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## MEETING TIME / PLACE

General Meeting Times  
Second Monday of the month  
(No meeting in Jul. Aug. or Dec.)  
6:30 PM Social  
7:00 PM Meeting/Program  
Gateway Technical College  
3520 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Madrigano Auditorium

## NEXT PROGRAM

Monday Mar 12, 2012  
It will be in the Madrigano  
Auditorium at Gateway  
Tom Mroz will be speaking  
on Family Tree Maker.

## Welcome to our new members:

Glenda Bergerson, Bonnie Bolster, Maureen Brady, Donna Burchfield, Ann Day, Michael Dennger, Richard & Paula Gallo, Betty Howen, Lynne Jossart, Dawn Jurgens, Gerry Lachman Brenda Lambert-Miller, Kristy Lawrence, Kathy Lill-Bonner, Sharon Madsen, Georgia Nelson, Gladys Shaw, Mary Steiner, Juanita Stolfo, Christine White

For anyone who does not have access to the internet get on our phone tree list to be contacted about important information or if a card needs to be sent: Please call Claudia Schiller at 262-654-4552

## Spreading sunshine to members:



- ☞ Judy Uelmen for eye surgery
- ☞ Joyce March who is still recovering.  
Cards can be sent to:  
Joyce March c/o St Francis Terrace  
Room 112-1  
3200 S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
Milwaukee WI 53215-4442



## Western Sites:

Arizona [www.genealogy.az.gov](http://www.genealogy.az.gov)  
Colorado Historic  
Newspapers [www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org](http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org)  
Colorado Plateau Digital Archives  
[www.nau.edu/~cline/speccoll](http://www.nau.edu/~cline/speccoll)  
Denver Public Library [www.history.denverlibrary.org](http://www.history.denverlibrary.org)  
Mountain Men and the Fur Trade [www.mtmen.org](http://www.mtmen.org)

## DUES

A change in our by-laws was approved at the June meeting, aligning the dues year with our fiscal year which starts September 1st. Annual dues remain at \$10.00 but come due in September. If not paid by October 31st then a late charge of \$2.00 will be assessed. Dues for new members joining later in the year will be pro-rated.



## What's available at KPL for us genealogy enthusiasts?

According to Patty Bajabir, reference librarian from Kenosha Public Library, there is an assortment of different sources that can be used by us genealogy enthusiasts at the library. One such source that can be used is the Kenosha News all the way back to its beginning in 1855 which is on micro film only. It is not subjected to indexing though. They also have a folder called "Kenosha Clippings" which are various articles about Kenosha such as biographies, cultural events, school news, and more local historical events. This is not cataloged and you must ask at the Reference Desk for it. Inter-Library Loan is also available and can be used when KPL doesn't have that book you are looking for.

Kenosha County Library System consists of Kenosha Public Library which has 4 library buildings here in Kenosha plus 1 bookmobile, and 3 Community Library agencies in Salem, Twin Lakes, and Silver Lake.

Telephone numbers for the KPL are listed by service rather than building. All calls are picked up at the Southwest Library, the largest agency and main reference center also the center of Youth Services and Circulation Services. We Share the same Katalog, delivery between the libraries occurs Mon.-Sat.—pickup at most convenient location.

Cards: residents of Kenosha Co., Lakeshores Library System – reciprocal borrowing agreement (proof of residency, preferably a photo ID + Lakeshores card) allows these patrons to obtain a KPL card free of charge. Machine-generated Password or PIN can be assigned to the card. Gives access to library computers or Wi-Fi network (2 hours on a sit-down networked computer; all day access while library is open with the Wi-Fi network). You can also monitor your own account and place your own holds with a PIN. Password can be changed by you, the cardholder, once you get into your library account. Guest cards for non-Kenosha County residents: \$1 per day. Same as above

Express (stand-up) workstations for quick transactions (15-20 min. per session before shutdown) Same offerings as the sit-down computers

Interlibrary Loan Service - definition (avg. 2-6 weeks) Currently ONLY Kenosha County residents with a library card. Lakeshores patrons can utilize the service through one of their own library agencies.

2 Photocopiers at the Southwest Branch are 15 cents a page 2 Microfilm reader/printers 15 cents a page for letter-size prints; 25 cents a page for ledger-size sheets from one of the machines

Newspapers: A Kenosha and Kenosha County newspaper on microfilm at the Southwest Branch Wisconsin and Wisconsin federal Census information is also available on microfilm at the Southwest Branch.

Kenosha News Online Archives

Browsing: Genealogy in general--929, 929.1, 929.2, 929.3, Online genealogy--025.0692, Wisconsin history--977.5, more recent books on Kenosha history—977.598.

Topics are scattered in the collection depending on the primary subject emphasis.

There are three different categories we might use:

**Genealogy Reference** – general books on genealogy, of which some have been donated by the KCGS and other ones donated by the DAR. They're related to Family Histories of Kenosha residents or Wisconsin History

**Kenosha Reference** – contains books just about Kenosha and its history plus some government documents, annual reports, and biographies of local individuals such as Orson Wells, company histories (e.g. Peter Pirsch, Simmons).

