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NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What has Clayton Library Friends done for you lately?

Have you ever wondered if there is something **YOU** can do that will make a difference in the library?

Clayton Library Friends has opportunities for every member to offer support and skills for the betterment of Clayton Library.

There are opportunities to share your skills by volunteering to take a two-hour shift as a Greeter at the Clayton House or upstairs in the Microprint area. There is always plenty of training and backup, so you won't be stuck out there without an answer for a patron.

Those books that are on the carts don't just magically appear back on the shelves; volunteers are used to resshelf books. The training for this position might even help you to understand how books are filed and how to locate materials when you are doing your own research.

If you don't feel qualified to do one of those two activities you can volunteer to bring refreshments to the four general meetings.

There are often special projects that need to be done: data entry, a periodic shelf checking of the books, as well as a few data entry needs. Pat Metcalfe can always use help handling and organizing the donated-duplicate books that are housed upstairs at Clayton House until she is able to sell them for additional CLF funds.

How are we using your membership money? Clayton Library Friends was fortunate enough to have a large donation placed in an ~~Endowment~~ (that means we cannot spend any of the principal) we only have access to the interest generated from that money. We try very hard not to use any more of that interest than is necessary and still support the needs of the Library adequately. One example is the quantity of new materials acquired for Clayton. CLF has spent about \$40,000 a year on acquisitions. We also supplement the expenses for the library staff to attend national conferences and training so they have additional knowledge to help us with our research problems.

CLF hosts quarterly meetings for the members to hear a genealogical speaker present a program on some aspect of research. Last year all

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four of our meetings were centered around educating us on the use and interpretation of DNA. This year we are trying to center our presentations around little-known materials already held in our own library.

With our spiffy new website, we are trying to become a general clearinghouse for the announcements of all genealogy organizations in the area. This will give patrons one place to find out what is going on in the area that might be useful in their own personal research. Our website also now has a list of new materials that CLF has purchased for the library and that are available for your use. If you haven't researched in a geographic area for the past two years you will be amazed at how many new books we have that might give you answers to your research questions.

The Board welcomes you to attend any of our Board meetings and participate in the betterment of our beloved Clayton Library. See you in the stacks!

Sue Yerby, CLF President

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

Statement of Activities

January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

Revenue

Unrestricted Contributions	\$ 15,980
Temporarily Restricted Contributions	6,293
Membership Dues	5,904
Other Income	0

Total Revenue **\$ 28,177**

Expenditures

Current Programs	\$ 65,000
Administrative & General	15,879

Total Expenditures **\$ 80,939**

Net Operating Revenue (Loss) **(\$ 52,762)**

Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2018

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Bank Account	\$ 86,924
Other Current Assets	2,508
Fixed Assets	7,967
Total Other Assets	1,167,723
(Investments, of which \$826,907 is the permanently-restricted Endowment)	

Total Assets **\$1,265,122**

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Total Liabilities	\$ 0
Equity	\$ 1,265,122

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY **\$ 1,265,122**

Thomas F Coughlin, Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

Statement of Activities

January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019

Revenue

Unrestricted Contributions	\$ 4,201
Temporarily Restricted Contributions	1,285
Membership Dues	1,665
Other Income	0

Total Revenue **\$ 7,151**

Expenditures

Current Programs	\$ 13,297
Administrative & General	7,888

Total Expenditures **\$ 21,185**

Net Operating Revenue (Loss) **(\$ 14,034)**

Statement of Financial Position

As of March 31, 2019

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Bank Account	\$ 74,260
Other Current Assets	3,714
Fixed Assets	7,967
Total Other Assets	1,231,042
(Investments, of which \$826,907 is the permanently-restricted Endowment)	

Total Assets **\$1,316,983**

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Total Liabilities	\$ 0
Equity	\$ 1,316,983

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY **\$ 1,316,983**

Thomas F Coughlin, Treasurer

Beyond the Mainland:

International Resources Available at Clayton Library



Speaker: Melissa 'Mel' Hayes

**Clayton Library Friends
General Meeting**

**Saturday, May 11, 2019 (postponed due to
inclement weather)**

Rescheduled for:

Saturday, August 10, 2019

10:15 -- noon

Clayton Library Carriage House

5300 Caroline, Houston, Texas 77004

Join Clayton Library Friends for an overview of select sources for international research at the Clayton Library presented by Clayton librarian Mel Hayes. This presentation is meant to show you a small slice of our international collection in hopes that it will help you jump from the Mainland across the pond.

