

Spotlight on genealogical research facilities

A series of articles about places to do research

Huntington Beach Public Library/Orange County Genealogical Collection

7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, California

Hours: Monday - 1 pm to 9 pm; Tue, Wed, Thu - 9 am to 9 pm; Fri, Sat - 9 am to 5 pm; Sunday - Closed

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The following review of the Orange County Genealogical Society collection comes from Alice Volkert. While we had an article on this library a while back, good things bear repeating, especially when you can get some live personal opinion!

Here is a little bit about the really nice library that the Orange County California Genealogy Society has. I use it personally and find it helpful, friendly and comfortable. The Main Library is just beautiful, with a spiral ramp around the central water feature and views over the park from the windows to distract you (or aid in contemplation). Well worth a visit!

The Huntington Beach Central Library presently has a genealogy collection of about 19,000 books with some microfilm and microfiche, too. Volunteers from the Orange County California Genealogical Society staff the collection Monday thru Friday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Special arrangements can be made in advance for group visits.

The collection is open to the public during all regular library hours, but due to the economy, hours could vary.

Check the library's website for latest schedules. [The hours above were effective as of this newsletter's printing.] Most of the genealogy holdings are included in the library's online catalog. OCCGS does maintain an up-to-date card catalog in the collection area.

The collected works include publications from New England across the country to the West Coast with some items for foreign countries, too.

Plan on spending the day to browse through this great collection. You'll find a large parking lot—metered near the entrance—the rest is free. There is a coffee stand on our level with freshly made sandwiches, salads, desserts etc. You can visit the OCCGS website <http://occg.com> <<http://occg.com/>> for map and directions to the library. Also posted are photos of part of the genealogy area.

Something To Do During Lunch

Here's an idea for your society. The Corona Genealogical Society is holding daytime workshop talks at the Corona Public Library. Classes run from 12:30-1:30 and are free.

- March 8 - "The 2 sides interviewing" - Jean Hibben;
- March 22 - "Library Resources" - library personnel;
- April 5 - "Union Civil War Record Research" Jean Hibben
- April 19 - "Organizing Your Research" various members
- May 3 - "Who Is That? Why Did Your Ancestors Associate with Apparent Strangers?," Jean Hibben
- May 17 - "Family Stories" -Len Enlow
- May 31 - "Migration" - Len Enlow

Pay It Forward

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CSGA individual members will have access to these records when they are complete. The records can provide a multi-year employment history for our railroad ancestors when the project is completed, giving occupation, where they were stationed and the amount they were paid. There are many women listed in the records.

While you are in philanthropic mode, don't forget the California Research Aid. If every California society member sent one good link we would have the best research site on the Internet. Check out the current guide at. Click on your county of choice on the interactive map. Is there something you could add? Check San Mateo County to see a list of possibilities.

I look forward to seeing the results of CSGA Paying It Forward!