



IFLA 2016 GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY PRECONFERENCE AUGUST 10-11, 2016 FORT WAYNE, INDIANA - USA



Awesome Resources—Genealogy and Local History Services Worldwide in the 21st Century

This preconference will feature presentations and discussions on technologies and strategies for finding, saving and presenting records, family histories and living memory in the twenty-first century and how these resources are made available worldwide. Come for one day of interactive presentations and stay for the second day of unconference sessions and tours if your schedule permits.

International organizations will discuss their current efforts, technologies, and resources; state and regional organizations will demonstrate successful projects; and a second group of offerings will highlight the importance of story and interviewing techniques for preserving life stories. A theme woven through this preconference is recognizing and building virtual information networks to both preserve and present records, stories, and living memory.



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Free IFLA Genealogy & Local History 2016 Preconference

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

8A—Registration and Networking.

8:45A—Welcome

21st Century Information Preservation, Presentation, and Network

9:00A to 10:00A—*FamilySearch Resources for You and Your Library* - David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FUGA, FIGRS
FamilySearch (FamilySearch.org) provides billions of records and a specialized FamilySearch Wiki that assists reference librarians address family history research questions worldwide. Learn the breadth and depth of the resources available to librarians and how you can add your knowledge content to the world's largest reference database.

10:15A to 11:15A—*The 21st Century Alexandrian Library: Why What We are Building Together is So Important for Information & Preservation* - Kelly Ransom, Director of the Internet Archive's Books Group
Internet Archive (Archive.org), founded by Brewster Kahle, has an expansive digitization program. Learn about Internet Archive's digitizing and preservation strategies and why it is critical for individuals and organizations worldwide to participate. Legacy initiatives will be described as well as new endeavors.

11:30A to 12:30P—*Building for the 21st Century: The Indiana Archives* - Jim Corridan, Indiana State Archivist
Planning and building a twenty-first century state archives requires working successfully with a number of governmental agencies, citizen groups, and educational organizations while focusing on best practices for archiving and accessing textual as well as digital records. Best practices and proven strategies will be discussed.

12:30P to 1:30P—Lunch. The attendees are on their own for lunch, choosing from area restaurants. It is a chance to mingle and network with participants.

1:45P to 2:45P—*Building and Sustaining a Statewide Digital Resource: Seeking Michigan* - Kris Rzepczynski, Senior Reference Archivist
Looking at Seeking Michigan (www.seekingmichigan.org) as an example, this program will explore how to construct, develop, and maintain a digital archive, as well as collection prioritization, evaluation of researchers' expectations, and collaboration.

The Power of Story & the Importance of Preserving Living Memory

3:00P to 4:00P—*Storytelling as a Way of Preserving Living Memory* - Julia Meek, a radio host, graphic artist, and community volunteer, who has contributed to NIPR both on- and off-air for over thirty years. She is currently co-producer and host of Folktales, co-coordinator and host of "Meet the Music." Presentation will focus on how to best work with diverse individuals to encourage storytelling as a means of preserving living memory. Some consideration will be given to why such activities are important.

4:15P to 5:15P—*Best Practices in Recording Oral History* - Presenter: Panel of experienced interviewers
Description: Presentation will focus on establishing the major components of an oral history program, e.g. participants, questions & script, equipment, preservation, and presentation.

5:30P to 7P—Dinner. The attendees are on their own for dinner.

7:15P to 8:15P—*In-the-Round Discussion of the Great Opportunities & Critical challenges Facing Archives of Local and Family History and How to Better Build Virtual Information Networks*

Thursday, August 11, 2016

Unconference Day—The specific topics discussed will be driven by the attendees and what they (1) identified on Wednesday as areas of interest or areas needing further exploration, and (2) contemporary "hot topics" and/or topics suggested by presenters and discussion starters. Propose topics for the unconference.

9A to 9:30A—Reviewing Wednesday sessions to determine unconference sessions.

9:30A to 10:15A—Unconference Session One

10:30A to 11:15A—Unconference Session Two

11:30A to 12:15P—Unconference Session Three and/or Tour of the scanning operations at the Allen County Public Library run by FamilySearch and Internet Archive

12:15P to 1:30P—Lunch. The attendees are on their own for lunch.

1:30P to 2:15P—Action items, take-aways, and wrap-up.

2:30P to 3:15P—Tour of the Special Collections Division of the Allen County Public Library. End of preconference.

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