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ere is an opportunity to significantly advance the amount and quality of your genealogy research facility and that available to researchers in and around the Lowcountry. Also, you can multiply the impact of your charitable contribution dollars through donations to The Heritage Library Foundation. We are entirely staffed by volunteers; none of the library funding goes to pay staff salaries. All funds are directed to paying current operating costs such as rent, telephone, electricity, library supplies, and improvement of our collections. In addition, the Foundation makes the library facilities available at a nominal charge to other non-profit organizations for meetings and conducts educational classes on subjects related to history and genealogy.

The potential of this valuable resource is about to double through the completion of its new reading/meeting room adjacent to the current room on the Third floor of The Courtyard Building. With the opening of the new space, the Library will have close to 2000 square feet of floor space in operation, housing the 3000 volumes of genealogy and history books, periodicals, microfilm and microfiche; together with four computer work stations linked by high speed Internet connections.

The Foundation relies primarily upon fees from patrons and dues from members to satisfy its cash requirements for its operating funds, augmented by generous gifts, donations of materials and other contributions from interested parties. The Library's needs are further supported by seeking funding from other foundations and public bodies such as The Hilton Head Island Foundation and the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee (ATAC) Committee of the Town of Hilton Head. Both these entities initially denied funding to the Heritage Library Foundation this year. ATAC has supplied funds for publication of the materials for the SCGS Annual Meeting and we will be able to reapply to Hilton Head Island Foundation in July.

Current levels of support will satisfy only a small portion of the required funds to maintain the current services plus the needs of the expanded facilities when they open. To address the financial security of the Heritage Library, the Board has authorized the establishment of two funds, 1) The Annual Fund to support our day to day operating cash

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As I sit at my keyboard, construction progresses slowly on our additional 1000 square feet of research space

next door. The walls are all up, doorways cut, plumbing roughed, electrical installed, and ceiling grid in place. The sound system speakers are in the ceiling and telephone & data cabling has been installed. We are hoping for occupancy on June 1.

In the meantime, we have our new Internet access operational on all computers. The 1.544MBS speed of our Internet connection means that you can "surf the 'net'" looking for ancestors at more than 20 times the speed you do at home. In addition, we have subscriptions to Everton's and Ancestry's online databases. The new facility will have the most advanced computer lab of any genealogy library in the state, with 12 high speed computers, 3 laser printers (including the new Xerox N32 that can print 11x17" Family Trees!), and the Southeast's most comprehensive CD-ROM collection.

Members have donated 25 stackable chairs, 2 work tables, surround sound amplifier, speakers, DVD player, Video Tape Player, TV Monitor, conference table, garbage disposal, refrigerator...everything but the kitchen sink (the landlord pays for that!).

Donations continue to come in. We are receiving many of the new volumes on Italian Genealogy purchased with a grant from UNICO, more Irish materials, and new books on Jewish and Women's genealogy are ordered. We have received the new version of the LDS database and their British Isles database, as well as Ancestry's new South Carolina Records and Reference database.

The many activities (and press coverage) this first quarter have boosted visitor traffic in the library, increasing our need for volunteer help. With the new space, we will need at least 3 volunteers on duty every day. Let us know if you can help in any way. Many members are reluctant to volunteer since they feel insecure about their own genealogy knowledge. Not only are we conducting volunteer training this spring, but several upcoming events offer additional training opportunities: The NGS meets next month in Richmond where almost a dozen of our members will attend. The SCGS has their Summer workshop July 10 in Columbia, the FGS meets in August in St. Louis, and we host the 1999 SCGS annual meeting here on Hilton Head October 12-16.

Our outreach program continues to expand. This week we presented computers to the Greenwood County Museum's Billie Corey Children's Resource Center and the SCGS Archives. We held genealogy training for area home schoolers, and the Boys and girls club. In May we will host history students from Hilton

*From the  
Director's Desk*

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\$150 — Sponsoring  
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\$2500 — The Betsey Wolf Society

Within the Betsey Wolf Society, lifetime giving will be recognized as

\$5,000 — Silver Benefactor  
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\$100,000 Emerald Benefactor.

With our new expansion project we need your help now more than ever. Won't you consider one of the above

***DONATIONS!***

In remembrance of the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington in December of this year, the Captain William Hilton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution donated the following books capturing the life and times of our founding father.

George Washington – Man and Monument  
The Last Will and Testament of George Washington  
George Washington & the American Military Tradition  
Maxim's of George Washington – Political, Military, Social, Moral and Religious  
George Washington – Pioneer Farmer  
The Genius of George Washington  
Washington, The Indispensable Man

In addition, the local chapter of the Children of the American Revolution donated a book detailing the first 100 years of the Children of the American Revolution organization.

A few of the book purchases made possible by a grant from the local chapter of Unico include:

Portrait of An Italian-American Neighborhood  
Italian-American Family History  
LaStoria-5 Centuries of the Italian-American Experience  
Italian Roots  
Our Italian Surnames  
Immigrants on the Hill

Many other wonderful donations were received by library staff during recent months. Please stop by to see our expanded collection.

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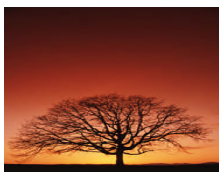
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## SUMMER RESEARCH



Traveling this summer and want to research the family tree at the same time? Keep in mind the Family History Centers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Call 1-800-346-6044 for locations and hours of operation.

As you do your summer research remember your *research manners!* When its feasible, notify the facility to find out their hours and to let them know of your impending visit. It will also help them if you can tell them, at least in general, what you'll be looking for and what type of records you will be wanting to see. They may have ideas and suggestions that will prove helpful when you arrive. Advance notice will also allow them a chance to adjust their schedule, if possible, to assist you while you are there.

