

# The Central Library Bulletin

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**In the fall, the Central Library will move into a temporary home**, while construction and renovation are completed at the historic 93 Market Street building. During construction, Adriance Library staff will continue to provide the same high level of service, with a slightly downsized collection and a much smaller building. The renovated and expanded Central Library is slated to open in the summer of 2009.

**This issue of the Central Library Bulletin** includes tips for helping budding genealogists beginning their research at your library. Useful resources include books, websites, and HeritageQuest, a great online resource for genealogists, which is available for public use at Adriance Memorial Library, and through the Dutchess County InfoPortal for Dutchess County library cardholders.



## Question of the Month

*I'd like to trace my ancestry. Can you help me?*

**Useful Tools:** Obituaries from local newspapers often provide additional family members' names for further research. Adriance Library indexes obituaries appearing in the Poughkeepsie Journal from 1871 to the present. The US Census through 1930 (the latest year published) is available on microfilm at larger libraries, including Adriance Library. HeritageQuest offers census information, regiment lists, historical books and periodicals, and more. Genealogy books and websites provide guidance for novice and experienced researchers alike.

## FAQs at the Reference Desk

**Q:** *My grandparents and great-grandparents grew up on a farm nearby. Do you have their birth, marriage, or death records?*

**A:** Libraries cannot provide these documents. An official certificate for every birth, death, marriage, and divorce should be on file in the locality where the event occurred. These records are filed permanently in a state vital statistics office, or in a city, county, or other local office. To obtain a certified copy of any of these certificates, write to the vital statistics office in the state or locality where the event occurred.

Use the National Center for Health Statistics website to see where to write for vital records in the fifty states and US territories. Addresses and fees are provided for each type of record in the relevant state or area.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcom.htm>

The Social Security Death Index (SSDI) is generated from the Social Security Administration's Death Master File. The following search fields are available for the SSDI and will also appear in the search results: first and last name, social security number, last known residence, last benefit, birth date (day, month, and/or year), and death date (month and/or year.)

<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/>

The New York State Archives has records that may prove useful for genealogical research. Among these records are indexes to vital records (births, marriages, deaths); records documenting war service (Revolutionary War through World War I); land records (mostly transactions involving the Colony or State of New York); trial court records (including colonial wills and early nineteenth century civil cases); and records of some state-run correctional and custodial institutions.

[http://www.archives.nysed.gov/a/researchroom/rr\\_family\\_genealogy.shtml](http://www.archives.nysed.gov/a/researchroom/rr_family_genealogy.shtml)

Wills and probate records are filed with the Surrogate Court of the county in which the death occurred.

**Training Tips:** Visit [www.about.com](http://www.about.com) for links to free online courses for novice genealogists (keyword: genealogy.) Or, provide your patron with a beginner's guide like *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Genealogy*, or *Tracing Your Family History: the Complete Guide to Locating Your Ancestors and Finding Out Where You Came From*. Many books and websites also provide the forms genealogists need for organizing their research.

**Website Review:** *Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet* is a list of over 200,000 links to other genealogy websites.  
<http://www.cyndislist.com/>

**Links:** Visit Adriance Library's Useful Sites page at [www.poklib.org](http://www.poklib.org). Click on the Reference and Research tab, then Useful Sites. Click on Genealogy to find links to some of the best genealogy sites on the web.

**Suggested Genealogy Titles:** The most useful collection includes a few beginning genealogy titles, along with some more in-depth resources.

[Black Genesis: a Resource Book for African-American Genealogy](#). James M. Rose & Alice Eichholz. Genealogical Pub. Co., 2003.

[The Complete Idiot's Guide To Genealogy](#). Christine Rose and Kay Germain Ingalls. Alpha Books, 2005.

[The Everything Family Tree Book: Research and Preserve Your Family History](#). Kimberly Powell. Adams Media, 2006.

[Family History 101: a Beginner's Guide to Finding Your Ancestors](#). Marcia D. Yannizze Melnyk. Family Tree Books, 2005.

[The Family Tree Guide to Finding Your Ellis Island Ancestors](#). Sharon DeBartolo Carmack. Family Tree Books, 2005.

