

Genealogical Forum of Oregon presents ...

Windows to the Past – Researching Family Photographs

Karen Wallace Steely



Topics

- **Dating and Identifying Family Photographs** - Learn how the type of photograph, setting, and fashions can help you date and identify your family photographs. A methodology for dating will be presented that includes examples from period artwork, photographs, and vintage fashions.
- **Using Family Photographs in Your Research** - Learn techniques and research methods for identifying the subject and setting, occasion, and location of your photographs. You can learn how to go beyond the basics of dating and identifying old photographs and find the stories behind the images.
- **Finding your Family Photographs** - Learn to use online sources such as eBay and photograph collections in libraries and archives to add images of your family and the places they lived to your family history.
- **Preserving, Scanning, and Cataloging Photographs** - How to keep track of your family photos and ensure they are preserved and protected for future generations.

You are encouraged to bring a few of your family photos to share with the group during lunch, when Karen will analyze and answer questions about your family photographs.

Half-day Seminar

Saturday

29 June 2013

10 am - 2 pm

GFO Library

Limited to 50 attendees

Brown bags welcome

Cafés nearby

Coffee, tea, and snacks included

Used book sale

The library will be open for research after the seminar.

Event Schedule

9:45 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 - 11:45	1st session
11:45 - 12:30	Lunch
12:30 - 2:00	2nd session

Karen Wallace Steely Half-day Seminar Sign-Up Form

29 June 2013

Members ___ \$20 received by 6/22/12 ___ \$25 received after 6/22/12 ___ \$30 at the door

Non-Members ___ \$25 received by 6/22/12 ___ \$30 received after 6/22/12 ___ \$35 at the door

Payment enclosed Paid online at PayPal.com using the email address payments@gfo.org

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Please make check payable to “Genealogical Forum of Oregon” or “GFO.”

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The Forum Insider

Dues Are Increasing July 1, 2013

The GFO Board of Directors has had to make the hard decision to increase membership dues beginning on July 1, 2013. Membership fees have not increased since 2009, but our monthly expenses continue to go up.

Our organization has a goal of membership fees covering the cost of our monthly lease. The rent for fiscal year 2012-2013 is \$40,200, and with 1,013 active memberships that equals a cost of \$39.69 each. At the current rate of \$35, we are not covering the expenses related to our wonderful library's physical home.

Therefore, the Board approved the following membership fee schedule:

	ePubs	Mailed Pubs
Individual - 1 year	\$40	\$46
Individual - 25 months	\$80	\$92
Joint - 1 year	\$60	\$66
Joint - 25 months	\$120	\$132

The current annual charge for mailing publications is \$5 while the cost for this is \$13.36,



so the Board also decided to increase the mailed publication charge by \$1 to help defray expenses.

Additionally, we understand that gradual, predictable increases are easier for our members to handle, so in the future the membership fees will increase annually each July by \$1 per member. Dues will then continue to cover more closely our annual rent increases of \$1,200.

If you'd like to renew your membership before the new rates begin, please go to www.gfo.org to print out a membership application and mail in your payment. You can also pay through PayPal.com using the email address payments@gfo.org. Please include a note with your payment so we can apply it properly.

Barbara Renick Spring Seminar Syllabus Available

Did you miss the GFO Spring Seminar with Barbara Renick? Her 34-page syllabus is available for purchase in the reading room for \$5. It's jam packed with all kinds of links and research tips from the seminar lectures - online newspaper research, census searching, success with manuscript sources, and library web sites. It's almost like you're at the seminar!

If you would like to order a copy, please send a check to GFO Syllabus, 2505 SE 11th Ave. Ste B18, Portland, OR 97202-1061, or pay at PayPal.com using payments@gfo.org with a note requesting the syllabus by email (\$5, includes active links) or by mail (\$7, please include your address).

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Free Monthly Program

Third Saturday of each month at
2:00 p.m. with
an interesting speaker.

Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:30 am to 5 pm
Wednesday
9:30 to 8 pm
Friday & Saturday
9:30 a.m. to 3 pm
Sunday
12 to 5 pm

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President's Message

What did I learn at yesterday's seminar with Barbara Renick? Lots! Here's one bit I want to share with you.

