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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society is to inspire interest in genealogy, inform and educate the public, and maintain a growing sustainable library with a strong online presence.

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LIBRARY HOURS

RVGS Library is open
Monday - Saturday
10:00 AM — 4:00 PM



Moving Forward

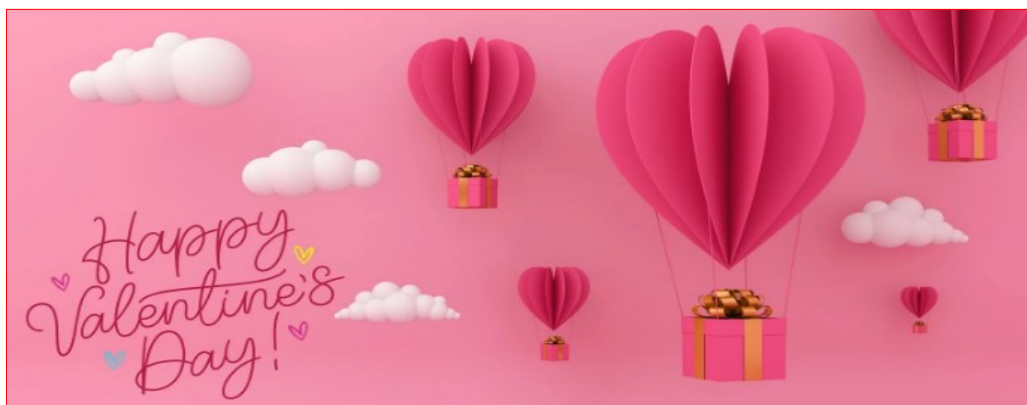
The RVGS Library now contains **26,465** items including books, periodicals, CDs, videos, microfilm, microfiche, maps, quilts, and flash drives. There is something for everyone, as the collection includes materials about every state and lots of countries. Many genealogical records are not available online and can only be found in print. Search our library catalog by [clicking here](#) to find that unique resource

for your family tree.

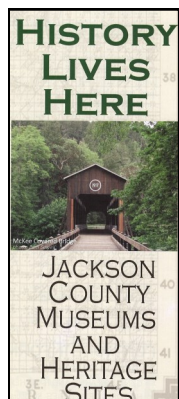
In Person Drop-In Help Sessions were tried in January as a new approach to helping RVGS members with their genealogy efforts. Both were successes: **17** researchers arrived during the **German Help Session**, which is being offered again on the first Friday of the month, February through June, from 1 - 3 PM.

Organizing Files was similarly popular, with **11** coming with files to be sorted and organized! Watch for this once-every-three-months Help Session. Special thanks to Ann Baracker, Loretta Barker, and the German Interest Group members AND to Barbara Northrop for this innovative and obviously successful approach!

Oregon Blue Book: What Is It and Why Do I Care? Don't miss the February 20 free RVGS Program by Barbara Northrop. Whether or not you have Oregon ancestors, the *Oregon Blue Book* and similar publications by other states might break through a brick wall and/or provide insight into your ancestors' lives.



RVGS is a member of the **Jackson County Heritage Association (JCHA)**. Spearheaded by Maureen Battistella and funded by Travel Southern Oregon, a new brochure showcasing our Jackson County heritage museums, research libraries, and heritage events, is now available at many local tourist destinations. The RVGS Library has a limited supply. The economic impact of heritage tourism is extensive.



- Unless noted otherwise, most classes and events require online advanced registration, see the **Classes & Events** menu on our **website**. **Registration closes at noon the day before the event** unless capacity is reached before then.
- New members to Interest Groups will need to register by **clicking here** to find the interest group of your choice.
- **Click here to find Zoom help on our website.**
- All times listed are Pacific Time Zone.



Registration Now Open!

Thursday, February 1, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, CLASS: Where There's a Will

Wills and Probate Records: Wills and Probate records can be genealogical goldmines. Sara Cochran will start with an overview of these records, the probate process, and tips for finding and using these records. This interactive class will show ways to turn a will into a starter family tree.