[Family Tree Problem Solver: Proven Methods for Scaling the Inevitable Brick Wall](#). Marsha Hoffman Rising. Family Tree Books, 2005.

[Genealogy for the First Time: Research Your Family History](#). Laura Best. Sterling Pub. Co., 2003.

[The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy](#). Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, editors. Ancestry, 2006.

[Tracing Your Family History: The Complete Guide to Locating Your Ancestors and Finding Out Where You Came From](#). Lise Hull. Reader's Digest, 2006.

[Walking With Your Ancestors: a Genealogist's Guide to Using Maps and Geography](#). Melinda Kashuba. Family Tree Books, 2005.

[Your Guide to Cemetery Research](#). Sharon DeBartolo Carmack. Betterway Books, 2002.

**Training Spotlight:** Customer Service. Learn how to keep your patrons happy, and how to respond when they're not. Learn the importance of identifying patron needs and wants, treating patrons with courtesy, and making the library experience easy. Learn how to manage difficult situations in a way that leaves both staff and patrons with their dignity intact. Time: 1 hour. Contact: Sue Hermans, Central Reference Library Services Coordinator  
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## Recent Central Library Acquisitions

These are recent titles added to the collection at Adriance Memorial Library. Click on the link for a search in the Online Public Access Catalog.



### Non-Fiction

Asim, Jabari. [The N Word: Who Can Say It, Who Shouldn't, And Why](#). Houghton Mifflin Co., 2007.

Bell, Rob. [Sex God: Exploring The Endless Connections Between Sexuality And Spirituality](#). Zondervan, 2007.

Faulkner, Mary. [Easy Does It Relationship Guide: For People In Recovery](#). Hazelden, 2007.

Gibilisco, Stan. [Alternative Energy Demystified](#). McGraw-Hill, 2007.

Keane, Maureen. [What To Eat If You Have Cancer: Healing Foods That Boost Your Immune System](#). McGraw-Hill, 2007.

L. L. Cool J. [LL Cool J's Platinum Workout](#). Rodale, 2007.

Magid, Lawrence J. [MySpace Unraveled: A Parent's Guide To Teen Social Networking From The Directors Of BlogSafety.Com](#). Peachpit Press, 2007.

Mason, Margaret. [No One Cares What You Had for Lunch: 100 Ideas for Your Blog](#). Peachpit Press, 2007.

Olbermann, Keith. [The Worst Person in the World and 119 Strong Contenders](#). John Wiley & Sons, 2007.

Ramsey, Dave. [The Total Money Makeover: A Proven Plan For Financial Fitness](#). Nelson Books, 2007.

Smith, Rupert. [The Utility of Force: the Art of War in the Modern World](#). Knopf, 2007.

Tapscott, Don. [Wikinomics: How Mass Collaboration Changes Everything](#). Portfolio, 2007.

Tracy, Brian. [Crunch Point: The 21 Secrets To Succeeding When It Matters Most](#). American Management Association, 2007.

Walker, Jearl. [The Flying Circus Of Physics](#). John Wiley & Sons, 2007.

Winget, Larry. [It's Called Work For A Reason! : Your Success Is Your Own Damn Fault](#). Gotham Books, 2007.



### Reference

American Bar Association. [The American Bar Association Guide To Resolving Legal Disputes: Inside And Outside The Courtroom](#). Random House Reference, 2007.

Benson, Sonia. [Development Of The Industrial U.S.](#) UXL, 2006.

Campbell, Gordon. [The Grove Encyclopedia Of Decorative Arts](#). Oxford University Press, 2006.

Clark, Robin E. [The Encyclopedia Of Child Abuse](#). Facts on File, 2007.

Galens, Judy. [American Social Reform Movements](#). UXL, 2007.

Nersesian, Roy L. [Energy for the 21st Century: a Comprehensive Guide to Conventional and Alternative Sources](#). M.E. Sharpe, 2007.

Price, Emmett George. [Hip-Hop Culture](#). ABC-CLIO, 2006.

Turkington, Carol. [The Encyclopedia Of Autism Spectrum Disorders](#). Facts On File, 2007.

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