Melissa "Mel" Hayes joined the staff at Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research, Houston, Texas in June 2013, having worked in Adult Services and Youth Services with Houston Public Library (HPL) for fourteen years. She started working for HPL as a Senior Library Services Assistant. Since completing her Master's degree in 2008 from the University of North Texas in Denton, she has attained the position of Librarian III, Assistant Branch Manager, Clayton Library. Her passion for genealogy started over 30 years ago and still remains strong. Her goal is to help Clayton Library customers in finding their family!

Mark your calendar for:

CLF General Meeting . 10:15 a.m. -- Saturday, August 10, -- Carriage House

CLF Annual Meeting . 10:15 a.m. --Saturday, November 9, -- Carriage House

CLF Board Meetings . Saturday, April 27, July 27, and October 26 .

2nd floor meeting room in the Clayton House.

Members are invited to attend CLF Board meetings.

Please let us know at least a week ahead of the meeting if you wish to speak to the Board . so we can add you to the agenda.

Manager's Message -



Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the New Year where almost the first quarter is already gone! Wow! Our days at the library have been filled recently with new researchers discovering family history in many ways - including DNA tests; listening to family stories; or driven by a family history legend waiting to be discovered.

Of course our regular customers who have been visiting for many years are smiling faces that make the library feel like part of a lot of families. We have spent years together; making discoveries, sharing stories, life events, and becoming familiar throughout the years. This year marks my 13th at Clayton in August.

Common to all our customers is discovering documents answering specific questions. Many of these documents have other pieces of information that don't catch our eye at the moment. Focusing on the quest is common, then putting aside that document, moving on to another quest is usually the next step.

This is your reminder to take those documents you have, or go beyond the initial focus on the answer to the question in a new discovery and look at ALL the information. Even just a quick look might jog the memory in the future when an applicable question occurs.

Death certificates / information can be great to observe what might be a pattern of death. I recently noticed that my paternal grandmother's death certificate listed cause of death, which turns out to be common when looking at other certificates. In speaking to a colleague, he mentioned to me his common information on a couple of his family death certificates was listed as "killed by a train.!!!!"

Not to make light of the colleague's family's cause of death, it is my hope that you find plenty of new information full of new discoveries, both ones that answer an immediate question and one that can help in the future.

Visit us at the library, all of us really enjoy working with you! It is our goal to help you find those documents and stories. Have a wonderful year searching . see you at the Library!

Sue Kaufman
Manager, Clayton Library

Learn about the happenings and special presentations at Clayton Library by subscribing to the FREE Clayton Library electronic newsletters . *Clayton Town Crier*, and *Clayton Extra*. To sign up for these genealogy newsletters, visit www.houstonlibrary.org > Find It > Readers' Link > Welcome > Newsletters for All Interests > Neighborhood Library News > enter your contact information and select SPL Collections: Clayton and then Sign Up.

Clayton Library Friends is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization . IRS Code 501(c)(3) . whose purpose is to enrich the resources and facilities of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, a Special Collections branch of the Houston Public Library.

Using Newspapers to Flesh Out Your Genealogy



Speaker: Irene Walters, Clayton Librarian

**Clayton Library Friends
General Meeting
Saturday, February 9, 2019**

10:30 -- noon

Clayton Library Carriage House

5300 Caroline

Houston, Texas 77004

You've got your relative's skeleton consisting of dates and places. This talk will show you how to go about creating a newspaper clipping file on a relative to put flesh on that skeleton. We will explore newspapers in their original paper form, on microfilm, and electronic versions that can be found using the Clayton Library. Also explored will be the hundreds of newspaper indexes and %clipping+books at Clayton Library.

Irene Walters is one of the "Yankee Librarians" at Houston's Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. She is originally from New York State and has her Master of Library Science degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Irene came to Clayton in September 1997 and currently, Irene is the cataloger for Clayton. She also coordinates Clayton's involvement in the digitization project with the LDS Library in Salt Lake City. Irene has given talks to many local groups on various aspects of genealogical research including, computers, the Internet, ancestors in the modern military, using newspapers for your research, New York State, Irish, and French research. Irene started her own genealogy research as a teenager and has taken her lines back into France and Ireland.

