

Spotlight On California genealogical research facilities

A series of articles about places to do research around the state

San Luis Obispo County Genealogical Society Library

San Luis Obispo City-County Library

995 Palm St., 2nd floor, San Luis Obispo, CA

(805) 785-0383; website: <http://kcbx.net/~slogen>; email slogen@slonet.org

Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs. from 10 am to 3 pm on days the public library is open. Please call first if you are coming from a distance.

The San Luis Obispo County Genealogical Library is the largest diversified genealogical research library on the Central California coast located between Santa Barbara and Salinas. Available to society members and the general public, it is a non-lending research library staffed by volunteers who can assist in research and documentation through source records.

Holdings specialize in San Luis Obispo County records along with a plethora of other genealogical resources from California, other states and international. There are “how to” books including addresses of county and state vital records offices, and guidelines for research documentation. Included are county and state histories, biographies, genealogical society publications, church records, hereditary society records, immigration and passenger lists, census and voter registration records. A variety of genealogical records are available on compact discs. Subscription sites such as Ancestry.com, NewEnglandAncestors.org, and WorldVitalRecords.com can be accessed free of charge.

Shelves are arranged by the Dewey Decimal System, beginning with general source records at 929 and continuing with international and individual state records, with a special section on San Luis Obispo County records. A copy machine is available as well as family group sheets, ancestor charts, and census forms.

Library shelf lists and hours can be found at: <http://kcbx.net/~slogen> or by calling 805-785-0383 during library open hours.

For those unable to visit the library, SLOGGS Librarians are available to do research using the many San Luis Obispo County resources in the Genealogical Library.

In addition to those resources, librarians can search for birth, marriage, death, land, obituaries, and other records located in the county. For additional information write to: P. O. Box 4, Atascadero, CA 93423-0004 or e-mail to slogen@slonet.org.



Michelle McCaffrey, San Luis Obsipo County Genealogical Society Librarian, assists patrons.

A smaller branch library is located at the Arroyo Grande Public Library, South County Regional Center, 800 W. Branch St., Arroyo Grande, CA. Check the website or call 805-785-0383 to confirm hours.

With 245 members, the San Luis Obispo County Genealogical Society offers monthly general meetings and research training classes. An all-day seminar is planned for Saturday, February 6, 2010 featuring Megan Smolenyak and Patti Hacker.

— JanelleRichardson

Does your society or local library have a genealogical collection?

Each issue we feature a different research facility in California or the surrounding states of Oregon, Nevada and Arizona. Send us an article about your facility including details such as hours, location, etc. A picture is also welcome. Thanks! Next newsletter deadline is Sept. 10.