One of Barbara's sessions was about searching newspapers online. We know there are newspapers on Ancestry.com and Fold3 subscription sites, both of which you may access at the GFO library, but do you know about Newspapers.com? Barbara told us that it is one of the fastest growing new sites, is operated by Ancestry.com, and is predicted to grow in leaps and bounds. Now the GFO has it too! Barbara's presentation was filled with so many wonderful links and great search tips that it's a shame if you missed it, but no dismay! You can get a copy of her very informative syllabus at the GFO or by mail. Just see page 1. It is the best seminar handout I've seen in ages.



Getting ready for the seminar reminded me of another important resource—GFO publications. The GFO has many publications available for sale. I always forget about them because they are represented in the library only by an order sheet languishing in a plastic holder on a shelf. The actual books and CDs are hidden away, waiting for a potential buyer. There are many great topics, but I am particularly fond of the cemetery books, a terrific tool if you are interested in one of my favorite websites—Find A Grave. When we returned from the seminar with these treasures in mind, we put up a stand to display a few of the publications. The list is posted there too, but most titles are still tucked away, waiting for you to discover. Just ask the receptionist on duty to pull from hiding the ones that interest you. The list of titles may also be viewed and publications purchased online at gfostore.yolasite.com.

I wish you all a lovely month of May, but don't forget to spend a little time deciding what photos you are going to bring to the next Half-day Seminar in June. Hope we see you at the library soon.

—*Laurel Smith*

Submissions to the Insider

Send comments, corrections, news, short success stories, and announcements to Becky Clark, editor, at insider@gfo.org or leave messages at the GFO desk, 503-963-1932.

Provide submissions by the 7th of the month for inclusion in the following month's issue.

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon.

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Coming Soon: Volunteer Recognition Day

The June 15th monthly meeting is designated as the time to acknowledge all of our valuable volunteers. I'm making my list and checking it twice. If you have contributed some of your time to the GFO, then you are on my nice list. It's not too late to get on my nice list. Have you recorded your time in one of the volunteer log books? If so, you are probably already on my list. Have you served on a planning committee? Have you helped with data extraction? Have you worked with book sales? Have you written a book review? Have you led an Interest Group? Have you attended one of our recent work parties? Have you spoken to outside groups about

the GFO? Every amount of time you have contributed is of value.

Later this month I will be sending out a notice, either by email or regular mail, to all volunteers, inviting them to come to the final meeting of our fiscal year. If you don't hear from me, send me a note at volunteer@gfo.org or call the reception desk to leave your name. I don't want to miss anyone. There will be cookies, punch, and drawings for prizes.

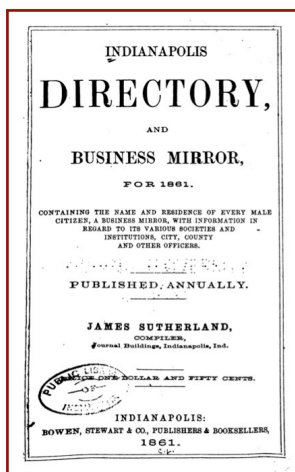
The Education committee is working on a nice program for the day. Please plan to attend!

- Cathy Lauer, Volunteer Coordinator

City Directories

GenealogyBlog has an article by William Dollarhide entitled "Old City Directories—Before the Internet": www.genealogyblog.com/?p=21631. Other columns by Dollarhide, including "Online Resources for Finding Living Relatives" can be found at www.genealogyblog.com/?cat=214.

Ancestry Library Edition – New Databases for 2013



U.S. City Directories

This new Library Edition feature is a collection of directories from 1821 - 1989 for U.S. cities and counties in various years. The database currently contains directories for all states except Alaska. The Gale City Directories Collection is included.

You can use the Ancestry Card Catalog feature to go directly to U.S. city directories. Check the directory title page image for full title and publication information.

