



## News & Events

The Local History & Genealogy Room is now the Local History & Genealogy Department! Check out the forthcoming issue of the *South Bend Area Genealogical Society Quarterly*, due out in the next couple of weeks, to see manager Libby Feil's article about this and other changes in our department.

"Finding Your Ancestors Online" has gotten underway. In this three-part series librarians Sara Allen and Libby Feil are talking about some of the most popular genealogy web sites—and also some lesser-known gems. We'll let you know via this newsletter the next time this class is offered.

You still have time to register for another program coming up, in November. "Limburger & Lace: Belgians in St. Joseph County" will take place on Saturday, November 11, at 10 am. Jim Vertenten of the Belgian American Historical Society of Chicago will talk about the Flemish migration to the Michiana area and give tips on successful Belgian genealogical research. Sign up by calling us at (574) 282-4621.

Be sure to visit our newly revamped web site, [www.libraryforlife.org/localhistory/](http://www.libraryforlife.org/localhistory/). The "Digital collections and databases" section links you to popular items such as our Obituary Index, digitized atlases, and HeritageQuest Online. The new "Programs and exhibits" site keeps you up to date on upcoming classes, ongoing displays, and online movies. Be sure to watch the new movie that John Kovach created about the South Bend Central-Mishawaka High football rivalry. And don't forget to take a look at our online guides, especially the new guide to Polish genealogical resources that Kevin Wadzinski has created.

## Did You Know ...?

In the Local History & Genealogy room, be sure to visit the little alcove just inside the entrance. Here we have a brochure rack, where we place fliers for local organizations and upcoming local events. There's also a bulletin board, where we post announcements for things that are happening in the region. Currently featured are an open house at the National Archives, a listing of Family History Month events at Allen County Public Library (Fort Wayne) and the Indiana State Library, the Illinois State Genealogical Society Fall Conference next weekend, and new free genealogy databases online from FamilySearch, the Missouri State Archives, and the Vigo County Public Library.

## New Items

- *Family Tree Maker 2006*. This popular family tree software is now available on the patron computers in our room. You can use it to create and print your own family trees.
- *The Genealogist's Address Book*, by Elizabeth Petty Bentley. This new 5th edition of this classic reference source can be checked out as well as viewed in the Library.
- *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors: The Complete Guide*, by John Grenham. Check out the new 3rd edition of this popular favorite.
- *Where Once We Walked: A Guide to the Jewish Communities Destroyed in the Holocaust*, by Gary Mokotoff and Sallyann Amdur Sack. The revised edition of this classic guide to Jewish genealogy in the post-Holocaust era is more useful than ever.
- *Sourcebook for Jewish Genealogies and Family Histories*, by David Zubatsky and Irwin Berent. Another revised edition, now full of up-to-date information on finding your Jewish ancestors.