

Rogue Valley Genealogical Society
Board of Directors Meeting – April 2022
Technology & Data Management Report

Subscription Websites Remote Access Update

- **American Ancestors** – Remote access still available through member login on our website. Somewhere along the line, we lost our login at the library. I do not know if this has anything to do with the remote access. So as not to jeopardize our remote access, I have logged into every patron computer with the remote access credentials and saved them.
- **Ancestry** – Remote access discontinued, January 1.
- **FindMyPast** – Remote access still available through member login on our website. Same issue as American Ancestors, somewhere along the line, we lost our login at the library. I do not know if this has anything to do with the remote access. So as not to jeopardize our remote access, I have logged into every patron computer with the remote access credentials and saved them.
- **Fold3** – Remote access available indefinitely through member login on our website.
- **HistoryGeo** – Remote access available through subscription upcharge.
- **MyHeritage** – Remote access still available through member login on our website. The site was not accessible for a short period of time. They had not changed our email address to webmaster, so I did not receive the notification that the login credentials were going to expire. Our representative is very responsive, and they had it fixed very quickly. The email is now changed, and I have access to the Admin portal.
- **NewspaperArchive** - Remote access available through subscription upcharge.
- **Newspapers Oregon Collection** – Remote access still available through member login on our website.
- **Internet Genealogy Magazine** – Remote access still available in PDF form on the website with member login.

Video Availability

- The video of Kate Eakman's Native American Genealogy workshop is available under Member Resources for 90 days. To date, it has been viewed 2 times.
- The videos from the 1950 Census seminar with Sara Scribner has been taken down per agreement with her.
 - "Jump Start Your Research" was viewed 3 times.
 - "Non-Population Schedules" was viewed 0 times.
 - "Pulling Evidence from the Pre-1950 Census" was viewed 0 times.
 - "Pulling it All Together" was viewed 0 times.
- The video of my class "Researching Your Ancestors on FamilySearch" has been posted and sent to those who paid for the class. It will be available for 30 days. It has been viewed once.
- "Navigating NewspaperArchive" is available indefinitely. It has been viewed 3 times.
- While the Family Tree Maker Interest Group video was available, it was never viewed. It is no longer available.

Rebranding

The Rebranding Committee selected West Designs for development of our new logo. I have met with Diane West and provided her with sample logos the committee picked out. She has returned one set of concepts to me which I have given her feedback on. We will be bringing two different concepts to be selected from before final selection and polishing.

Website

I have a meeting with Project A this coming week regarding the lack of progress in being able to upload our remaining "original" records. I have exchanged several emails in the process. There are definitely some communication issues. I'm hoping everything will get ironed out in the meeting.

Library Problem Log

There was a back log of problems on the problem log that Skeeter had not gotten to. I have worked through and resolved many of them (or could not recreate the error). Kim has spoken with Skeeter; he will be scheduling time at the library every two weeks as he did in the past. There are a couple problems on the log that are beyond my expertise, hopefully he will be able to resolve them. Librarians should continue to utilize the log to document tech problems and follow up with an email to Skeeter and me as they always have.

Electronic Sign

I met with the electrician on Thursday. The good news is there is power to the sign, the bad news is, there is power to the sign. So, this means it's a problem with the sign itself. I will be calling the local installer to see if they can repair it. Hopefully, it's still on warranty, but I haven't found the warranty information yet.