Sara has been researching her family tree for over 25 years. The journey has taken her into nearly every State in the USA and several countries worldwide, including Ireland, Britain, and Italy. She says her passion is telling the stories of the people in the family tree; genealogists do this best by recording the stories of their elders, locating, and preserving the photos and stories our ancestors left behind, as well as records created by the government and religious sources and in the newspaper.

Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

A subcommittee of the RVGS Board is developing a **member survey**. The 2019 survey was very informative, but since then we have experienced a number of changes: we launched our new website, endured the pandemic, and have seen the effects, both physical and psychological, of the Almeda Fire. The addition of remote access to subscription websites and to our programs and classes is only one of the outcomes of these events. How can we best move forward to continue our mission effectively?

Anne Billeter, President
president@rvgslibrary.org

CLASSES & EVENTS

The following RVGS classes and events are offered in a variety of ways. We are increasing the number of hybrid (in person and via Zoom) events. Please note in the event description the ways you can attend.

- Event details are subject to change. Check our website for the latest information. If registration is not available on the website, please check back.

Friday, February 2, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, German Research Help Session

Need assistance with your German research? Join Ann Baracker and volunteers from the German Interest Group to help answer questions you might have. In person at the library. Cost: Free to all.



Thursday, February 8, 10:30 AM - Noon, Genealogy Newbies Interest Group IN PERSON

Barbara Northrop facilitates this group that meets the second Thursday of the month and is for new genealogists who want a small group setting to ask questions. The interest group will start with the first 45 minutes for topical structured content and the last half of the session will be open for general questions. The February 8 topic will be Marriage and Divorce Records. We will explore different types of records, where to look for them, and how to use direct and indirect evidence to prove both. See you in February. In person at the library. Cost: Free to all.



Thursday, February 8, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Genealogy Newbies Interest Group by ZOOM

Barbara Northrop facilitates this group that meets the second Thursday of the month and is for new genealogists who want a small group setting to ask questions. The interest group will start with the first 45 minutes for topical structured content and the last half of the session will be open for general questions. The February 8 topic will be Marriage and Divorce Records. We will explore different types of records, where to look for them, and how to use direct and indirect evidence to prove both. See you in February. Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Friday, February 9, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Irish Interest Group
Barbara Halvorsen facilitates this interest group concentrating on Irish history, culture and researching Irish ancestors. The group meets the second Friday of the month. Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Monday, February 12, 9:30 AM - Noon, RVGS Board meeting

All members are welcome. Come to the library side door and ring the doorbell. In person at the library. Cost: Free to all.



Monday, February 12, 2:00 – 3:30 PM, Colonial America Interest Group

Jeanne Hoadley facilitates this Interest group which meets on the second Monday of even-numbered months to discuss genealogy research in the original 13 colonies. Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, February 13, 11:00 AM - Noon, German Interest Group

This interest group concentrates on German history and research. They meet the Second Tuesday of the month. Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.



Tuesday, February 13, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker Interest Group

This group is facilitated by Barbara MacMillen. Come with any questions about using “Family Tree Maker” software. They meet the second Tuesday of the month. Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.



Wednesday, February 14, 10:30 AM - Noon, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

Barbara Halvorsen facilitates this interest group for everyone interested in genetic genealogy. They meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.



Wednesday, February 14, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Great Lakes Interest Group

Kim Thurman facilitates this group to discuss genealogy research in the Great Lakes region. Primary focus will be the states of Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, but researchers to the north and east along the Great Lakes are welcome as well. They meet on the second Wednesday of even-numbered months.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Friday, February 16, 10:30 AM – Noon, Class: Maximizing Your Ancestry Google Searches

Google should be an important tool in any genealogist’s toolbox. The Google search engine has come a long way and Rich Miles will teach you tips and tricks to get the most out of your Google searches.

Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: \$10 for members; \$20 for non-members.



