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New Volunteer at Fiske Library



If you should happen to come to the Fiske Library on one of its regular open Wednesdays, you might meet a long-time volunteer, Linda Blais, who sits just past the computer where you scan your driver’s license to check in and two desks down, our newest volunteer, Kim Bishop.

Kim started volunteering on Wednesdays back in July of 2023 after visiting a Pioneer Building Open House. While there she saw the Fiske Library sign. Since she was interested in genealogy, librarianship, and information science, she wanted to see what the library had to offer.

While checking out the Fiske Library website she noticed that volunteers were needed, so she called the phone number listed and reached Fiske Genealogical Foundation President David Brazier. After a long conversation, David was able to convince her that with her deep-seated interest and research in information science and association with The Colonial Dames, she could do much more than shelf books. He set up several virtual sessions to start training her to work in the World Cat system that Fiske uses to manage its collection.

Since the Wednesday library hours fit her schedule, she started to come to the library each week to continue her training and to do the computer data work needed to catalog the many books accumulated during the COVID pandemic. She has also taken on printing out new shelf labels for the faded ones that Linda and other volunteers have found when putting the newly processed books in their proper spot or while re-shelving books consulted by visitors.

Be sure to check out the list of new books that Linda and Kim have processed and that now grace Fiske Library’s shelves. This work was formerly done by Jimi Vernie and Gary Zimmerman. Thanks to them for their many years of service to the library laying the foundation for what is being accomplished now.

~Linda Blais

New Books on Fiske Library Shelves

Fiske Genealogical Library volunteers continue to add book donations available for you to find in World Cat and on the shelves of the Fiske Library. See list below for some of the new books added to the Fiske Library Collection. Come visit the library to see what other new books are available and how much easier it is becoming to find those treasures that the Fiske Library contains. ~ *Linda Blais*

Shelf Location	Title	Author
BX9211.M38 P65 1967	A History of the Providence Presbyterian Church, Mecklenburg County, NC	Matthews, Louise Barber
CS2547.M57 2000	Spelling Variations in German Names, Solving Family History Problems Through Applications of German And English Phonetics	Minert, Roger P.
CS 71.B3 1990	Bare Roots A Genealogy From Hans Bar (1545) to 1990	Andrews, Kent A.
CS71.F36	The Descendants of Thomaas French of Ipswich Mass Five Generations	French, Robert L.
CS71.G85 2011	A French Huguenot Legacy (Guiou)	Stufflebean, Debra Guiou (n)
CS71.G77 L39 2008	Genealogy of The William H. Gross (SR) and The Agnes Dixon-Lee Families	Lawson, Jacqueline E
CS71.H644 1985	Fifth Publication of the Hildreth Family Association and Index of Names in Fifth Publication of the Hildreth Family Association	Parkhurst, Geroge Adams and Parkhurst, Barbara Hildreth
CS71.L218 1993	The Descendants of Thomas Lambe of Roxbury, Massachusetts	Lamb, James Gordon
CS71.M15872	Miskimmins Families of American An Index and Tree	Barnes, Robert Jr.
CS71.M942 1989	Dr. Samuel Alexander Mudd and His Descendants	Mudd, Richard D. M.D.
CS71.S3985	Three Swartz/Schwartz Men of Floyd and Clark County, Indiana	Eberhart, Elsie Swartz
CS71.S975 2001	Swearingen/Vansweringen and Related Families	Whyte, Karel L.
CS83.S3 2014	Filling in the Gaps, Finding Pre-1865 Ships Passenger Lists to Canada	Schulze, Lorine McGinnis
D967.G73 1991	The Grand Tour	Pickles, Sheila, Editor
DA880,06.M666 1985	St Magnus Cathedral Orkney	Mooney, Harald

More New Books on Fiske Library Shelves

Shelf Location	Title	Author
E18.S235 2006	Sabin Americana Print Editions 1500-1926, A collection of upwards of thirty thousand names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French, and other immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727 to 1776.	Rupp, I Daniel
E202.5 A19 2007	American Treasure, The enduring Spirit of the DAR	Bailey, Diana L.
E527.5 141st.M65 1996	Quill of the Wild goose Civil War Letters and Diaries	Molyneux, Private Joe, 141st P.V.
F128.68 . F58 B68 1975	Journal of John Bowne 1650-1694	Ricard, Herbert
F232.O6 R35 2010	Germonna Road, Three Hundred Year History of Lower Orange County, Virginia	Rainey, Dr. Peter G.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to fully re-open the library. At present, we have resumed a limited opening on Wednesdays from Noon to 3 pm, or by appointment Monday, Thursday and Saturday. We would like to resume a regular schedule of open hours for drop-in visitation. Several volunteers are needed to expand our hours.