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BE AN ANGEL

The following donations were made for periodicals that Clayton Library wishes to receive on an ~~as~~ published basis, and that are in excess of the library's periodical budget. An updated list of the requested titles still needing donations will be available in the August 2019 issue of this newsletter. If you wish to earn your wings by donating for one or more of these periodicals, please contact: Liz Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030; phone: (713) 944-1118, or e-mail: erootrot@usa.net. All donations to the Angel Program will be acknowledged in the CLF Newsletter, unless otherwise requested. Memorial donations will be acknowledged upon request. Checks should be made payable to Clayton Library Friends, and mailed to P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078. Please write ~~Angel~~ on your check.

Angels -- those who have earned their wings since the last newsletter

Glenda Kay Hayes -- donation for renewals of *Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine*, *Mississippi River Routes* (Vicksburg Genealogical Society), *Middle Tennessee Journal of History and Genealogy*, and *Tap Roots* (Genealogy Society of East Alabama).

Tom Matchett -- donation for renewal of *Irish Roots*.

Amy Mecom -- donation in memory of Florence L. Brown for the *Franklin County Genealogical Society Quarterly* (Texas).

Paula Rene White -- donation for renewal of the *Chronicles of Oklahoma* in memory of Emma Childers.

Last Call for Renewing Your 2019 Membership --

I know you intended to renew your Clayton Library Friends membership, but now is the time. It's already February! Renewing ensures you will stay connected to this valuable organization that is such a great support to your research and to Clayton Library. Only members get this Newsletter, complete access to our Website, and e-mailed announcements.

Members learn about the excellent speakers at our quarterly meetings, the many new books and other materials purchased for Clayton Library, and exciting new technology and services. For example, have you scanned all your precious slides and family photos yet? You can do it for free on the second floor of Clayton Library on the photo and slide scanners purchased by Clayton Library Friends and donated to Clayton Library. If you weren't a member, you probably wouldn't know about this great service. And if you bring a friend, we may gain a new member!

It's easy to renew. Just go to our website claytonlibraryfriends.org. You can renew and pay online, or you can print and mail the application along with your check. Dues are \$20 for one person or \$25 for two people at the same address. While you are there, you can still make a contribution to be used for the enrichment of the resources and facilities. Just go to the Donation portion of the website.

Please renew now while you're thinking about it!

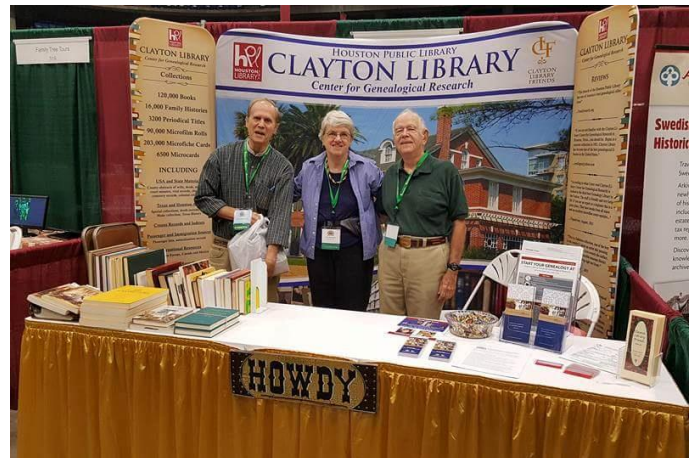
Lynda Collins, Membership Chair

IMPORTANT NEWS:

About Sue Kaufman and Clayton Library

Clayton Library Friends (CLF) makes a concerted effort to have an exhibit presence at national as well as local genealogical conferences. Thanks to CLF members, Pat Metcalfe and John Dorroh, CLF is once again being well represented at the National Genealogical Society (NGS) conference being held May 8-11, 2019 at St Charles, Missouri.

They not only showcase Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research (CL) as well as CLF by telling conference attendees about our group and our nationally recognized Clayton Library, but they also sell duplicate copies of genealogical resources at our booth in the exhibit hall to raise funds for CLF. Thanks to Pat and John for their dedication and passion and for helping to promote CLF and CL at these conferences. And also thanks to other CLF supporters who have helped to "man" CLF booths, which is a great way for volunteers to support CLF.