Public Member Trees

Nearly 40 million Public Member Trees will now be available on Ancestry Library Edition. Each Public Member Tree is owned by an individual who put it on Ancestry.com and indicated that their tree may be viewed by all Ancestry members. The trees can change over time as users edit, remove, or otherwise modify the data in their trees.

Ancestry.com does not verify that any tree or fact is correct, nor will they correct or edit a tree.

The trees in the Library Edition are read-only. Library patrons cannot edit the existing trees or add new trees and will not be able to contact the owner of a tree, but they can submit anonymous comments about a tree.

New GFO Resource: Newspapers.com!

The GFO recently received an offer too good to pass up. Newspapers.com will be available on the reading room computers in the library for the next year.

This site has over 38 million pages online from 1169 papers in the U.S., England (41, currently all in London), and Canada (1) dating from 1700 to 2009.

Visit the basics page at newspapers.com/tour where you will find tutorials to help you get the most out of our new subscription.

Summer Break

The monthly programs and many interest groups take a break during June, July, and August. If in doubt, you can find the schedule and contact list in each *Insider* and on the GFO website.

Spotlight on Treasures... State and County Histories

Perhaps you have discovered treasures that you had not expected to find at the GFO Library. This column is designed to allow all of us to share those treasures with others. Join in the sharing process. As you discover things you think others would enjoy knowing about, please contact Tom O'Brien at tom.obrien4@comcast.net. He'll work with you to include your discovery in this column.

Gerry Lenzen suggested the topic for this edition of "Spotlight on Treasures." Gerry frequently comes up with interesting ideas on how we can be more effective in our research.

During the April German Interest Group meeting, Gerry mentioned the large number of state and county history books that are available as resources at the GFO library. He is absolutely correct. A brief search of our library catalog reveals our collection contains approximately 1,171 volumes.

Have you drawn up a list of all the states and counties where your ancestors have lived? Resolve to prepare your personal list and bring it with you the next time you visit the GFO library. Check our holdings against your list.

It is said that President Grant, in conjunction with the centennial of our country, asked that counties record their history to create an ongoing legacy. A number of book publishers at the time saw an opportunity and sent representatives out to work on these histories. If an individual purchased a prepaid copy of that particular history, they were given the opportunity to provide a biographical sketch of their family which would be included in the publication. Most of these publications were created between 1880 and 1920.

Look to see the date when the county history was produced to determine if your family was living there at that time.

Most of us have used county history books in the past, but let's review what one may contain.

They might contain clues about your family that may not be found elsewhere. You should be able to learn about the neighborhood and the local environment. If your ancestor provided a biographical sketch, you may hit a home run.

Some of them are indexed, but often they are not. However, if it has been reprinted, that edition is generally indexed. A biographical sketch will often

provide information regarding the family member who was the original settler in the county and will usually give information regarding the political and religious denominations that influenced their lives. Sometimes it will mention organizations or clubs to which your ancestor belonged. It may contain a photograph of him as well as his signature. It often tells when he arrived in the county and where he was living prior to that time. It frequently will give information regarding parents, grandparents, siblings, spouses, and the spouse's parents and/or siblings.

Most of the books begin by giving a brief history of the state. They often contain a table of contents, which is helpful in determining which sections of the book may be useful regarding your ancestor. Cemeteries as well as early churches are often discussed. This information can be useful in getting a more detailed idea of your ancestor's life. Usually there is a listing included of individuals who served in the military. Natural disasters are generally covered, and those may provide clues to why your family might have

experienced multiple deaths around a particular time or may provide clues to why some of your family moved to a different location.

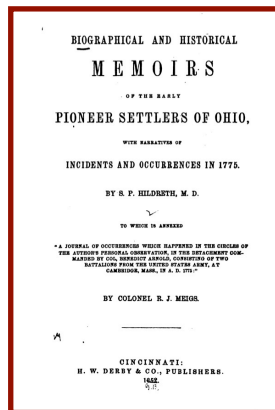
Businesses are usually listed, and probably even the fire department members. There are often numerous sketches of properties and businesses.

These books will describe only the positive qualities of the individuals included. While a history may contain information regarding your great uncle, his activities as a horse thief will not be mentioned.