All that is required is your interest in genealogy and our library facilities. David Brazier will train volunteers in the basics of welcoming visitors, logging them in, and helping them find the resources they require. If you are willing, there are library tasks that David will be happy to train you for as well. Otherwise, you are welcome to do your own research when not occupied in assisting visitors.

To volunteer, please call David at (206) 687-5249 to discuss scheduling and training.

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Spring 2024 Education

All classes are scheduled from 10:00 A.M. until noon unless otherwise noted. Presentations are currently virtual. Please check the website for linking information ahead of the start time and any class notes. Check the home page frequently for announced schedule changes and updates to any dates listed as TBA.

2024	Topic	Instructor
Wednesday March 20	Dive Deep into Online Websites: Google Earth	Janet O'Connor Camarata
Wednesday March 27	ASSEMBLING YOUR PROOF - Hunting for High Quality Resources	Steven W. Morrison
Wednesday April 3	Piecing it Together, Discovering a Family Secret	Claire Smith
Wednesday April 10	SPRING BREAK – No Class	
Wednesday April 17	Which Hans Jensen is Mine? Navigating Scandinavian Patronymics	Jenny Hansen
Wednesday April 24	From a Box in the Closet to a Treasured Family Heirloom	Sara Cochran
Wednesday May 1	Bagging a Live One: Reverse Genealogy in Action	Mary Roddy
Wednesday May 8	Becoming the Ancestor	Beth Swartz
Wednesday May 15	Across the Pond to Scotland	Winona Laird
Wednesday May 22	Disaster Proofing Your Research	Sara Cochran
Wednesday May 29	Pruning Your Family Tree	Jenny Hansen

Newsletter Submissions

Have you discovered a particularly useful resource in your research, or broken through a brick wall? Would you be interested in submitting an article for the newsletter? Articles can be 1-2 pages long and may be subject to gentle editorial comment.

Our newsletter is published quarterly in September, December, March and June. Deadlines are the 20th of the month preceding publication. **Writers—articles are always needed and appreciated!** Please send queries or submissions to editor@fiskelibrary.org.

FamilySearch SIG

Join the FamilySearch Special Interest Group.

Discover the many ways to use the FamilySearch website in your research.

Lou Daly leads a Zoom meeting the first Saturday of every month October through June, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. sponsored by the Seattle Genealogical Society.

A different aspect of the website is featured at every meeting with time for Q & A. Want to join the mailing list? Email Lou: loudaly@nwlink.com



Legacy Family Tree User Group

Our Legacy Family Tree User Group Zoom meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month from 1-2 p.m. Our next meeting is 21 March.

If you use Legacy Family Tree, please join us. The topics we cover are quite varied. For example last month we discussed Master lists Media Folders, the Potential Problems Report that's under Other Reports and creating a Problems list, as well as use of bookmarks. We also welcome questions and topic suggestions.

If you are interested in attending, please send a message to editor@fiskelibrary.org with your email contact information. We will need your email address to send out the Zoom invitation.

Siri Nelson

Thanks to our Donors

The Fiske Genealogical Foundation and Library has always been dependent upon donations, but this has been doubly true during the pandemic when the library has been closed to regular use. Your ongoing patronage and support is most appreciated. Thank you!

~ The FGF Board

New Online

23,000 Previously Unavailable Cork County Burial Records Now Available Online

Cork County Council's Skibbereen Heritage Centre [Ireland] has uploaded 23,000 previously unavailable Cork County burial register records from 18 graveyards to its online database. This brings the total number of burial records now available on their website www.skibbheritage.com to over 82,700, all of which are available to access free of charge from anywhere in the world.

The website also has a map of sites covered and a searchable database. Read the article [here](#).

