

News and Events

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The Camas Public Library now provides access to Ancestry.com, the premier online genealogical tool.

Ancestry pulls together many different resources such as U.S. and Canadian immigration records, many state birth, death, marriage and divorce records, obituary indexes and even information goldmines like the U.S. census up to 1930.

If genealogy is one of your hobbies – or if you want to start the long, tedious “magical mystery tour” of your ancestors, Ancestry.com is the place to start.

The “sister” tool, HeritageQuest, is also available. HeritageQuest has many full-text family histories and other secondary sources.

These two resources are restricted to use only at the library.

If you want to get started, ask at the Reference Desk and watch for upcoming introductory classes.

CARDS

Self-service holds started at the library in June. You can now pick up the materials you reserved yourself and take them to the self-check station.

It makes for less waiting!

However, that comes with a necessary caveat: in order to check out your holds yourself, you will need your library card. To check out the holds of another family member, **you must have the family member's library card.** Neither the staff, nor the self-check station, is able to override the intended recipient of the reserved item. Without the proper card or a printed notice, checkout of another's hold is impossible.

As a reminder, the library requires your library card – or a photo ID – for staff to perform any task involving your private information. This is to protect you from others stealing your identity and/or falsely borrowing books.

Because your library card is the fastest and most secure way for staff to access your library computer records it is the preferred method. The computer makes a lot less errors than we humans and it's faster, too.

CLASS

Coming up in July and August are two classes for those thinking about starting a business and those that have a small business.

On Thursday, July 15, the topic is **Let's Tune Up**

Your Business.

In August, on the 12th, the topic will be **Building and Updating a Business Plan.**

These classes are FREE, are conducted by SCORE and run from 8:30 a.m. until noon. They are part of the Renew Washington Project from the Washington State Library funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Also thanks in part to the grant, the library now provides **LearningExpress Library**, an online collection of resources for anyone interested in working on resumes and job skills or studying for their GED, GRE, SAT or any number of standardized tests.

This database can be found on the library's webpage or catalog under the heading “Database Resources.”

LearningExpress requires that you set up an account. Be sure to use your library card as your “name” and you will be able to log in from home to continue a test or document that you started at the library.

—David Zavortink

Library Director

S E C O N D S T O R Y G A L L E R Y

The Library's “What I Love About Camas” Photo Contest entries are on exhibit in the Second Story Gallery in July.

Twenty five photos covering a wide range of subjects will be featured. In May, the 13 amateur photographers captured what in Camas appealed to them.

“There are lots of creative folks in Camas and the library is glad to be able to sponsor this event to showcase some of

their work,” said David Zavortink, Library Director.

A panel of judges awarded prizes to their favorites in several categories.

In August, the gallery features Camas resident Peter Englund with his exhibit “Shifting Scenery.” These framed photographs beautifully chronicle an extended trek through Europe.



An opening reception will be held on First Friday, August 6, from 5 until 8.