If you do not find the history for your county at the GFO library, you will probably be able to find it online, particularly if it was published before 1923.

Much of the information in this article comes from The Learning Center at FamilySearch.org at <https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/lesson/county-histories-and-your-family/36>. You can view this 18 minute video presentation titled, "County Histories and Your Family," presented by Janice Schultz, MLS. She is affiliated with the Midwest Genealogy Center, Mid-Continent Library System, in Independence, Missouri.

—Tom O'Brien



Interest Group News

Irish Interest Group

Saturday, May 18, 12 - 2 pm

GFO member Duane Funk will speak on the topic "Using your digital camera for research."



Family Tree Maker Interest Group

Sunday, May 19, 1 - 3 pm

Sunday, June 16, 1 - 3 pm

The focus in May will be on media and in June will be on the Places workspace. Each month we have time for problem solving and sharing of tips and tricks. No need to bring your computer unless you are experiencing a problem.



Be sure to check the group's web page and links for current information as well as summaries of previous meetings: gfo.org/intgrp/ftm.htm.

British Interest Group

Saturday, May 25, 1 - 3 pm

Join us for our last meeting of the year. Doris Cruickshank, longtime



member of the British group, will be our speaker, and we will be celebrating with "Snacks of Our Ancestors." Maybe your ancestors passed down a recipe, or you have traveled to the British Isles and sampled some of their tasty morsels. Maybe your British ancestors like mine are so far back that you visit the Scottish Country Store (across Powell Blvd. near 15th) and pick up shortbread cookies baked and packaged in Scotland or mincemeat preserves.

As warmer weather arrives, we'll announce a field trip to a local British site followed by lunch nearby. Contact Lyleth Winther with any questions at lylethw@gmail.com or 503-658-8018.



Genealogy Book Group

Saturday, May 11, 11:45 am - 12:45 pm

Saturday, June 8, 11:45 am - 12:45 pm

Be part of this new interest group for discussions of nonfiction books where authors explore their personal identity through the history of their family and connections to the past. Contact Bonnie Randolph at bbrandolph@clear.net with questions.

Interest Group Meeting Times and Contacts

British

4th Saturdays of
Sep, Jan, Mar, May
1 - 3 pm
Lyleth Winther
lylethw@gmail.com

Computer

3rd Saturdays of
Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct
10 am - 12 pm
Daphne Garrison
degarrison@gmail.com

DNA

4th Saturdays of
Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
10 am - 12 pm
Emily Aulicino
aulicino@hevanet.com

Family Tree Maker

3rd Sundays monthly
1 - 3 pm

Laurel Smith
bearpair@comcast.net
Stephen Morgan
ceanothus1@comcast.net

Genealogy Books

2nd Saturdays monthly
11:45 am - 12:45 pm
Bonnie Randolph
bbrandolph@clear.net

German

1st Saturdays monthly
Sep through Jun
1 - 3 pm
Nanci Remington
nancicr@comcast.net

Illinois

2nd Saturdays
9:30 - 11:30 am
Kristy Gravlin
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Harlene Patterson
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Irish

3rd Saturdays of
Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov
1 - 3 pm
Suzanne Lemon
slemon46@yahoo.com

Virginia

1st Saturdays monthly
Sep through Jun
10 am - 12 pm
Judi Scott
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Carol Surrency
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Writers' Forum

2nd Saturdays monthly
Sep through May
1 - 3 pm
Peggy Baldwin
peggy@familypassages.com

New Group!

Endowment Fund – Nest Egg for the GFO

Endowments? Those are just for big hospitals or large universities, like Harvard and Stanford. Huge, billion dollar endowments, right? Think again. Any nonprofit with plans to be around for the long term can start an endowment and with careful management can even make it grow. In fact, your very own GFO has an endowment and has had one since 1986.

What is an endowment? Think of it as a savings account that generates interest, but you can only spend the interest. The corpus, or principal, remains untouched and is, typically, managed by professional money managers or, as in the case of the GFO, a Board committee with several members who invest money for a living.

