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TGS Library Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. & Saturday 9:00 - 4:00 p.m.

CALL FIRST IN BAD WEATHER -- CHECK FOR HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Join TGS so we can help you label the leaves on your branch.
Renew or join today!

News & Views

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COMING UP AT TGS

This Thursday, May 25, is our regular monthly program, open to all.
This month's program will be "Using Maps in Family History Research," by TGS member Rich McReynolds.
The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library.
Hope to see you there!

June 5, 9:30 -- Intermediate DIG (DNA Interest Group), TGS Memorial Library
June 6 -- TOPEKA GIVES, all day until 6:00 p.m. at Fairlawn Plaza Mall
June 8, 9:30 -- Family Tree Maker Computer Genealogy Group, TGS Memorial Library
June 8, 1:00 -- Family History Writers' Group, TGS Memorial Library
June 8, 3:00 -- TGS Board Meeting, TGS Memorial Library
June 15, 12:00 - Beginner DIG, TGS Memorial Library
June 17, 9:00 -- Basics of Family History Research Class, TGS Memorial Library - register here
June 22, 7:00 -- Monthly Program, "William Allen White," TSCPL

July 4 -- Library Closed for Independence Day Holiday
July 10, 9:30 -- Intermediate DIG (DNA Interest Group), TGS Memorial Library
July 11, 9:30 -- Brick Wall Session, TGS Memorial Library
July 13, 9:30 -- Family Tree Maker Computer Genealogy Group, TGS Memorial Library
July 13, 1:00 -- Family History Writers' Group, TGS Memorial Library
July 13, 3:00 -- TGS Board Meeting, TGS Memorial Library
July 16, 2:00 -- PAF/Ancestral Quest Group, TGS Memorial Library

News from the Prez

June is almost here and will bring great weather. I'm thinking positive. May was full of graduations, parties, and Mother's Day activities. Flowers are blooming, birds singing, and busy bee volunteers are humming at TGS. The list is long and exciting.

On Wednesday of this week, a few TGS members are headed to KC to learn about Evernote. This Thursday night at TSCPL, our own Rich McReynolds will teach us about maps. I learn something new from Rich each time he presents his vast knowledge on this subject. I certainly do not use maps as much as I should.

There are many upcoming classes and meetings in June.

- First, I will be doing the skill builder session on June 3, 2017 at 10:00 AM at TGS. In this skill builder, the focus will be on safely using Facebook and why you should bring it into your genealogy toolbox. I'm expecting the presentation to take an hour. If you would like help setting Facebook up on your phone or laptop, I will help you after the skill builder class.
- The Intermediate DIG (DNA Interest Group) SIG is working on the X factor in your DNA (first Monday of each month at 9:30 AM).
- The Brick Wall SIG is developing new ways of breaking through Brick Walls (first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM) EXCEPT THIS MONTH AS THIS IS OUR DAY WITH TOPEKA GIVES. It is your opportunity to
Did you know that TGS has hundreds of publications of Shawnee County records, other Kansas records, and records from across the country? Click here to see what we have to offer.

Your TGS Board has updated many policies and procedures and job duties. They are in the process of being posted on our web page at www.tgstopeka.org. This committee is still working and meets once a month.

Marty Flanagan

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**TGS NEEDS AN OVERHEAD SCANNER**

TGS has been wishing for an overhead scanner for quite some time, and we can all help purchase it by participating in **Topeka Gives**.

- **When?** June 6, 7AM – 6PM
- **Where?** Fairlawn Plaza Mall
- **How?** Make a cash, check or credit card donation of $25 - $1000.

At the end of the day, an additional percentage will be added to all donations. Last year the match was 18% which makes $25 = $29.50 and $100 = $118. Great return on your investment!!

Volunteers will also be needed to work at the booth in 2 hour shifts on June 6. It is a fun day to promote TGS and our library services. A sign-up sheet is available at the TGS Library or you may call Alma Baker at 273-7921 or Sandi Kassebaum at 862-7499.

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**TGS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

Are you using our library? If not, why not? Every month about 30 volunteers keep your library open. We are open 64 hours a month. There is a need for another two members to become librarian volunteers.

We have several index projects going, another book in the processing stage, and an indexing project that has not been started due to lack of volunteers. It is adoptions records from early 1860’s+

We are needing some men and women who like to paint. One of our members has donated white outside paint, but we need volunteers to prepare and paint the building. If the weather cooperates I hope the project can be wrapped up by the end of June. More details coming out soon.

Did you know that Wednesday morning every week you can volunteer for housekeeping duties and or outside activities? Also, our IT group will have announcement very soon. A nominating committee is looking for some good members to step up.

It is that time of year. This year our Recording Secretary, Director at Large, and President are coming up for election. TGS needs volunteers for the Admin Chair and or Library Coordinator. Each of Chairs of the Standing Committees of TGS have volunteer needs.

Last, but not a complete list of volunteers, we have a group which is reviewing what TGS should do for the
future -- build, lease, buy, or rehab the building we own. WE NEED MEMBERS TO STEP UP. If you get a chance, thank your officers and Chairs for the work they do, and all the many volunteers that keep TGS open.

NEW AT YOUR TGS LIBRARY

TGS library is pleased to announce they have purchased a complete set of the Mayflower Silver Books. This collection is over 30 books of genealogies up to 5th and 6th generations of the Pilgrims.

The library has purchased Blaine Bittinger's DNA book called “The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy.”

GENEALOGY TIP FROM LISA LOUISE COOKE

In her current blog entry, our last year's conference speaker reminds us to always check out Google Books for mention of your ancestors. She says, "With over 25 million books, Google Books is more likely to have something pertinent to your genealogy research than you think. And as I often tell my audiences, those books can include source citations providing a trail to even more genealogy gems."

She tells of a woman she met last week at the National Genealogical Society Conference who was skeptical that her Duncan Mackenzie could be found in Google Books but tried anyway and found several hundred letters and legal documents in a collection at Duke University!

Lisa has a free video on searching in Google Books that can be found here. Happy hunting!

Mark your calendar for our TGS annual members' picnic on Saturday, August 5, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Brookwood Covenant Church.

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THESE OTHER EVENTS


Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society Conference, July 8, St. Joseph. John Philip Colletta is the featured speaker. Details here and registration form here

Have German ancestors? There will be a Germanic research conference July 28-30 in the Minneapolis

Johnson County Genealogical Seminar, October 28 -- Featured speaker is Thomas MacEntee. More information here.

Don't forget the free online webinars on the 4th Wednesday of every month, sponsored by the Georgia Genealogy Society. The Society's website can be found here: www.gagensociety.org