

**Rogue Valley Genealogical Society
Board of Directors Meeting – May 2023
Technology & Data Management Report**

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Patron Computers & Deep Freeze

I'm thrilled to announce that this project has been completed, all the patron computers have new hard drives and are now on Deep Freeze. This means that if anyone saves anything to a patron computer or logs in to a website, it will be "wiped clean" the next time the computer is started. Deep Freeze will shut down all the patron computers at 5:00 each night, other than Wednesday when they are scheduled for Windows updates. Unfortunately, stations 1 – 5 could not be set to come on automatically in the morning as they are older machines, so the librarians will need to turn those five on each morning. Numbers 6 – 15 will come on automatically at 9:00 AM. The Firefox browser will automatically be started with tabs open to the website menu, the patron Gmail account, and the library catalog. Computers 10 – 12 have the old Family Tree Maker viewer installed to view the old CDs we have. We did not reinstall the various family tree programs we previously had as some were outdated and would require upgrades and many really didn't work for demonstration purposes as a family tree was required to view the features. (Perhaps someone could develop a "handout" about the various software programs that are available to build a family tree.)

Owl Cameras

The "new" refurbished laptop has arrived and has been set up as the laptop for the Owl cameras. It's a more robust computer so should handle the video and audio demands of the Owls just fine. Katie has trained a cadre of people to be able to set up and run the Owls. The camera can be "locked" on the front of the room for classes and presentations. This allows us to not have to buy a second camera system. We are working toward all hybrid events, hopefully starting in June. May's member meeting will be hybrid.

Presenter Computer (repeat from email)

The monitor has been replaced and the image now spans the entire large screen.

Respectfully submitted by Rich Miles, Director of Technology & Data Management