Tuesday, February 20, 1:30-3:00 PM, Program and Member Meeting, The Oregon Blue Book

Since 1911, the **Oregon Blue Book** has been an “indispensable” resource for state, city, county, and federal governments as well as institutions, schools, etc. in Oregon. Barbara Northrop and Rich Cunningham will show how these volumes can be a genealogist’s treasure trove of contextual information to enrich your ancestor’s story. Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.



Wednesday, February 21, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Roundtable: Let’s Talk Genealogy

This meeting is a chance to get together with others who share your same interest. We will start with a focus and see where it goes from there.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, February 27, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Quilt in the Niche: Sunshine & Shadow Quilt and More

Suzanne Marshall will be presenting three family quilts made by three generations of Kentucky women. She will be talking about how these material culture items fit into history, and women’s work and art. Suzanne was born in Kentucky and holds a PhD in History, and has been a professor of Environmental, Women’s, and African American History at numerous Universities.

In Person at the library. No registration necessary.

Cost: Free to all



Special Interest Group News



Friday, February 2, 2024, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, New German Research help being offered to all [RVGS](#) Members

The RVGS German Interest Group had a great turnout for their January Help Session. Our next Help Session will be Friday, February 2, 2024, 1 pm to 3 pm, in the RVGS library. We hope to have a good turnout during this pilot program.

We will have some skilled RVGS members to help with German American research issues. We will also have several German Interest Group members on hand to help you break through German-American brick walls, translate your documents, and lend a hand navigating the multitude of library owned resource books and materials, along with helping you efficiently use various online sites.

We hope to see all those RVGS members with questions about researching German ancestors, in Europe and the Americas.

No pre-registration is required. If you have any questions, please call Ann Baracker 541-261-4874.

Monday, February 12, Colonial America Interest Group

The Colonial America Interest Group is moving to an every other month format for 2024. Our next meeting will be February 12. We will continue to meet on the second Monday of the even numbered months for the rest of the year. Our topic in February will be Colonial South Carolina. Join us in the library or on zoom. If you have registered previously, you do not need to sign up again. New members will need to register at rvgslibrary.org. Go to Classes and Events and scroll down to Special Interest Groups Registration.

Wednesday, February 21, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Let's talk Genealogy

Let's Talk Genealogy is a chance to get together with others who share your same interest. We will start with a focus and see where it goes from there. Since February is the birth month for Presidents Washington and Lincoln

(and each one used to be celebrated as a holiday) I thought we could focus on Presidential genealogy. If you've got a President in your family tree, could you share it? Join us with a cup of coffee or glass of wine and Let's Talk Genealogy. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of the even-numbered months, 1:30 - 3:00 PM.



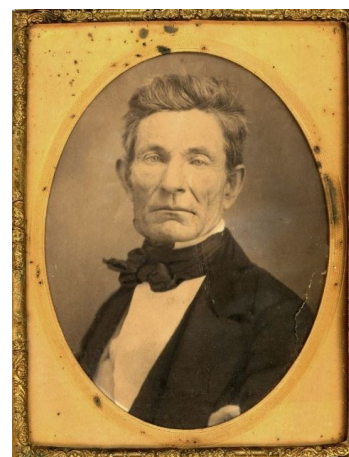
LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Windows in Time: William Green T'Vault: A Man of Many 'Firsts' - Including First Rate Scallywag

Wednesday, February 7, Noon - 1:00 PM Medford Library: In Person and Online [Click here to register](#)

Wednesday, February 14, Noon - 1:00 PM Ashland Library, Gresham Room

William Green T'Vault has been celebrated for his accomplishments: Oregon's first newspaper editor, the first Postmaster General of the Oregon Territory, Jacksonville's first newspaper editor and publisher, and the first Speaker of the House in the first Oregon State Legislature. Join Carolyn Kingsnorth she traces T'Vault through legal and political careers in Indiana, Arkansas, and Oregon and explains how T'Vault or Tevault or Teevault was also a first-rate scallywag, reinventing himself whenever his past came close to catching up with him.





