



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

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August 2021 President's Letter

To WAGS members near and far . . .

August is “wishful thinking” month—wishing and hoping that the hot weather is almost over! I hope you've been able to enjoy family gatherings and travels.

Let's add a new word (well, a new meaning) to our vocabulary! **Hybrid** now refers to a meeting that's offered both in-person and via Zoom. With the Covid restrictions lifting, we'll start doing our various meetings this way—you get to choose which is best for you. I've seen it described as *one event with two experiences!*

August membership meeting

We've invited Regional Branch Archivist Brigid Clift to share her screen with us and bring us up to date on all that's been going on at the State Archives in Ellensburg. They have a project going on with Ancestry that we'll want to hear about, as well as their digital archiving efforts. And she'll see to it that you know about their volunteer-from-home program



Brigid Clift

This will be a **hybrid** meeting, which means those who are comfortable meeting in person can join us at the Douglas PUD Auditorium, just like old times. And if you'd rather keep on Zooming, you can be present that way as well.

Monday, August 9 at 2:00 p.m.

What Research Treasures are at the Central Regional Branch Archives?

In-person: Douglas PUD Auditorium, 1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83061998852?pwd=WnJMNjlwa2pzR0NlT1NOQ1Vsd291dz09>

Meeting ID: 830 6199 8852 Passcode: WAGSAugust



A brilliant sunrise

Hybrid Board meeting at the WAGS Library and via Zoom: Wednesday, August 11 at 9:30 a.m. We'll get through the routine stuff as quickly as we can, and then devote our attention to strategic planning. We'll consider the changes that Covid has wrought, and look ahead to what we can do to maximize the impact of our new

website and refurbished library. If planning is in your wheelhouse, or if you're simply curious, please join us! Here is the Zoom information:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84421724849?pwd=b3VYOVcya1ptT3ltRS9lbXEzekNwUT09>

Meeting ID: 844 2172 4849 Passcode: WAGSBoard

It's gorgeous!

The WAGS Library is sparkling with a new coat of paint and expert repairs. The fellows from the City did a fantastic job—there's no longer a trace of those huge holes in the walls! We've moved and replaced some furniture, and some of the books have migrated to new shelves where they will be more accessible. This is still a work in progress, but the space is bright and inviting—a welcoming place you'll love to visit.

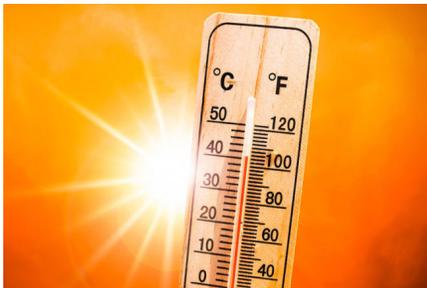
Thanks to Diane Gundersen and Pat Thomas—the masterminds of the remodel. Pat supervised all the moving around to accommodate the painters, and Kris McGregor and her sister Susan; Phyllis Barnett, husband Dan and their friend; and Hazel Thornton and Susan Rumble were willing workers. Thanks to all!

Please stop by—I will be at the library from 1:00 to 4:00 on Thursday, August 5 and would be excited to give you a tour. Otherwise, the library will now be open on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 4:00, and on Saturdays by appointment.

Librarian/volunteer Zoom meetings are scheduled on fourth Thursdays of each month at 10:00 a.m.

One of the things we miss most is our classes. We're looking at ways to bring these back and will keep you posted . . .

Pat Thomas, Head Librarian



You know what to do—stay cool!

Sincerely,
Susan Rumble, WAGS President