An endowment is important in that it can generate the revenue necessary to offset operational costs or it can relieve the budget in other ways. An endowment creates another revenue stream, critically important to small organizations like the GFO that are dependent on membership dues or seminar fees. Many small nonprofits are stuck in the trap of just trying to keep the lights on or meet the next payroll; endowment revenue can relieve some of this pressure. An endowment reassures prospective donors that this is an organization with plans to stay the course and fulfill its mission. An endowment makes a statement about the long-term viability and stability of an organization.

Often, and this is true of the GFO endowment, its use is restricted for certain purposes. If you look at our website, you will see that our endowment fund “was established to address unusual and high priority activities or facilities needs having long term value to the organization, and is managed for long-term growth by a special committee. The Fund also provides an annual disbursement of money to the general fund based on investment earnings.”

The GFO Endowment Committee is charged with oversight of the endowment, devising an investment strategy, tracking distributions, and

managing the funds in such a manner that they grow over time. Marty Krauter, chair of the GFO Endowment Committee commented that “4% of the endowment fund’s balance is given back to the GFO for operating expenses, which benefits all members by keeping membership dues low. We invest in a mixture of low cost Vanguard Index funds. 50% to 60% of these are invested in Stock Index funds, both domestic and international. The remaining amount is invested in three funds: the GNMA fund, Total Bond Market Index, and Inflation-Protected Securities Funds.” Krauter reports that the GFO endowment fund shows a balance of \$156,045 as of 12/31/2012 and that in 2012 about \$6,000 was transferred from the endowment to our general fund.

Clearly the GFO is fortunate that years ago our leadership had the foresight to establish our endowment. We are also fortunate that through our annual appeal current members contribute to the GFO’s endowment, insuring its existence and growth in perpetuity.

Today the continued growth of the endowment through bequests and gifts is a high priority for the GFO board. To that end, we ask that in addition to supporting our organization through our year-end annual appeal, you consider including the GFO’s endowment in your will. Arranging for a bequest to benefit the GFO is a terrific way to help insure the future of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon. Not only that, but it’s easy to accomplish, and it won’t affect your assets or cash flow during your lifetime. If you have questions or would like more information, please send an e-mail to endowment@gfo.org. Also, if you have already included the GFO in your will, please let us know. We would appreciate the opportunity to thank you for your thoughtful philanthropy and for helping to insure that the Genealogical Forum of Oregon can continue to serve its members as well as the broader community.

– Ellie Dir, Endowment Committee Member



Classes & Programs

Classes are free of charge to GFO members. Nonmembers who wish to attend must pay the day use fee of \$7, but they may research in the library all day in addition to attending the class or opt to receive a one day pass to use at a later time. Monthly programs are free to all.

Introduction to Genealogy

- *Keith Pyeatt*

Saturday, May 25, 10 am - 12 pm

Are you unsure where to begin the process, or do you just want to get started again? Do you need some guidance about what to do next? We can help you jumpstart your genealogy! An optional follow-up tour of the GFO Library is offered to attendees.

This class is free. For information, call the GFO at 503-963-1932 or email info@gfo.org.

Discovering the Stories in Family Photographs

- *Karen Wallace Steely*

Saturday, May 18, 2 pm - *Free Monthly Program. Writing Contest winners will be announced.*

Your family photographs are more than a snapshot in time—they are a window into another world, if you know how to read the clues.



You can learn how to go beyond the basics of dating and identifying old photographs and find the stories behind the images. This lecture includes a series of methods and tools to help you identify the clues and discover the stories behind your family photographs. You are encouraged to bring one or two of your family photos to share and discuss.

Karen will also be offering a half-day seminar at the GFO on June 29. Please see the attached flyer.

Karen Wallace Steely is a professional lecturer and genealogist who specializes in researching family photographs. She is a

member of the Daguerreian Society and the National Genealogical Society, and has completed advanced course work at both Samford University's Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research (IGHR) and the National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR).

Volunteer Opportunities

If you can help with any of these openings, please contact Cathy Lauer, Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteer@gfo.org or leave a message for her at 503-963-1932.

