

## **Library Director's Report**

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### **LIBRARY and LIBRARIANS**

- Due to the coronavirus the Library was closed the entire month of June.
- The librarians were surveyed in June. Of the 39 librarians on the librarian roster, 19 are willing to return to cover a reduced schedule of Monday – Saturday, 1 – 4 p.m. Two librarians will be on duty while we are open, one at the Reception Desk, the other elsewhere in the building.

### **SHELVING and the LIBRARY COLLECTION**

- Shifting of the library collection is continuing during the closure, with the help of Steven Hoolko.
- The Book Committee (Marilyn Ayres, Chloe Sternola, and Anne Billeter) continues to meet monthly using Zoom. On July 8 the Committee completed reviewing the Douglas County Genealogical Society \$900 book purchase and began reviewing the backlog of donated books that had previously been approved. Both catalogers (Sharon Freeburne and Diane Brenner) have been coming in regularly during the closure, continuing progress on the books, and Julie Goodwine is coming regularly to catalog the maps. In addition we are cataloging and adding periodicals which were on hold for several years due to a lack of shelf space.
- The backlog of donated books has been sorted, with the interesting discovery that there is at least 1 book for each of 41 states, many family histories, and lots of books about Great Britain. These books will gradually appear on the New Books List, once the catalogers complete the Douglas County books.
- Thanks to Kim Thurman, the card catalog cabinet has now made its way to The Ledding [Public] Library in Milwaukie [Oregon], Kim drove north and met the Milwaukie people driving south.
- Jack Patterson used materials leftover from building the new shelving to build a small bookcase for some of the atlases, located in the space where the card catalog was.

### **BOOK SALES**

- Allan and Leah Cotton continue selling our surplus books on Amazon. Allan reported the net revenue for June was \$142.72.
- There will be additional surplus books, due to the review of the backlog of donated books.
- We still need a volunteer willing to sell books on eBay. We have 1 box of books in that category (between 20 and 30 books.)