Be sure you NEVER EVER write on books or on documents at any research facility. It saddens me to admit that this statement needs to be said but there a few (very few) researchers that do not respect the possessions of others and feel that have the right to write on or rip out pages of books and documents for their own research use. ♣

Sandee Hanahan  
Newsletter Editor

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requirements, and 2), The Endowment Fund to set us on the road to long term financial security.

Contributors to The Annual Fund will have the opportunity to support programs and activities of the Library, including its day-to-day operations such as rent, heat, light and power, telephone, postage, supplies, and maintenance through contributions to "The Library Fund". Or, you may direct your gifts to any area of interest, including the purchase of specific books, films, electronic media, special programs, or library furnishings.

Both the principal amounts of contributions and any earnings on funds on deposit within the two divisions of The Annual Fund should normally be expended during the year.

The Endowment Fund, to be known as "The Foundation Fund," will be a permanent endowment. Gifts to "The Foundation Fund" will be held in custodial accounts invested in the normal range of capital investments such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds usually associated with such funding. Under normal circumstances only the earnings will be used to augment our annual cash requirements and then only to the extent necessary. Otherwise the principal and income will be left to grow to the extent permitted by law to help secure the long-term financial stability of the Library.

The leadership of the Foundation can foresee the possible need at sometime in the future for housing The Heritage Library in something other than high cost commercial space, possibly even a separate building of its own or one shared with other similar organizations. Thus provisions will exist to designate a limited portion of The Endowment Fund to such an effort.

**You will be receiving in the near future a mailing from The Funds Development Committee detailing the giving opportunities and recognition levels associated with our -- Campaign for "The Heritage of the Future." ♣**

**TOM HANAHAN, PRESIDENT**  
**BILL ALTSTAETTER, VICE PRESIDENT**

### Library to host Second Session of HHIGS six week program

#### "Introduction to Genealogy"



Beginning on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society will sponsor a six-week "Introduction to Genealogy" course to beginner genealogists. Experienced family history researchers wishing to brush up on their skills or check out current techniques are also welcome.

The course will be held on Friday afternoons for six consecutive weeks from 2-4 p.m. The program and space confine us to the first 10 persons to sign-up. If there are more than 10 participants a second session may be scheduled, time and space permitting.

*South Carolina Genealogy Society*  
*28th Annual Workshop*  
*Saturday, July 10, 1999*  
*SC State Archives*  
*Columbia, SC*

Speakers include John Andrews, Lloyd Bockstruck, Alexia Helsley, Brent Holcomb, Terry Leverrett, Victoria Proctor, Jennifer Schmidt, & Steve Tuttle, covering topics ranging from Computer Genealogy and Web Page Design to Migration from PA and Revolutionary War Research and more. The registration fee is \$17.00. For more information contact SCGS Summer Workshop, P.O. Box 175, Hartsville, SC 29551.

***Genealogy Resources on the World WideWeb***

**Soldiers and Sailors System** (for African American troops in the Civil War) [www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/usct.html](http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/usct.html)

**Dutch Indies Genealogical Association** – [www.igv.nl](http://www.igv.nl)

**Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research** – [www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/ighr.html](http://www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/ighr.html)

**Genealogy Gateway** – [www.gengateway.com/surnames/surnames.html](http://www.gengateway.com/surnames/surnames.html) (A fully searchable genealogy guide to surname homepages)

**Consumer Information Center** – [www.pueblo.gsa.gov](http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov)

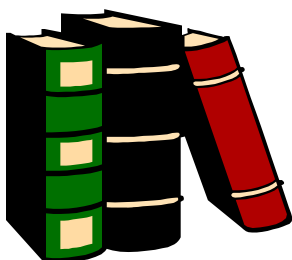
**Lutheran Roots** – [www.aal.org/lutheran\\_roots](http://www.aal.org/lutheran_roots)

**DAR Library** — [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org)

To have a look at the national's largest digital photo display go to [www.gowest.coalliance.org](http://www.gowest.coalliance.org) or [www.denver.lib.co.us](http://www.denver.lib.co.us). This collection from the Denver Public Library offers access to 50,000 photographs, some dating back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century, from its Western History/Genealogy department. The collection includes photos Native American pioneers, early railroads, mining and more.

**US Civil War Center for Researching People of the Civil War Era** – basic how-to and advanced research tips [www.cwc.lsu.edu/other/genealogy](http://www.cwc.lsu.edu/other/genealogy).

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**Ancestry.com**

The Internet's leading site for genealogy research—[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com), now has the availability of a 35 million-name index to state and federal census records dating from 1790 through 1870. This service is also available to members of the Heritage Library during regular operating hours, or by appointment. Private Internet subscriptions to Ancestry.com begin at

***CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS***

**Apr. 25—** *Germany: National Palatines to America Society 14 day tour to the*  
**May 9** *German Palatinate..*  
**May 1 —** *Fort Wayne: Indiana Genealogical Society's Annual Meeting*  
**May 12—15** *Richmond: National Genealogical Society Conference in the States*  
**May 20—** *Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society - The Seabrook*  
**June 13-18** *Birmingham, AL Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research*  
**July 10—** *SCGS Summer Workshop - Columbia*  
**July 12—15** *6th Annual Genealogical Institute of Mid-America*  
**Aug 11—14** *St. Louis: Federation of Genealogical Societies Annual Meeting*  
**October 13-16** *Hilton Head Island: SCGS Annual Meeting*