Research Assistant

There is a vacancy for an RA (Research Assistant/Receptionist) on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesday afternoons, 1 - 5 p.m. This is a good chance for you to hone your skills for your own research. If interested, please send a message to volunteer@gfo.org or call the reception desk to leave your name, (503) 963-1932.

International & Ethnic

British Columbia Archives VRs
[search-
collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/
/Genealogy/BasicSearch](http://collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Genealogy/BasicSearch)

Canada Archives
www.collectionscanada.gc.ca

Canada census indexes
www.automatedgenealogy.com

England and Wales - birth,
marriage, death index

www.freebmd.org.uk

England and Wales - General
Register Office

www.gro.gov.uk

English place name derivations
kepn.nottingham.ac.uk

Finland - Genealogical Society
[http://hiski.genealogia.fi/historia/
indexe.htm](http://hiski.genealogia.fi/historia/indexe.htm)

Finland Institute of Migration
(free name search)

[www.migrationinstitute.fi/
index_e.php](http://www.migrationinstitute.fi/index_e.php) \$

JewishGen

<http://www.jewishgen.org/>

JTA Jewish News Archive
archive.jta.org

Norway National Archives
www.arkivverket.no/eng

Ontario Genealogical Society
ogs.on.ca

ScotlandsPeople
scotlandspeople.gov.uk \$

Stockholm City Archive
www.ssa.stockholm.se/en/Hem

United Kingdom and Ireland
www.genuki.org.uk

Immigration

Ellis Island records

www.ellisland.org

Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild
www.immigrantships.net

Ships Passenger Lists
www.theshipsl.com

\$ = Fee Sites

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share to insider@gfo.org.

MyGenealogyHound.com

MyGenealogyHound.com is a new, free website that specializes in biographies extracted from pre-1900 county histories. The thousands of



biographies can be searched or browsed by either county or surname.

Also available on the site is a collection of free, vintage county maps. The collections

currently include only seven states, but more will be added soon.

Oregon Newspaper Content Added to Chronicling America Website

The Library of Congress' and National Endowment for the Humanities' Chronicling America website recently added new historic Oregon newspaper content. Chronicling America is the nation's free, keyword-searchable historic newspaper database. For newspaper highlights and updates on new content online, visit the Oregon Digital Newspaper Program blog.

Around the GFO

March Financial Report

The month of March saw enough income to cover expenses and net us \$1,075.44. We ended March with \$31,604.34 in the checking account, \$8,855.60 in the money market account, and \$50,343.21 in market value of our funds in Vanguard.

The Endowment Fund value at month end was \$160,105.97, and the EF Vanguard money market was \$1,174.68.

Sunday Morning Work Parties
9 am - Noon

Drop in and join us Sunday mornings for work parties focused on particular tasks. Check the calendar at gfo.org to see what project is planned for a particular Sunday.

2012 - 2013 Annual Appeal Report

The next purchases from Annual Appeal donations will be a Fender speaker set and a new InFocus projector for use during our many classes and seminars. The exact models are still being selected, but watch for them to be in use soon. We are still welcoming donations to help with the catalog software conversion which will cost approximately \$2,000.

Donors - March to April

Supporting - \$50-\$99

Gretchen Brown
Carole Gibson
Hubert Patterson

Patron - Up to \$49

Beverly Christman

Thank you!

2012-2013 Annual Appeal for the Genealogical Forum of Oregon Inc.

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Yes, I want be part of the future of the GFO! Here's my tax deductible donation of \$_____

- ___ Heritage Level \$1,000 and up ___ Ancestral Level \$250 to \$499 ___ Pedigree Level \$500 to \$999
- ___ Sustaining Level \$100 to \$249 ___ Supporting Level \$50 to \$99 ___ Patron Level up to \$49

Name _____ Member No. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Please check this box if you do not want your name published.

Why So Many Reserve Books?

More than one has asked why so many of our library items are “Reserved” with no checkout. As the new Library Director, I wondered this myself and discussed with the Library Committee what should and should not be designated as Reserved.