Windows in Time: A Corset Won't Kill You: Demystifying the 19th Century Woman's Wardrobe

March 6, Noon-1:00 PM at the Medford Library and online.

March 13, Noon-1:00 PM at the Ashland Library with Cassidy Hausmann-Mason .

From the underpinnings out, this talk will explore the ways societal norms, class differentials, self-expression, the Industrial Revolution, and even the invention of the bicycle impacted the world of fashion. Cassidy Hausmann-Mason has six years of historical tailoring experience and over a decade of antique collecting under her belt. Cassidy is excited to share her wealth of knowledge and help her audience look past the myths, biases, and preconceptions that so often color the discussions of the 19th century woman's wardrobe.



2nd Saturday February through May. Explore the "Secrets & Mysteries of the Beekman Bank"

Historic Jacksonville, Inc. opens the oldest financial institution in the Pacific Northwest for evening lantern light tours. Regional historian Ben Truwe pursues secrets thought lost with the last Beekman family member in 50-minute tours beginning at 5:00 PM, 6:15 PM, and 7:30 PM each tour night. The bank was begun by C.C.

Beekman as a gold dust office in 1856 and moved in 1863 to its current location at 110 W. California Street in Jacksonville when he became the Wells Fargo Agent. Beekman saw over \$40 million in gold cross his counters during Jacksonville's heyday in the 1800s—equivalent to over \$1 billion in today's currency! Tours are limited to a maximum of 12 people, admission is \$5 per person, and reservations are required. Information and tickets are available at <https://historicjacksonville.org/beekman-bank-secrets/>.



3rd Saturday, February through May. Time Travel to 1932 Jacksonville!

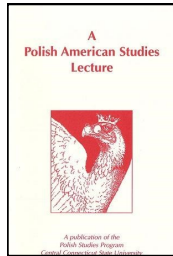
It's Depression Era Jacksonville and Ben and Carrie Beekman, the children of the town's wealthiest and most prominent pioneer family, are closing up their 1870s family home. Guests become part of this 1-hour living history "play," interacting with Carrie, Ben, family members, and friends as they comment on 1932 Jacksonville and life in the late 1800s. Tours are offered at 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, or 2:00 PM on February 17, March 16, April 20 or May 18. Admission is \$10. Tour groups are limited to 10 people and reservations are required. Tickets and information are available at <https://www.historicjacksonville.org/1932-living-history/>.

Remote Opportunities



Genealogical Forum of Oregon

GFO website and **events** can be found by clicking the link provided. They have a range of special interest groups and programs.



Saturday, February 17, Polish American Lecture Series

The Polish American Foundation of Connecticut is pleased to announce their 2024 Lecture Series. Check out their website for details on the lectures and the speakers.

Registration is now open. Questions? Email: orenaw@paf-ct.org Website: <https://www.paf-welcomehome.org/2024-in-search-of-kaszubia>



February 29 – March 2, 2024, RootsTech Conference

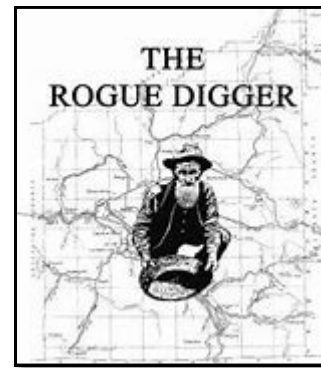
Registration is now open for RootsTech 2024. Participants will be able to join this event virtually from anywhere in the world or attend live at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City. Choose from hundreds of new genealogy classes, cutting-edge technology and innovation, and entertainment that won't disappoint. For more information and registration, click here: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/rootstech-2024-registration>

Rogue Digger Articles Needed

Hi RVGS Friends!

THANK YOU to members who have already written an article or story for *The Rogue Digger*. Please email suggestions of what you would like to see in future publications. Watch for the first issue coming out March 15th.

If articles are not included in a particular publication, they will be included in a future *Rogue Digger*. The goal is to have articles and stories to support quarterly publications.



