

Members,

As the month of August flies by, there is a lot happening in the world of genealogy and we have a few updates for you - local, regional and national.

Library Opening

It was only 10 days ago that our new library opened to its first visitors. Tuesday was the 4th day of scheduled operation and all is going well. We are only allowing visitors by appointment and limiting those to members since we have a cap on capacity. But those who have visited have been impressed.

Check out the latest [photos](#), members' [reactions](#) and a thorough discussion of [how we are operating](#) over at our blog, [HERE](#). Plan your visit, just get a tour or maybe borrow a few books...it's all there at our blog.

Fundraising Drive

As donations continue to come in we inching closer to our goal of \$30,000. Here is a chart of the current status:

We are extremely grateful to all of you who have been so generous in these difficult times and thank you sincerely.

REMINDER: Our members have home access to *Ancestry Library Edition* until at least the end of September and to *MyHeritage Library Edition* throughout the year by virtue of our library's annual subscriptions to both of them.

Fall Schedule

As we've mentioned previously, we've had to cancel our **2020 Open House** as well as our **Annual Conference**.

Although they'll likely be delayed a few weeks, we still intend to publish our journal, **LINKS**, this fall and to have both classes and Tuesday night Interest Groups - however remote sessions will predominate. Once we figure out how to handle the logistics and arrange topics & speakers we will let you know the schedule.

Regional Events

Many conferences and society meetings have been cancelled in the New England area but these are a few exceptions which we know about:

- The *New Hampshire Society of Genealogists* is hosting a virtual "2020 Fall Meeting" on Sept 26th. The fee is \$25 and you can get more details at www.nhsog.org/events.
- The *New York Genealogical & Biographical Society* biennial conference is also going online-only in 2020. The sessions are spread out across five weeks (September 10 - October 15) and can be watched from the comfort of your home. There are two "passes" and the non-member prices are \$149 & \$325. For details go to: nysfbc.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/register

National Events

The annual conference of *The Federation of Genealogical Societies* will begin live sessions on September 2nd that include Judy Russell, CeCe Moore, Thomas W. Jones, Ari Wilkins and Lisa Louise Cooke. There will be over 80 sessions including 15 on society management. Many sessions will be OnDemand through March 15, 2021. For details: fgs.org/annual-conference/

Don't forget to check out many more opportunities on our **Facebook page**:

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