

Library Director's Report

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LIBRARY and LIBRARIANS

- Due to the coronavirus the Library was closed the entire month of April.
- Once we have determined when we will re-open and under what working conditions for the librarians, I will survey them to determine who will be ready and willing to return. This will affect what hours we will be able to open. For example, if we require the librarians to wear masks, most librarians may opt to work no longer than 3 hour shifts.
- Rich Miles negotiated the use of 3 of our website subscriptions (Ancestry, Fold3, and My Heritage) from home for RVGS members while we are closed. My Heritage usage numbers are attached and show that it is being used!

SHELVING and the LIBRARY COLLECTION

- Shifting of the library collection is continuing during the closure, with the help of Steven Hoolko on Thursdays. We have shifted to the point of being able to shelve the Civil War set in its Dewey location (973.73) and have marked the Index volume prominently and indicated its shelf location prominently, so it will be both easy to locate and easy to re-shelve correctly. We have moved the New Books to the new New Books location (on top of the counter-height shelving where the Civil War set was temporarily.) We have begun shifting backwards to place books on the endcap where the New Books were previously, allowing room for the small number of books we purchased from Douglas County which are about Idaho and Washington (which come after Oregon in Dewey and are beyond the former New Books endcap.)
- We accepted a donation from the Medford Library of 8 boxes of telephone books, primarily of Medford, but some White City and Grants Pass and a few from a few other Jackson County locations. Shifting backwards will help make room for them, as will re-configuring how we shelve the larger Jackson County court books that have been lying down on bottom shelves in the Jackson County alcove. We also have the new endcap at the beginning of the Jackson County alcove, to help with space for shelving the new-to-us telephone books.
- The Book Committee (Marilyn Ayres, Chloe Sternola, and Anne Billeter) met using Zoom on Monday, May 4, continuing to work our way through the Douglas County Genealogical Society \$900 book purchase. Both catalogers (Sharon Freeburne and Diane Brenner) have been coming in regularly during the closure, continuing progress on the books, so there will be a New Books list in the June eNews (available by clicking on the hyperlink in the eNews OR by accessing the list on our new website: hover over the word "Library" and select the bottom item on the pull-down list, "New Library Acquisitions.")
- The card catalog cabinet will soon be on its way to The Ledding [Public] Library in Milwaukie [Oregon], thanks to Kim's willingness to drive north and meet the Milwaukie people driving south. When it is gone, Steven and I will bring the temporary loan of a collapsible bookcase to put where the card catalog was, to hold the atlases that were on top of the card catalog, until a determination can be made about whether we can afford to have Jack build a bookcase specifically for that space for the atlases. (my estimate: \$60 - \$70, based on previous costs.)