Here are some ideas for articles:

- Do you have a particular item which brings a special memory when you see it? Send a picture of the item with a story and share the memory that it brings you.
- An article about your grandparents or great grandparents? Maybe a half page about grandma and half about grandpa. Maybe half page about your paternal and half page about your maternal grandparent.
- Have you helped someone with their DNA? What happened?
- How about an article on a fraternal organization. The meaning of the insignias included on the headstones for Odd Fellows, Eastern Star, Masons, Jobs Daughters, Shriner's, Knights of Columbus, Scottish Rite, Lions, and others.
- Submit your queries...Don't know what is a query is? Reaching out to others. You never know who might have knowledge about a family connection or location. It might be now or in the future as your email address will be used for replies directly to you.
- While at the RVGS library you might open the file cabinet drawer and write up an article about a Pioneer or Early Settler family or individual to include in *The Rogue Digger*.
- Did you have a Super Power Brick Wall break through that you can share with others. It might help others break through their wall.
- An ancestor who was naturalized and the process they went through.
- An article about the oldest person buried in a cemetery.
- A How-To idea that would benefit others to include in the publication.

Are there sections you like in other society publications that you feel we should consider? Email an example.

Please email roguedigger@rvgslibrary.org with stories and articles for *The Rogue Digger!!!*

If submitting an article with a copyright, it is your responsibility to receive written permission from the author to reprint. Articles may be edited for clarity or length.

Good Luck in your hunt! *Cindi*



Fred Meyer Community Rewards Supports RVGS

Do you use a Fred Meyer Rewards Card? Did you know you can “donate” to RVGS without it costing you a dime? This month, RVGS received \$50 from Fred Meyer representing 17 households. Just imagine if all our members who shop at Fred Meyer signed up! Just follow these simple steps:

- Go to fredmeyer.com.
- In the top right corner, click the **Sign In** button. If you have not previously created an account, you can do it here.
- After signing in, click in the same place, only now it displays your name, and choose **My Account**.
- Under **My Account**, on the left side of the screen, click on **Community Rewards**.
- Here you can search for and choose your charity. We are listed as **Rogue Valley Genealogical Society**, organization number **PC623**. Click **Enroll**.

For more information about Fred Meyer Rewards, [click here](#). **Note**, previous enrollees may need to re-enroll in Community Rewards. Follow the steps above to verify.

SOCIETY NEWS

New and Returning Members

New members: Rebel Armantrout, Gary and Sharon Beal, Therese Beckman, Mary Ann Blackledge, Elizabeth Holt, Michael Lynch, Geni Plotnik, Martin Robinson Sr, Barbara Ruffner, Dianna Sealy-Gipner, Carol Walker, Steven Walker, Marcia and Jeffery Weatherell, and Jan Young

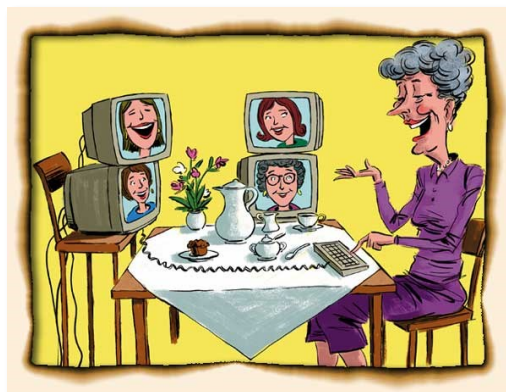
Returning members: Bobbi and Randy Becker, Sue Kurth, April Lewis, Darlene Shontz, Amy Spieler, and Julie Wheeler.

Member Sharing

Did you find a record set that helped you with your research? Send a brief description to enews@rvgslibrary.org with the subject “Member Sharing”.

“Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Church Census Records: COLLECTION RECORD, 1914-1960” At FamilySearch.org. Go to Search > Catalog > Titles (and type the name of the record set.)