Scam Obituaries

Hitting a new low in exploitation, scammers are creating fake obituaries and posting them online even before family members are able to do so. The obituaries are created by AI using the deceased's real name and any facts they can find or make up. Dates, locations etc. may not be accurate. The point, of course, is to profit off memorial donations, fake flower ordering links, fake gift sites, phishing for your credit card info and/or transmitting malware.

Genealogists will need to be extra careful when seeking current obituaries. It is recommended that one contact the actual funeral home to confirm an obituary's legitimacy.

See the news report on YouTube:
<https://youtu.be/BdII2p3uyWU>

Surplus Books

Our Surplus Books collection is being re-inventoried and many unlisted items have been added to the website list. We have also been processing donations of books which results in some duplicates being added to our surplus supply. Do check out your favorite categories!

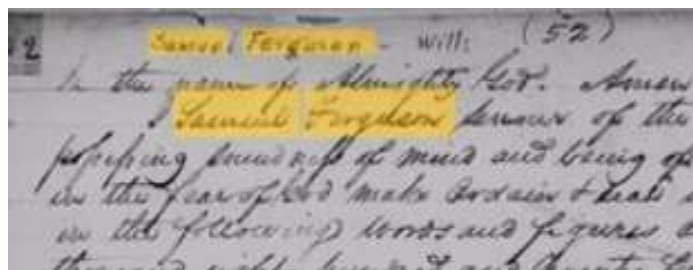
The Half-Price Sale is still on while the inventory is being completed. Prices listed are retail; the sale price is half that amount – a real bargain!

Email: surplus@fiskelibrary.com to make inquiries or purchases.

Full Text Searches on Family Search

It was recently announced that FamilySearch is experimenting with AI powered full text manuscript searches of documents. For information on how to locate and use this new service, check out this video by GenealogyTV, a YouTube channel with many useful research tips.

[How to Use FamilySearch Hidden Records: Full Text Search: 2024](#)



Fiske Library Hours

Monday	By appointment. Call David 206 687-5249
Wednesday	The Library is open from Noon to 3 P.M.
Thursday	By appointment. Call David 206 687-5249
Friday	Reserved for research groups from outside the greater Seattle Area. Contact David to make reservations. 206 687-5249
Saturday	By appointment. Call Larry 206 720-4719

Fiske Genealogical Foundation Information

The Fiske Genealogical Foundation is a non-profit service organization providing genealogical training and resource materials. Current Board Members are:

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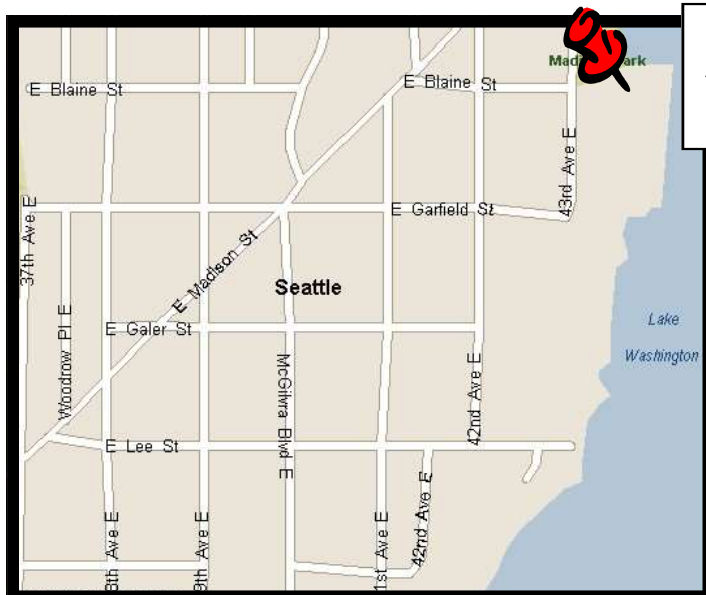
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HOW TO FIND US!



**Fiske Library is located
on the lower level of the
Washington Pioneer Hall.**

- Drive east on E Madison Street to the third crosswalk after reduced speed zone of 25mph. The crosswalk has a yellow blinking light. A one-way street sign is on your right.
- Turn right and follow E Blaine Street to the end of the street.
- The Washington Pioneer Hall faces onto 43rd Ave. E.
- The Fiske Genealogical Library is located on the lower level of the building.