

PUBLIC ARCHIVES AND RESEARCH LIBRARY

Quarterly Report July 1, 2008-September 30, 2008 (prepared by: Linda Morton-Keithley)

IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Accomplished

ISHS Goal/Training (SBOE Goal/Quality, Efficiency):

- ◇ PARL staff continue to participate in weekly cross-training exercises intended primarily to orient new staff reference members to collections and procedures
- ◇ Installed ContentDM software and provided training in its use, as part of the LSTA grant - Amy

ISHS Goal/Funding and Organizational Development (SBOE Goal/Relevancy):

- ◇ Submitted grant request, as part of NWDA consortium, to Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) grant to process Governor Kempthorne papers - Linda
- ◇ Rachel reports that the NHPRC-funded inmates project is 86.29% completed, with 7,582 inmate files cataloged
- ◇ Completed project and submitted final report on the LSTA digital initiatives grant – Amy, Linda

ISHS Goal/Communication (SBOE Goal/Efficiency)

- ◇ Various PARL staff members continue to serve on agency strategic planning committees

Goal/Customer Service (SBOE Goal/Quality, Access, Relevancy, Efficiency):

- ◇ 19 new finding aids were added to [Northwest Digital Archives](#) – Governors Alexander, Bottolfsen, Brady, Clark (2), Davis, Gossett, Haines, Hawley, Jordan, McConnell, Morrison, Robins, Ross, Steunenber, Willey and Williams; Oregon Trail Memorial Association records and Clearwater Timber Company Project photo album
- ◇ 10 indexes were posted to the [Idaho Digital Archives](#), a collaborative project with the Washington State Archives through a Library of Congress grant
- ◇ Digital Preservation partners meeting, Arlington, VA – Steve (paid by Washington State Archives)
- ◇ CoSA/NAGARA annual meeting, Atlanta, GA – Steve (paid through grant funds)
- ◇ Archives presentation for Association of Idaho Counties meeting, Twin Falls – Steve (50)
- ◇ Records training for Department of Corrections, Boise – Steve, Duane Bogstie (15)
- ◇ 2 presentations for Pacific Northwest Library Association, Coeur d'Alene – Amy (60)
- ◇ Met with Post Falls Historical Society - Amy
- ◇ History Day at Nampa Public Library – Amy, Linda (50)
- ◇ Presentation on PARL collections for Todd Shallatt's history class, BSU – Amber (20)
- ◇ "Idaho History Online" presentation for Dead Relative Collectors, at IHC – Linda (15)
- ◇ HistoryShare at Hillcrest branch, Boise Public Library – Amy (24)
- ◇ "1890 Census and Historical Records" workshop, at IHC – Amy (6)
- ◇ "Using Re:Discovery" workshop, at IHC – Amy (4)
- ◇ "Using the IBI and other indexes" workshop, at IHC – Amy (4)
- ◇ Lecture/book signing by Karl Brooks for *PUBLIC POWER, PRIVATE DAMS: THE HELLS CANYON HIGH DAM*, at IHC (24)
- ◇ Oral history workshop for general public, at IHC – Kathy (22)
- ◇ Channel 12 ran a feature on Kathy's oral history workshop (see previous item)
- ◇ Oral history workshop for Idaho National Guard project interns, at IHC – Kathy, Ellen (2)
- ◇ Oral history workshop for annual OCTA conference, Nampa – Kathy (30)
- ◇ Public release of [Idaho History Online](#)

- ◇ Boise Public Radio featured 2 interviews with Amy on the Idaho History Online project (see previous item)
- ◇ Quarterly SHRAB meeting, Idaho City – Rod (13)
- ◇ “What’s a Historian?” for Meridian Middle School – Amber (80)
- ◇ Preserving family history collections workshop, at IHC – Kathy, Carolyn, Linda (7)
- ◇ Oral history presentation for Eagle High School History Club, Eagle – Ellen (60)
- ◇ Oral history “readers’ theater” for Museum Comes to Life – Ellen, 7 Eagle High School students (250)
- ◇ Teacher’s Night Out, Zoo Boise – Kathy, Linda (300+)
- ◇ Creative Writing workshop, at IHC – Steve B. (7)
- ◇ Assisted 877 on-site visitors, responded to 3,040 off-site queries (graph attached)¹ and participated in 13 off-site outreach activities with an attendance of 952 individuals (details listed above)
- ◇ Benefited from 1,276 hours of volunteer/intern assistance

Plans for Next Quarter

ISHS Goal/Training (SBOE Goal/Quality, Efficiency):

ISHS Goal/Funding and Organizational Development (SBOE Goal/Relevancy):

ISHS Goal/Communication (SBOE Goal/Efficiency)

Goal/Customer Service (SBOE Goal/Quality, Access, Relevancy, Efficiency):

- ◇ October – Documentary Heritage Month
 - oral history presentation for Idaho Library Association, Idaho Falls – Kathy
 - “Researching the CCC in Idaho” – Linda
 - “Boise Parades” – Amber
 - Pioneer Cemetery tour, Boise – Amy, Ellen
- ◇ November 3-4 – NWDA Steering Team bi-annual meeting, Seattle - Linda
- ◇ December 4 – Rachel and Linda will participate in First Thursday book signing at the Historical Museum
- ◇ December 12 (tentative) – PARL will host Gary Eller, author of *Early Songs of Southern Idaho*
- ◇ May 12, 2009 – “CCC in Idaho” for Brown Bag Lecture series - Linda
- ◇ June 3-5, 2009 – PARL will host the AASLH workshop, “Digitization and Museums”
- ◇ October 15, 2009 – “Kitty Wilkins” presentation by Phil Homan

Other Items of Note:

- ✓ Steve Walker resigned his position as State Archivist, effective September 19th.
- ✓ Rod House was named Acting State Archivist.
- ✓ Summer/fall semester interns, all from BSU, are: Carissa Black, Ash Whitwell, Willford King, Heidi Boyd, Brian LaWatch, Carolina Valdarrama, Scott Garrigus and Scott Van Dusen

¹ These figures do not include any reference activities conducted by Steve Walker prior to his departure on September 19th.