3 x 5 cards arranged alphabetically, first by surname, then by first name, showing location, members of the household with maiden name of the married women and birth dates of everyone. Non-church members are usually not named, even if they are members of the family. The census years are interfiled, so sequential cards are found for the same person in successive census years. Access from home provides transcriptions. Access from RVGS, which is a FamilySearch Affiliate Library, provides an image of the cards.





2024 RVGS Research Trip to Salt Lake City's FamilySearch Library

LAST FEW DAYS TO GET DISCOUNTED HOTEL ROOM

Don't let this year's research trip slip through your fingers.

Come with your fellow RVGS researchers to Salt Lake City for a week, starting March 17, 2024.

Find those impossible to locate ancestral records at the **FamilySearch Library**.

The library's professional international staff is there to assist you every step of the way. Be sure to take advantage of their skills and knowledge.

We have 10 discounted rooms set aside for the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society group at the **Salt Lake City Plaza Hotel**, located right next door to the FamilySearch Library.

In order to get your discounted rate, you **MUST** call the hotel's group coordinator, **Rich Williams**, on his direct line **1-801-606-2410**. These rooms are only guaranteed until they are taken or until February 10, whichever comes first. Call Rich as soon as you think you might be coming. Room cancellation is available. Check with Rich for the cancellation cut-off date.

Please email Ann Baracker at abaracker@gmail.com with any questions and to get your name and contact information on our travel group roster. See you in Salt Lake!



RVGS High School Scholarship News

By Marilyn Ayres, Scholarship Chairman

Once again it is scholarship application time. Get the word out, tell your family and friends who have or know seniors at one of the high schools in Jackson County. This year's scholarship application and guidelines were sent to the Jackson County High Schools in the first week of November and are posted on the RVGS website. [Click here.](#)

This is the ninth year of our scholarship program. Previous awards have been given to students of Eagle Point, North Medford, South Medford, Ashland, and St. Mary's high schools. The \$2,000 award is to be used at an accredited college or university in Oregon.

The deadline for applying is March 8, 2024. The completed application and the required supporting documentation should be timely hand delivered or mailed to the RVGS Library at 3405 South Pacific Highway, Medford, Oregon 97501, so that it is received by the deadline. The selected awardee will be notified in writing by April 19, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Ayres, scholarship chairman, at the library. Remember as you gather with your friends and family over the holidays in the coming months, talk about our scholarship program and about your own connection with our great Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. If you are not currently a member, stop by and look around our library. The books and other materials are a wonderful resource for our community. Students may use the library free of charge for genealogy research.



Become an RVGS Volunteer!

RVGS is currently 85 volunteers STRONG, but we could use a few more. If you are interested in any of these positions, please fill out the [volunteer application](#).

Ashland Chamber of Commerce Greeters, RVGS Representative. This group meets every Friday at a different member business at 8:15 AM (and on the 4th Thursday of the month they meet at 5:15 PM.) RVGS would love to have someone attend at least one Greeters meeting each month, to share what's upcoming at RVGS, make our rack cards available, and answer any questions. It is a great opportunity to learn about Ashland (and other nearby) businesses, including other nonprofits. It is fun to showcase our upcoming classes, seminars, interest groups, and free programs.

Zoom Host Coordinator. Almost all of the RVGS classes and programs require a Zoom host (and sometimes two). While a number of Zoom hosts are trained, they need to be contacted and scheduled so that all events are adequately Zoom hosted. Most months in 2024 there will be 2 or 3 events requiring Zoom hosts. Not a big task, but a very necessary one!

Annual Fund Drive Coordinator. The Annual Fund Drive's procedures are already in place...they just need someone to implement them. The major tasks are launching the fund drive by updating the fund drive letter (with help from others), arranging for it to be printed and mailed, and periodically submitting a brief article for the monthly *RVGS eNews*.

Maintenance Coordinator. Help the RVGS Library building look good and operate well! Identify needed maintenance tasks and arrange for them to be taken care of (or do it yourself!) Oversee the contracted landscape maintenance and the cleaning service. Communicate with various utilities when needed.

