com/~orbmg/">https://sites.rootsweb.com/~orbmg/</a>
Clackamas County Family History Society	Oregon City	<a href="https://www.clackamasfamilyhistory.com">https://www.clackamasfamilyhistory.com</a>
Clatsop County Genealogical Society	Astoria	<a href="http://www.clatsopcountygensoc.com">http://www.clatsopcountygensoc.com</a>
Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society	The Dalles	<a href="http://community.gorge.net/genealogy/">http://community.gorge.net/genealogy/</a>
Crook County Genealogical Society	Prineville	<a href="http://crookcountyhistorycenter.org/about/crook-county-genealogical-society/">http://crookcountyhistorycenter.org/about/crook-county-genealogical-society/</a>
Genealogical Society of Washington County	Hillsboro	<a href="http://www.gswco.org">http://www.gswco.org</a>
Klamath Basin Genealogical Society	Klamath Falls	<a href="http://sites.rootsweb.com/~orkbgs/index.html">http://sites.rootsweb.com/~orkbgs/index.html</a>
Lincoln County Genealogical Society	Lincoln County	<a href="http://sites.rootsweb.com/~orygs/">http://sites.rootsweb.com/~orygs/</a>
Linn Genealogical Society	Albany	<a href="http://www.lgsoregon.org/lgswp/">http://www.lgsoregon.org/lgswp/</a>
Willamette Valley Genealogical Society	Salem	<a href="http://www.wvgsor.org">http://www.wvgsor.org</a>