



## Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society (WAGS)

*Finding ancestors since 1971 . . .*

### President's Letter

October 2021

#### **October Membership Meeting . . . Fred would approve!**



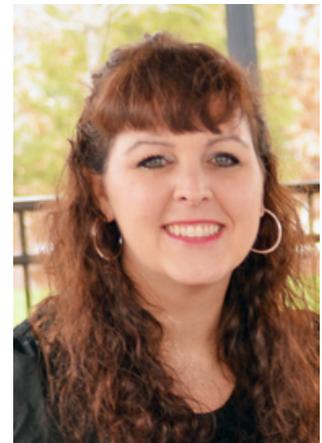
*Fred Pflugrath*

Fred Pflugrath was always singing the praises of the Library of Congress' digital newspaper site, *Chronicling America*. It was one of his best resources. So this month's program, **Chronicling America: A Newspaper Site for Everyone** will honor Fred's memory.

I need to confess that *Chronicling America* has not been my go-to site—I was never able to find that much there for my research. So I knew it was time to find a speaker who could give hints and strategies to up my game. We will welcome a new friend, Dana Palmer, from the Cincinnati area. She will

give us four ways to search the collection; plus key word strategies; using hyphens as a search aid; German language considerations; and how to use the U.S. Newspaper Directory on the site when all else fails. Maybe there's hope for even me!

This meeting will take place on the second Monday—October 11, at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.



*Dana Palmer*

#### **Chronicling America: A Newspaper Site for Everyone**

Monday, October 11 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom

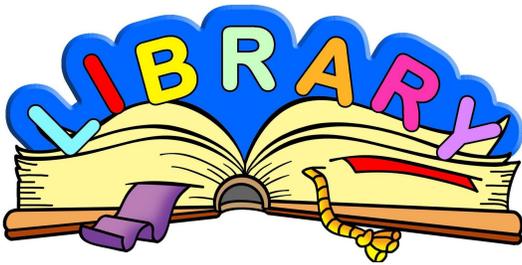
#### **How your new WAGS website can help you . . .**

Imagine that you are streaking around the bases, and slide into Home with just two minutes to spare until the big WAGS meeting. But then, *Oh no—where IS that email with the Zoom information??!* I'll never find it in time. *Wags-web.org* to the rescue!

1. Take a deep breath.
2. Go to [www.wags-web.org](http://www.wags-web.org) (you don't even need to sign in)
3. Click on "Latest News and Events" on the right side
4. There you'll find the meeting notice and the Zoom information

## **Looking Back & Looking Ahead—our 2021 “No Work” Fundraiser**

In celebration of our 50th year, even the Fundraiser is getting in on the action! And we're off to a good start. Treasurer Shirley will have a report for you at the October 11 meeting. For these fifty years, we've been about helping each other learn about our family stories, growing our skill sets, and leaving a legacy to those who come after us. **Help us set the stage for the next fifty years** by contributing to our fundraiser if you haven't already.



### **October at the WAGS Library**

October is my favorite fall month, with comfortably warm, sunny days and cool nights. Nature is getting ready for the long winter ahead.

Your library is continuing to prepare for change as well. Bringing the library up to date is quite a lengthy process—we've been at it since July of 2019!

We need some help with our filing system; and cleaning up and organizing some cabinets and a desk. These tasks are not difficult and can be broken into sections so as not to be too time-consuming. **I am looking for a few good volunteers, willing to give a little of their time!**

Thank you,  
Pat Thomas, Head Librarian  
(email me at [mitsvote@yahoo.com](mailto:mitsvote@yahoo.com))

# *Welcome*

### **Two new members . . .**

A special WAGS welcome goes out to Donna Wynne of Cashmere, and Barbara J. Ferguson of Trabuco Canyon, California. We wish you productive research at WAGS!

Happy Fall!  
Susan Rumble,  
WAGS President