And, speaking of the NGS conference, CLF is so thrilled to announce that our own, Susan "Sue" Kaufman, manager of Clayton Library, was the much deserved, recent winner of the NGS Filby Award for Genealogical Leadership during the conference !!!! Aside from the tremendous honor associated with the award, Sue also received a \$1,000 prize. The award was presented to her during Librarians' Day, an event held each year during the conference. Created in 1999 by NGS, the award is named for the late P. William Filby, former director of the Maryland Historical Society. Filby was the author of many core genealogical reference tools that genealogists have utilized for decades.

Sue Kaufman has been the manager of the Clayton Library since 2005. Previously, she held positions as a genealogy librarian at the Peoria Public Library in Peoria, Illinois, and the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. During her tenure, Clayton Library has become one of the finest genealogy libraries in the nation with some 100,000 research volumes, 3,000 periodical titles, and an extensive microfilm collection. It also is a FamilySearch affiliate library of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Sue is a respected librarian, presenter, and administrator. She regularly lectures at community, statewide, and national events. She has served on the boards of many genealogical organizations, including the Texas State Genealogical Society (TxSGS) and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). During the nomination process, CLF Board members, patrons, colleagues, and volunteers submitted tributes that tell the story of a generous and skilled researcher who is always willing to help other family historians. **Congratulations to Sue Kaufman from Clayton Library Friends !!!**

Next time you see Sue at Clayton Library, be sure to congratulate her about winning the Filby Award as well as thank her for her tireless efforts to work continuously to enhance Clayton Library, making it one of the best genealogical libraries in the nation. While you are there, also please thank Sue's talented library team, who work diligently as well to help patrons find their family forebearers!! And remember, PLEASE also support Clayton Library Friends with your financial as well as your volunteer support. It is the sole mission of Clayton Library Friends to support Clayton Library by purchasing vital equipment and numerous research materials each year as well as by providing volunteer support!!!

Sue Yerby, CLF President

Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

5300 Caroline, Houston, TX 77004-6896
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www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton

Library Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday . 10 am . 6 pm
Thursday. 12 pm . 8 pm
Friday, Saturday . 10 am . 5 pm
(Closed on Sunday and Monday)

Clayton House Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday -- 10 am . 2 pm
Thursday . noon . 4pm

CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

P O Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078
www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org

New/Returning Members –

Clayton Library Friends extends a warm welcome to the following new and returning members who have joined/re-joined CLF the first part of 2019. We hope you'd also join our group of volunteers that provides support to our library.

**Monica Andersen,
Helena Raitano Aucoin,
Donny R Baron,
Eric Boerwinkle,
Vicki Huff,
Melinda Ortega Loustalot, and
Walter Steets.**

In Memoriam –

We are sad to tell you that **Lynna Kay Shuffield** passed away on December 12th. A passionate genealogist and prodigious author, Lynna Kay wrote more than 20 books and was active in a number of groups -- including DAR, DART, and the UDC. Her contributions to the genealogy world will be a lasting tribute to her efforts to document her research.

Special Donations --

The following special donations were made to Clayton Library thru Clayton Library Friends since the first of the year.

In Honor Of:

Steven Bychowski, and Liz Hicks.

In Memory Of:

Vicki Keel, Gladys Johnson Kendrick, Lou Lazartic, Laurence Shaner, Frank Timko, and Mary 'Caroline' (DaShiell) Timko

Attention: Parents, Grandparents, Teachers, Librarians, Museum Directors, and More!

TxSGS Announces the 2019 Student Project Contest

Categories: Grades 4-6, Grades 7-9, and Grades 10-12

The application deadline is September 15, 2019.

Project entries may be part of a school, library, genealogical society, or museum initiative but must be sponsored by a TxSGS Partner Society or individual member.

Entries are for grade placement for the prior school year.

Guidelines for student writings are minimum requirements for consideration of awards.

