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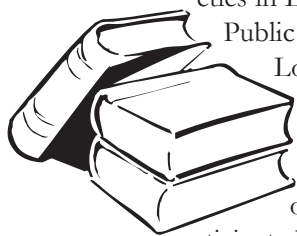


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Start A Genealogy Collection At Your Local Public Library

For many public libraries, purchasing special collections can be difficult due to limited funds.

Many genealogy societies establish and sponsor collections at these libraries as a way of helping to add needed materials to the shelves. Recently, several societies in Long Beach, California did just that for the Long Beach Public Library. The Questing Heirs Genealogical Society of Long Beach (QHGS-LB) established the "Questing Heirs Honor/Memorial Books Collection."



The African American Heritage Society of Long Beach (AAHS-LB) established the "Roots Collection of African American Genealogy." The two groups participated in the grand opening of the new Genealogy

Department at Main Library Long Beach on June 28, 2004.

How did the two groups go about establishing these collections?

The "Questing Heirs Honor/Memorial Books Collection" was established in October 2001. The U.S. Senate unanimously approved legislation on September 26, 2001 designating October as "Family History Month." Questing Heirs Board members Bob Brasher, and Aaron L. Day presented the idea of the collection to the Board of Directors that year.

June 2004 marked the formal opening of the "Roots Collection of African American Genealogy" at Main Library, Long Beach. This was a joint project of the Genealogical Council (GC) of the AAHS-LB and the library. A donation was received from Marjorie Schnapp, of Ocean Shores, Washington, in honor of Aaron L. Day, GC Chairman and AAHS-LB Vice-president. It was this donation that inspired the project which collected over \$1,100.00 by opening day of the new Genealogy Department.

Can your society do the same for a local library?

Present the idea of starting a collection to your board members.

If the idea of beginning a collection for your group is approved, decide on a name for the collection.

How will the collection be funded?

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In Case You're Confused —

The CSGA newsletter is starting off this volume year a little late. Our first issue for this year is the March/April issue.

We plan to keep publishing bimonthly after all with the newsletter going out around the middle of the issue time period. Look for the next issue to come to your mailbox around June 1.

We've had a wonderful number of submissions for this newsletter and hope it keeps up. As editor, I need your help to keep the newsletter interesting and full. See the box on the next page for deadline dates and how to submit articles and events.

Let us know what your society is doing; publications, events, fund-raising ideas, problems you've had and solutions you've found. CSGA wants to hear from you!

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Peggy Rossi, editor

About CSGA

Our Mission:

- Serve as an information source for the California genealogical community
- Form a communication link between societies and the genealogical community
- Identify, assess, inventory and preserve the genealogical sources within the state
- Promote and advertise genealogy

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Start A Genealogy Collection...

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As Vice President of the QHGS-LB and Vice President of the (AAHS-LB) I was able to monitor both groups during the decision-making process. After the Board accepts the idea of starting a collection, and a name is chosen, the fun begins. Your society will then have to determine how to go about raising funds for the collection.

Here are a few ideas: grants; fundraisers; donations; bequeaths. There may be other additional sources.

Both of our groups in Long Beach decided to fund the collections by asking members and friends to donate a book or books to the Genealogy Department or donate money for the purchase of a book or books to the Genealogy Department

Each book donated or purchased is given a bookplate. Donors are asked to purchase or donate the books in honor or memory of someone. The donor and the donee names are added to the bookplates along with a brief message. Books have been donated in memory and honor of past presidents, society members, friends, and relatives.

Our societies continue to work with the library to collect, preserve, and share genealogical information. It is a good way to aid and support the library and a great opportunity to preserve genealogical resources for future generations. Why not consider starting a genealogy collection at your local public library?

— Aaron L. Day
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California Publications Reviews

California genealogical societies regularly produce new publications. We would like to review (and thereby publicize) your publications through this newsletter.

Cath Trindle has volunteered to do some reviews and I would also be willing to do so. The publication would then be donated to our respective genealogical society libraries. If others would be interested in doing reviews for the CSGA newsletter under the same arrangement, please let me know via email at njrossi@aol.com or at 858-592-9360.

If your society has a publication that you would like to see reviewed in the newsletter, please contact me (see above) and we will work out where you can send your publication. We all know society publications take a lot of work and are so valuable as a research tool. Let's get the word out so they get the widest circulation possible.

— Peggy Rossi