

## Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

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### July 2021 President's Letter

To WAGS members near and far . . .

It's summer, alrighty! As I write this we are at the zenith of a record-breaking heat wave here in North Central Washington. My family is having a reunion in Wenatchee the week of July 4—our people will be coming from California, North Carolina, Idaho, and maybe Pennsylvania. It was supposed to take place last year, but we all know why that didn't happen . . .

WAGS has completed its second virtual election! At the June 14 meeting, we installed the list of officers below. Thanks to all who served last year—we got a lot done, and even managed to have some fun in the process. Special thanks to Lisa Vollrath and Pat Thomas for joining the board this year. I'm looking forward to working with all of you to continue to build on WAGS' awesome foundation.

#### **2021 WAGS Board:**

President **Susan Rumble**

Vice President **Vacant**

Recording Secretary **Lisa Vollrath**

Corresponding Secretary **Patty Ostendorff**

Treasurer **Shirley Acheson**

Head Librarian **Pat Thomas**

Members at-Large **Kristy McGregor**

**Diane Gundersen**

**Hank Lubean**



**Our next Board meeting via Zoom: Wednesday, July 14 at 9:30 a.m.**

To get on the list for the link, email [Library@wags-web.org](mailto:Library@wags-web.org).



### **July Zoom membership meeting . . .**

Join us on Monday, July 12 at 2:00 p.m. to learn from WAGS member Kay Daling. Her presentation is **“From Curious to Published: One Genealogist's Journey.”** Kay became curious about genealogy when she learned that some of her ancestors had come to America in 1633. She honed her research skills, and eventually focused on the Dalings

and Slacks, pioneering Waterville families. She published “The Daling Family Story” in 2014, and “The Slack Family: From Ireland to Ontario, Canada to Washington Territory” in 2020. Kay will share her genealogical journey, which included two trips to the Family History Library in Salt Lake; a visit to the National Archives; and of course much sleuthing in WAGS' collection of local resources. She self-published her books with Amazon's Kindle Direct Publishing (KDP) on-demand printing.

**Monday, July 12 2:00 p.m. via Zoom**

***“From Curious to Published: One Genealogist's Journey”***

with Kay Daling

*(Click on News & Events at [wags-web.org](http://wags-web.org) for Zoom information.)*



### **A fresh coat of paint . . .**

We're taking the plunge, and have contracted with the City to paint the library! Work will start on July 6, so the library will be closed from then until further notice—we're expecting the job to take about two weeks, but we will keep you posted. Among other things, they'll be patching up those huge, ugly holes where old duct-work used to be. The library will have a fresh, new look when they are done!

### **A message from Head Librarian Pat Thomas . . .**

The WAGS Library is such an important resource for our community! I appreciate the trust you have put in me to continue updating and arranging our library.

I'm setting goals for the 184 days remaining in this year. I want to transform the goals into plans, and turn the plans into action items. Right now, that looks like continuing to update the library, and sorting and organizing things as we move them around to accommodate our painters. When the painting is finished, we will need your help putting everything back in place.

I want to take a moment to thank my predecessor, Diane Gundersen, for all her work

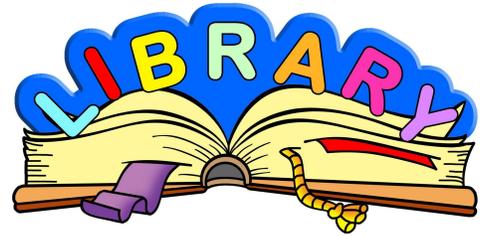


in analyzing our space. Her husband Steve helped with the redesign, and also built the shelving and expanded the workspace in Fred's Room, not to mention adding some brawn in moving desks and other furniture. Thank you, Steve and Diane!

I will be updating you each month via the President's Letter, giving you the plan for each month and our progress in meeting those goals. Thank you for being a member of WAGS. I welcome your comments and ideas, and of course, your offers of help! Please contact me at [wagslibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:wagslibrarian@gmail.com). —Pat Thomas, Head Librarian

### **One hundred and one reasons to visit the library . . .**

Well, maybe not quite that many, but things that you really MUST SEE after the painting project is done are starting to accumulate. First, come in and admire the new paint job! Then you'll want to browse the **Chadbourne Files**, just to see what's been hidden



there for so many years. After that, you can peruse the **New-on-the-Shelf** section:

*Surprising Gift: The Story of Holden Village, Church Renewal Center*  
*The Region of the Upper Columbia River and How I Saw It*  
*Pioneers of the Columbia: Early History of Southwest Stevens County, WA*  
*Wenatchee High School History 1900-1930*  
*Cashmere, Images of America*  
*Roster and Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of the Rebellion 1861-1866*  
*Reflections of Oregon Pioneer Families*  
*1965 Central Washington University HYAKEM Yearbook*

And then, if you still have some energy and curiosity left, find out what's new in the **Member Checkout** department, and choose something to take home:

*Boom Towns and Relic Hunters of NE Washington*  
*We Left Because the Creek Went Dry: The People of the First Creek District, Lake Chelan, Washington 1888-1932*  
*Pioneers of the Columbia*  
*Pine Creek Pilgrimage: 100 Years of History*  
*Washington Ghost Towns*  
*Snoqualmie Pass: From Indian Trail to Interstate*  
*The Diaries of Betty Cora Johnson and the Diary of Lewis Hamilton Titchenal 1885-1898*

Plan to pay the WAGS Library a visit—we'll be putting together a Grand Opening after the dust settles and the paint is dry.

*Welcome*

to our newest member, Nancy Whatmore of Bellevue. We're glad you have joined us, and wish you hours of successful research.



Enjoy your 4th of July celebration,  
and find a way to stay cool!

Sincerely,  
Susan Rumble, WAGS President