**Send applications to:
Pat Metcalfe
5807 Arboles
Houston, TX 77035-2403**

**Direct questions to Pat at 713-721-7062
or by email at: plpm@ix.netcom.com**

For details and project requirements, visit the Student Projects Contest Page at:
<http://www.txsgs.org/programs/awards-grants/writing-awards/>

2018 Contributions and Donations

We wish to acknowledge and express our appreciation to the following individuals and organizations who, during the calendar year of 2018, have generously made financial gifts to Clayton Library Friendsq ongoing goal of enriching the resources and facilities of Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research.q

Contributor (\$1 - \$49) \$1,099.66 'Contributor' total

Kay Bonner Arnold
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Descendants of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery
Sharon Lynn Timmons
Jennifer Trzcienski
Hope Villarreal-Acker
M/M J O Yerby

Donor (\$50 - \$99) \$1,774.25. 'Donor' total

Beth Ayer
Diana Bertrand
M/M Clyde N Black
Barbara Jo Brothers
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Elizabeth M Hicks
Frances C Kerr-Gibbons
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Patsy Jane McLaughlin
Elvin Burnett Pippert Jr

Richard L Rose
Jennifer R Sansbury
Karen & Bill Schubert
Herbert D Simons
Vera Jean Speckels
Mary Anthony Startz
Helen Elizabeth Swanson
The Bear Creek Genealogy Soc
The Deacon John Tenney Colony National Society
New England Women
The John Shepherd Texas Chapter Daughters of
Founders & Patriots of America
Toby Turner
Margery Ann Wheeler
J A Williams

2018 Contributions and Donations

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Patron (\$100 - \$249) \$2,809.63 'Patron' total	
1 st Texas Company of the Jamestowne Society	Patricia McGinty
Patsy Andrews	Phyllis & Joe Moody
Robert W Barber	Becky Morgan
M/M T Brad Bryden	Patricia Ann Phillips
Karen L Daniel	Donald E Pusch
John Dorroh	Judy LaVonne Stover
M/M Kenneth O Gullett	The John Champion Chptr Natl Society Colonial
Glenda Kay Hayes	Dames XVII Century
Novella L Hronek	Paula Rene White
LaDora & Eric Jernigan	Wendell Wheeler Wilson
Sandra Dee Kruse	M/M Robert P Wright
Betty Jean Mann	
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Network For Good	
The Bay Area Genealogical Society	
The John McKnitt Alexander Chapter NSDAR	
Benefactor (\$500 and above) \$12,543. 'Benefactor' total	
Anonymous	Wade Hawks Mayberry
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Genealogical Society of Kendall County	Carol B Stelling
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Total Contributions for 2018 -- \$19,531.54	

Volunteers needed for a CLF Book-Acquisition-Team

The Clayton Library Friends operates as the support organization for the Houston Public Library's Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. A major way that CLF supports the library is by identifying and purchasing materials for the library collection.

The CLF Acquisitions Committee is looking for a few individuals who are willing to identify and do clerical work to acquire materials for the library. This committee will identify both United States and international resources. Training on the process/procedure of this activity will be provided. An informational meeting will be scheduled in the second quarter of 2019 to further explain the process. Commitment to the committee will probably begin in the fall of 2019.

The ideal person for this committee will be able to commit to spending time to help expend the funds that CLF budgets to the library for purchases. The time involved is probably about 10 hours a month, give or take some time, depending on how many members are on the committee. Ideally the committee should consist of 3-4 people. The materials are identified, clerical work is accomplished, and, prior to purchasing the list of titles, it is presented to the library collection development staff for approval.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Dorroh, Committee Chair at 713-870-1051, or Sue Kaufman, Clayton Manager at 832-393-2602.

Thanks for considering this very important volunteer position.

More Volunteer Opportunities --

Are you looking for an opportunity to give back to the library that gives us so much? We can help you find a volunteer spot that fits your interests and schedule.

We hope you have been able to use some of the resources housed at Clayton Library to further your research this year. We also encourage you to support this wonderful library by volunteering in one or more of the following areas and projects that currently need your help.

Clayton House Welcome Desk

The Clayton Library is currently searching for volunteers to fill the Welcome Desk Assistant position at the Clayton House on Wednesdays 12 to 2 pm. Volunteers typically cover one 2-hour time block each week. The duties include greeting visitors, limited reference help, and assisting with microfilm readers and printers. Training is provided for all duties. Helpful skills would include general experience in genealogical research, basic computer skills, and familiarity with microfilm readers and printers.

