Time and money are a researcher’s most precious commodities. Don’t waste valuable library time on ordinary collections and databases when you are sitting on a gold mine of unique resources! Maximize your experience at your local and destination libraries. This lecture will discuss:

A. How to use the library efficiently
   - How is your time best spent at the library?
   - Learn the lay of the land quickly

B. Preparing for a trip to the local genealogical library or a destination library
   1. Building your research tool/supply kit
      - Flash drive
      - Camera phone
      - Cash and credit card
      - Pertinent research
      - Backup plan
   2. Studying the library’s website, electronic catalog, and finding aids
      - What is available electronically (eBooks, databases, etc.)?
      - What is special/unique about this library’s collection?
      - What genealogical material is available in departments other than the Genealogy section?
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3. Developing a good research plan and research log
   - Getting organized
   - Making lists!
   - Requesting staff to pull material ahead of time
   - Staying focused on your research question
   - Allowing time to browse

THE MORE PREPARED YOU ARE
THE BETTER SOMEONE CAN ASSIST YOU

C. How to use the library's staff as the greatest resource

D. Learning the perks of the library
   1. Interlibrary Loan
   2. FamilySearch Loan program
   3. Privileges of a library membership
   4. Library cards
      a. Local free cards
      b. Fee cards
      c. Regional sharing programs
   5. Programming
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E. Online resources to supplement your library experience

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F. Getting the most from the library’s technology

G. Utilizing the library from a distance

- Library Research Services – mail reference request
- Local Society Volunteers
- Association of Professional Genealogists