Volunteer Coordinator. RVGS has 85 volunteers. We need a "people person" to respond to new volunteer applications, recruit volunteers, and to help plan ways to acknowledge and thank our volunteers. (NOTE: we are an all-volunteer organization!) **FILLED!**



Librarians Needed!

Several RVGS librarian shifts are available:

1st and 3rd Thursday afternoons, 1:00 - 4:15 PM

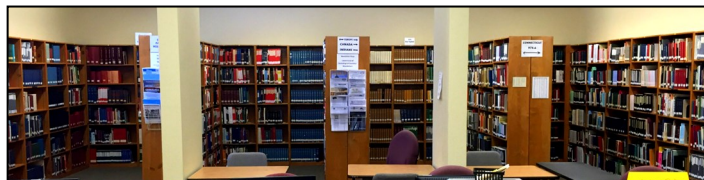
2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons, 1:00 - 4:15 PM

No experience necessary. Training is provided. There are always 2 librarians on duty together. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the hidden treasures at the RVGS Library and to have a regularly scheduled time to research your own genealogy. Main responsibilities are staffing the reception desk and helping people use the library collection and subscription websites. Email [President Anne Billeter](#) for more information and to volunteer.

RVGS LIBRARY NEWS

Library Collection Inventory

How do we know we have **26,465** items in the library collection? In December, **145** volunteer hours were logged by RVGS volunteers inventorying our library collection. Thank you to Anne Billeter, Frank Marksman, Kaye Ferrara, Janet Read, Diane Brenner, Sheila Kimball, Mardell Lau, Cindi Hobson, Karen Lundgren, Dorothy Cotton, Patty Bunch, Marilyn Ayres, Loretta Barker, Sharon Freeburne, Christy Austermann, Thelma Goodnough, Pam D'Allura, James Williams, Ros Lyne, Cathy Ullrich, Bruce McGarvey, Jeanne Hoadley, Steven Hoolko. Since 2011, the collection has grown from 16,724 items, which is an increase of nearly 10,000! [Click here to view the 2023 Collection Report.](#)





61 Books Added to RVGS Library

A wide variety of subjects were added in January 2024, including 12 family histories (929.2) , books about 13 states (including several in the South and upper Midwest), 19 about Oregon (979.5) and for Texas researchers the *1830 Citizens of Texas* (317 Texas 1830). For those with Confederate ancestors we now have *In Search of Confederate Ancestors* (929.11 Seg). **For the complete list click here.**

New Periodicals on the Shelf

American Spirit, Daughters of the American Revolution

Circ 929.05 AmS v.158(1) Jan/Feb 2024

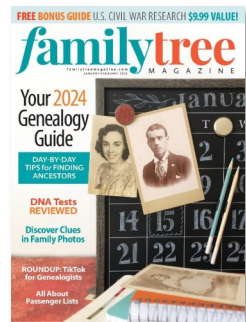
Martha Gellhorn; Revolutionary intelligence; The 1876 Centennial Exposition; Grandma Moses; Searching for Spanish Patriots; The Washington Naval Conference of 1921; Mesa Verde National Park; Museum of the American Revolution tent exhibit; Mare Island Naval Shipyard; Mary Smith Lockwood and Ellen Hardin Walworth.



Family Tree Magazine

Circ 929.1 FTM v.25(1) Jan/Feb 2024

A genealogy tip for each day of 2024; Frequently Asked Questions; Buyer's guide to DNA testing; Analyzing family photos; Passenger lists; Find French ancestors with Filae; Research



guides – Minnesota and New Jersey.. Cheat Sheet – Trace your Civil War ancestor.

Oregon Genealogical Society Journal (Eugene)

Circ 979.531 P273 Ore v.61

Spring 2023

The Zimmer Massacre (Ohio, War of 1812); The Temple family in Oregon; The Floed family; *Daily Eugene Guard* (newspaper) personal items, 1895; Oregon naturalization records (where to find them.)