**General Reference** – This Reference collection might be of some interest to us genealogy enthusiasts too. This is where you would find books such as "Finding Bounty Land" or "Mastering On-Line Genealogy" or "Unpuzzling Your Past". Prairie Farmers Directory of Kenosha and Racine Counties from 1919 or "A Guide to Oral Family History", even the "Citizen Survey of Rural Kenosha and Racine Counties" from 1931 or how about

“How to clean up those old photographs”. In addition they have copies of the high schools year books. These are treated like gold and kept under lock and key. You must ask for them at the reference desk.

A few items of interest when you go searching the Katalog online are:

**Kenosha City Directories** from 1858–1859, 1861, 1876, and 1899 to the present with some gaps

**Telephone Directories** from 1926 to the present

Large over-size **Centennial Edition of the Kenosha News** from June, 1935 in reference has laminated pages which has also been INDEXED

Read All About It: **100 Years of the Kenosha News** (5 parts bound together)

**Histories of Kenosha and Racine Counties** in Wisconsin 1879

**Plat Books** which gives ownership of rural property. Also own 1908 and 1924 plat books of Kenosha and Racine Counties and a 1931 plat book of Kenosha County. More recent plat books exist in the library system. Use “Real Property” as subject keywords

**Sanborn Map** from 1918 which is not cataloged

The history of many surrounding townships such as Bristol, Pleasant Prairie, Somers, etc.

Two guides to **former street and avenue names** between the 1926 and 1927 city directories

Keep in mind that Kenosha changed from Named Streets to Streets and Avenues in the 1920’s.

In addition **Periodicals** are available to be check out, all except the current issue. Family Tree & American Spirit (by the DAR) and older periodicals which are kept in storage and you must requested either at the reference desk or if you go online do an *Advance Search* then do a *Subject Search*, then put in “genealogy” then “periodicals” You can also try searching by:

Subject: “Genealogy” then by: Court Records, Church Records, Registrar, Marriage Records, Cemeteries, Naturalization, or even by a time period; such as Revolutionary War or WWI you can even use BOOLEAN OPERATORS an “\*” with terms as long as there are 3 characters before or after the symbol. For example: General\* Mar\* in the author field would retrieve Mary, Martha, Marion, etc.

Patty said she forgot to mention one resource on the KPL Online Resources list which would be of interest to members: Access Newspaper Archive. It contains tens of millions of searchable newspaper pages dating back as far as the 1700s. Historical papers for Kenosha and Kenosha County are available, but the “Kenosha News” is not included. This database is also available to Wis. residents with library cards through the BadgerLink Web site ([www.badgerlink.net](http://www.badgerlink.net)).



Watch for future Newsletters that will have recommended reading from Patty

## HELP WANTED

**ACTIVITIES CHAIRPERSON:** Takes care of the planning for trips, as Kathy has resigned due to other commitments. Any volunteers please contact Tom Nielsen.

**REPORTER FOR A MONTH:** Looking for someone to help cover speakers at meeting when I am out sick and can't make the meetings. You will do a short write-up on the lecture for the night. Also write other articles if you want. If interested contact me at [p13mcmaster@yahoo.com](mailto:p13mcmaster@yahoo.com)



## GENEALOGY TIP OF THE DAY

by: Michael John Neill

### Look It Up!

If you don't know what it means, look it up. Misinterpreted terms can create even bigger brick walls for yourself and other researchers. And make certain you know key dates in local history for the locations where you are researching. When were counties formed, when were streets renumbered, when did the courthouse burn, etc.? Don't guess. Once in a while our lack of knowledge can aggravate the problem.

# O F F I C E R S

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<b>STATE</b>	<b>REGULAR ARMY NUMBER</b>	<b>DRAFTEE NUMBER</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>REGULAR ARMY NUMBER</b>	<b>DRAFTEE NUMBER</b>
Alabama	14	53	Alaska	19	50
Arizona	19	56	Arkansas	18	54
California	19	56	Colorado	17	55
Connecticut	11	51	Delaware	12	51
Florida	14	53	Georgia	14	56
Hawaii	10	50	Idaho	19	56
Illinois	16	55	Indiana	15	52
Iowa	17	55	Kansas	17	55
Kentucky	15	52	Louisiana	18	54
Maine	11	51	Maryland	13	52
Massachusetts	11	51	Michigan	16	55
Minnesota	17	55	Mississippi	14	52
Missouri	17	55	Montana	19	56
Nebraska	17	55	Nevada	17	55
New Hampshire	11	51	New Jersey	12	51
New Mexico	18	54	New York	12	51
North Carolina	14	53	North Dakota	17	55
Ohio	15	52	Oklahoma	18	54
Oregon	19	56	Panama	10	50
Pennsylvania	13	52	Puerto Rico	10	50
Rhode Island	11	51	South Carolina	14	53
South Dakota	17	55	Tennessee	14	53
Vermont	11	51	Utah	19	56
Virginia	13	52	Washington	19	56
West Virginia	15	52	Wisconsin	16	55
Wyoming	17	55			