Microprint Desk

We currently are looking for someone with a genealogy background to cover the 11am-3pm shift on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Outreach Assistant

Outreach Assistants deliver brochures and promotional materials to neighborhood libraries, community centers, cultural organizations, etc. to help promote Clayton Library's programs and services. Duties include identifying easily-accessible locations that have display racks for materials and a clientele that would likely be interested in learning more about genealogy, and dropping off brochures at these locations on either a one-time or ongoing basis. Training will be provided. Access to a vehicle may be required. Scheduling is very flexible.

Book Sale Assistant

Book Sale Assistants work with the Donated-Duplicate books that are temporarily stored at the Clayton House, and help list these books for inventory and inclusion in the Clayton Library's book sale. Duties include sorting the books by state or geographic area on shelves, and using a laptop computer to enter book information into pre-set tables in a Word document. Training will be provided. Helpful skills include good visual acuity and attention to detail. Some bending, stooping, and light lifting may be required. This activity involves working on a laptop computer in the stacks at the Clayton House. Scheduling is flexible but subject to the days/times that the Clayton House is open. A commitment of 8 hours per month is requested.

Programming Researcher

Programming Researchers assist staff by researching, viewing, and evaluating online genealogy webinars for potential addition to Clayton Library's programming and events schedules. Duties include searching for genealogy webinars on a given topic (suggested websites are provided by the Programming Supervisor, but you may discover others on your own), and viewing webinars and completing assessments (assessment forms provided by the Programming Supervisor). Training will be provided. Helpful skills include familiarity with internet research and using computer audio. This activity involves working on a computer either at home or at the library. Scheduling is very flexible. Commitment can be one-time or ongoing.

Periodicals Assistant

Periodicals Assistants help with organizing and labeling Clayton Library's bound and unbound periodical collections to make these collections more visible and accessible to library patrons. This would be a good activity for someone who wants to become more familiar with genealogy periodicals, or who enjoys organizing. Duties include inspecting, labeling, organizing, and shifting periodicals, and working with periodicals on specific projects identified by the Periodicals Supervisor. Training will be provided. Helpful skills include good visual acuity and attention to detail. Some bending, stooping, and light lifting may be required. This activity involves working with periodicals in the stacks or in the compact shelving in the staff workroom. Scheduling is very flexible. A commitment of 8 hours per month is requested.

For questions or to begin volunteering, please contact Steven Bychowski, Clayton Library's Volunteer Coordinator, at Steven.Bychowski@houstontx.gov or 832-393-2600.

Elsa Schmieder, Director, Volunteers and Hospitality, Clayton Library Friends

From the Library –

July, August 2019 – Calendar of Events

Clayton Library Orientation

Thursday, July 11, 2019 – 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Can't make it to our monthly Saturday orientations? Then come to our Thursday evening orientation, now offered quarterly, to hear about Clayton Library resources and how to get started in your family history research. Reservations required, please call 832-393-2600. Adults/Teens.

Clayton Library Orientation

Saturday, July 20, 2019 – 10:15am – 11:30am

In Clayton Library's monthly orientation we cover the process of research and discovery in the beginning steps of a family history project. Following this brief introduction, we examine the resources available at the Clayton Library and their organization, as well as how to plan an effective visit to the Library. Reservations required, please call 832-393-2600. Adults/Teens.

Let's Talk Autosomal DNA: Session Four

Saturday, July 20, 2019 – 10:30am – 12noon

Join Clayton Library staff member Franklin Smith for this fourth discussion session on autosomal DNA research. Previous sessions covered the basics of DNA testing, now we continue discussing 3rd party DNA tools. In this session learn to use these tools to determine how matches connect to you and each other through organizing, clustering, and networking your matches. While open to all experience levels, this discussion group is best for beginners who have completed a DNA test and are unsure what to do with their test results. Reservations required, please call 832-393-2600. Adults/Teens.

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Do you ever wonder exactly what books the CLF Acquisitions Committee has purchased for the Clayton Library?

Recent purchases are now listed on our CLF website . www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org Select the Resources tab, then click on the Acquisitions tab. Currently it is alphabetical by title. This is a fairly new addition to the website, and we are continuing to work on making it more user-friendly. Any suggestions?

THE CLAYTON ADVOCATE deadline for the August 2019 issue is July 28, 2019.

We welcome any articles related to Clayton Library and/or its collections.

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