The revised Collection Development Policy we adopted in November included this language:

“Most items of a primarily reference nature or providing specific information will not circulate from the Library and will be designated as Reserved. Those items of a more discursive or narrative nature, especially if unindexed or otherwise not organized in such a way as to enable quick location of specific information, may be allowed to circulate to members. Duplicate copies of especially useful Reserved items may also be selected for circulation as space permits.”

Essentially it’s a matter of balancing two kinds of convenience. On the one hand, it’s desirable that all the material useful for research be on hand when members or visitors come in to use the collection. Especially for books that typically have only one or a few pages of interest to any one researcher, it makes the most sense for each user to take notes or make photocopies rather than take the item home for two weeks. Of course many if not most of our books would be hard to replace even if we had the budget to buy many books (which we don’t), so it’s wise to keep a short leash on those. On the other hand, there are books that cannot serve their purpose without being read at some length, requiring more time than one typically has in the library. To a degree the balance is between items most useful for reference and those that are basically “reads.”

How a book is organized and indexed has some bearing on the decision. Some books meant to be read as a whole may also be chock full of useful information with an excellent index that would lead many researchers right to information they want. Others that would be most useful for reference or specific informational purposes may yet be so poorly

organized and poorly indexed or unindexed, that there is no quick way to find what may be great material hidden in the book. Some of the former might best be Circulating and some Reserved; certainly if there are several books with similar

coverage, some of them could be Circulating. For the poorly organized reference book types, it may be hard to decide whether to keep them in house or let them circulate,

depending on the nature of the content, the replaceability, and the difficulty of using them in a limited time frame. Most would probably best be Reserved.

My sense as I’ve been deciding this question when cataloging each item is that I will probably let a slightly greater proportion circulate than previously. I ask myself, is this book primarily useful here for specific research or for general background information? Could most patrons get what they would want from this book in an hour or two in the Library, or would it likely take some days to read and absorb the content of interest? Especially some of the how-to books need to be Reserved and some Circulating as they tend to fall into both categories at different times for different users.

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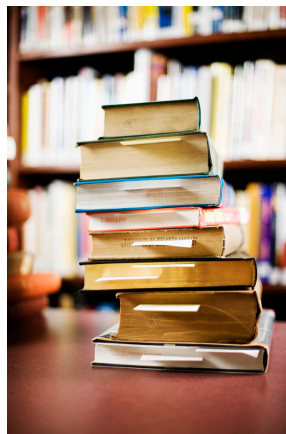
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GFO Calendar

<i>May</i>			<i>June</i>			<i>July</i>		
Sat 5/4	10 am	Virginia Group	Sat 6/1	10 am	Virginia Group	Mon 7/1		Free Monday
	1 pm	German Group		1 pm	German Group	Thu 7/4		4th of July
Mon 5/6		Free Monday	Mon 6/3		Free Monday			Library Closed
Sat 5/11	9:30 am	Illinois Group	Fri 6/7	5 pm		Tue 7/9	6 pm	Board Meeting
	11:45 am	Gen. Book Group			First Friday @ The Ford	Sat 7/20	12 pm	Irish Group
	1 pm	Writers' Forum	Sat 6/8	9:30 am	Illinois Group	Sun 7/21	1 pm	FTM Group
Tue 5/14	6 pm	Board Meeting		11:45 am	Gen. Book Group	Sat 7/27	10 am	DNA Group
Sat 5/18	12 pm	Irish Group	Tue 6/11	6 pm	Board Meeting			
	2 pm	Free Program	Sat 6/15	10 am	Computer Group			
		Writing Contest Awards		2 pm	Free Program			
		Stories in Family Photographs			Annual Meeting			
Sun 5/19	1 pm	FTM Group			Volunteer Recognition			
Sat 5/25	10 am	Free Class			Round Table Discussion			
		Introduction to Genealogy	Sun 6/16	1 pm	FTM Group			
	1 pm	British Group	Sat 6/29		Half-day Seminar			
Sat 5/27		Memorial Day			Karen Wallace Steely			
		Library Closed			Researching Family Photographs			

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 Sunday work parties.