Fall 2023

Mabel Ellen McKerrow (MO); Accessing Oregon's Territorial papers; Phillip Henry Mulkey; Benjamin Burch Powers and family, Oregon pioneers of 1852; *Eugene City Guard* (newspaper) personal items, 1895; McQuinn, Littlejohn, and Moore in OR and WA; Oregon mining claim records (and where to find them.)

Oregon Historical Quarterly, Oregon Historical Society

Circ 979.5 P273 OHQ v.124(4) Winter 2023

Celebrating the Society's 125th anniversary : Snapshots; The Yasui Brother Store (Hood River) and the Yasui Collection; Lewis Clark Cook and the Moving Images Archive; The Oral History Collection; and annual index.



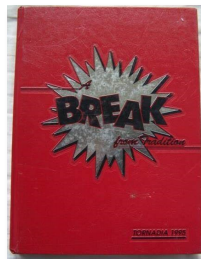
Southern Oregon Historical Society Quarterly

Circ 979.527 P273 SOHSQ Winter 2023



Gambling in southern Oregon; Moonville (Sam's Valley); The Tunnel 13 train robbery; The University Club in Medford (a social club for newcomers); and The Gold Diggers Guild (a civic and social organization to enhance the Historical Society).

School annuals from Southern Oregon



RVGS librarian and retired chemistry teacher Pam D'Allura brought in six years (1991-96) of "the Lance", the yearbook of St. Mary's School in Medford where she taught. Thanks, Pam, for this useful gift. If you have old school annuals from Southern Oregon from when you were

teaching or that your kids abandoned in your basement, the RVGS library would be interested in having them. Or, if you see good titles at yard sales or antique stores, look them up on your mobile phone to see if we need them.

**Rogue Valley
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RVGS Membership

Membership is available to all interested persons.

Membership privileges include:

- Free use of library
- Volunteer opportunities
- Reduced fees for genealogy classes and seminars
- Check out of materials
- Free access to subscription websites
- Society publications
- Interest groups
- Free mentoring
- Access to members-only web content

Visit our website at rvgslibrary.org to join today.

The RVGS eNews

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Join a Special Interest Group Today



The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society sponsors a variety of virtual and hybrid interest groups each month. Members and patrons with a common interest gather to share information and strategies, and to help each other with troubleshooting. Interest groups are free to attend. For more information and to register for any of the following groups and receive the meeting Zoom link, [click here](#).

Colonial America Interest Group

Led by Jeanne Hoadley, it meets 2:00 - 3:30 PM on the second Monday of **every even numbered month** to discuss genealogy research in the original 13 colonies.

Family Tree Maker User Group

Led by Barbara MacMillen, it meets from 1:30 - 3:00 PM on the second Tuesday of every month to discuss the Family Tree Maker software program.

Genealogy Newbies Interest Groups (One meets via zoom the other in person)

Led by Barbara Northrop, first group meets from 6:00 - 7:30 PM on the second Thursday of every month via zoom. The second group meets in person from 10:30 to noon on the second Thursday of every month. These groups are for new genealogists who want a small group setting to ask questions.

Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

Led by Barbara Halvorsen, it meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 10:30 AM - Noon. This group is for everyone interested in genetic genealogy.

German Interest Group (GIG)

This group meets the second Tuesday of the month from 11:00 AM - Noon. The group focuses on German history and research.

Great Lakes Interest Group—Joint RVGS & GFO Group

Led by Kim Thurman, it meets from 1:30 - 3:00 PM **every even numbered month** on the second Wednesday. The group meets to share, discuss, and learn about the Great Lakes states.

Irish Interest Group

Led by Barbara Halvorsen, it meets on the second Friday of the month from 1:30 - 3:00 PM. The group focuses on Irish history, culture and researching Irish ancestors.

Genealogical Forum of Oregon (GFO) Special Interest Groups

Are we missing a Special Interest Group that you'd love to join? You may wish to [check the available FREE offerings from GFO here](#).

- African American
- British
- DNA Q & A
- French Canada
- Genealogical Problem Solvers



- German Group
- Irish Group
- Italian Group
- Learn & Chat
- The Q Review
- RootsMagic