



Mark Your Calendars

- **LVFSL Holiday Closing** 15 Dec 2012-1 Jan 2013
- [Arizona FH Expo](#) 18-19 Jan 2013
- [St George FH Expo](#) 22-23 Feb 2013
- [rootstech 2013](#) 21-23 Mar 2013
- [BYU FH Conference](#) 30 Jul-2 Aug 2013

LVFSL Training

[Las Vegas Familysearch Library December Classes](#)

Helpful Websites *from Sandy Jackson*

Military Service and Information Website

For general information and a great place to start, consider the Air University's comprehensive link list found at this website: www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/awc-hist.htm

Indexing Tips *by Tom Jackson*

Did you know 90% of all questions asked of the Church indexing department can be answered by:

1. Reading the directions
2. Checking project updates
3. Using the "ask a question" function from the help menu.

What's New at LVFSL *by DeWayne McCormick*

The library is receiving four new scanners. These scanners will be used to scan the books in our library, so they will be available as digital books. The St. George Family History Center experienced some damage some time ago and all of their books were sent to Salt Lake City. We will be receiving their books as well. It is planned for the scanning project to have eight volunteers and/or service missionaries to staff the project. They will be trained in December and the scanning operation will commence in January 2013.

Director's Message *by R. Wayne Stoker*

This month we take another step in growing our library – we begin a newsletter to be delivered periodically by e-mail. Our goal is to provide a reliable monthly source for subscribers to keep up to date with what is going on at the Las Vegas FamilySearch Library. We will try and keep it brief and meaningful.

As you will see in this issue, we will highlight each month what is new at the library, what is new in research tools and programs, and what is new in personnel and policies. Please let us know if you enjoy what you see and don't hesitate to let us know what you would like to see in the future. There will also be a link to take you to the monthly class schedule. If you do not find just the right course for you, we encourage you to let us know which classes you would like to see scheduled in the future.

For me as the Director of the Library, this past year has been a wondrous journey as we have grown very significantly. Our daily patronage has virtually doubled over the past year, our staff has grown from 38 to over 80 workers and our equipment has been updated and we are now offering new services to patrons. The key to this success is clear – the wonderful workers who so unselfishly donate their time and who seem to delight in helping the patrons.

As we have grown and changed our operation, we have encountered many challenges. New equipment and new programs have required specialists to properly manage each change. We have been richly blessed as new volunteers seem to walk in at just the right time, with just the right experience we need.

As we have just passed through the Thanksgiving holiday season, we are reminded of, and have clearly seen, the hand of providence directing and supporting our efforts.

And as we enter the busy Christmas season, we hope you have ample time to enjoy the Spirit of the Christmas celebration and that you have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Tech Tips *by Dayne Lake*

Computers are wonderful devices that provide us with the ability to search records that have never been available before. They are, however, first and foremost electronic devices and with just a little care will continue to provide service for this great work.

Please remember that because they are electronic devices, they are somewhat sensitive. We should avoid moving them around if at all possible as this causes cables and internal connections to come loose, causing us issues. We should also avoid laying the computers down, or disconnecting them if avoidable.

Occasionally errors will show up on the screen while we are working with the computers. A good portion of these errors can be corrected simply by turning the computer completely off and back on again. This allows the operating system to reset and possibly repair itself. This can also be used if we have lost connection to a network printer for one reason or other.

If an error appears on start up, please take the time to read the entire message. Many times, it is simply asking for a user input; replying OK or choosing "Start Windows Normally". Providing the response to these prompts will allow the computer to complete the start up process and make it available to patrons.

Following these few simple recommendations will keep our computers running for a long time, providing a useful and needed resource for our patrons.

Who's Who at LVFSL *by Gayle Radke*



95 year old Christie Haynes is our shining veteran genealogist at the FamilySearch Library. She has been actively involved in this great work for most of her life. In 1939, she was already teaching classes and guiding youth groups to various LDS temples. She served as the secretary of the Family History Center for 3½ years starting in 1997. She has since volunteered or served service missions relating to family history work right up until the present. We depend on her expertise to help guide us over the bumps and rocks in our own family history journey. She firmly believes the words of George Albert Smith, "The power of kindness and love can accomplish what nothing else can."

Research Techniques *by Maureen Lake*

Every once in a while each of us finds a new line to research or returns to an existing line that has been neglected for a while. There are many reasons for this. We've just found the new line and are excited to be able to look into it. We're bored with, or stymied by, the line(s) we're currently working. Sometimes we just want a change of venue.

There should be two go-to places for any new or renewed search on your family lines. The first is, naturally, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org>). With new databases added almost daily and others being updated almost as frequently, FamilySearch is a great resource for free, easily accessible records. The user interface was recently improved to make searching easier; it is a little more intuitive now. The images are grey but clear, in many cases clearer than those same images on Ancestry.com. The records cover the world and can be searched either in bulk or individually. You can even search un-indexed records, much like you would run through microfilm down at the FamilySearch Library.

The other starting point is Cyndi's List (www.cyndislist.com). Updated regularly, the links checked and kept active, it is a truly massive collection of links to what's available on-line for any given area of the world. It's not a wiki (though it is informative); it is an index to most genealogy-related on-line resources, sorted by geography or topic, and there are over 325,000 links in over 190+ categories, so everyone should be able to find something that will help them.

Turn this theory into a proof of your own. Take a line you've had trouble with, or have been away from for a while, and run it through both these options. I think you will find a level of success. Good Luck!

Library Spotlight *by Vickie Bloxham*

Looking for Nevada Marriage Records? (1935-1948)

Did you know the Las Vegas FamilySearch Library has a few original documents?

Amazingly enough there is a book containing **original documents** (which includes State seal, mega info on applicants). The book "Marriage Licenses Caliente, Lincoln, Nevada," compiled by Evan J. Edwards, Justice of the Peace, 1935-1948" (OV Book Area 979.314 V2eeh). This book was indexed by Earl and Karl Brunner; microfilmed for the Las Vegas Nevada Branch Genealogical Library 12 July 1982. See FHL film# 1292743. The microfilm is housed in the LVFSL.