

PastPorts

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OF NOTE

Special Collections Department workshops begin June 27

The Special Collections Department staff will begin offering workshops to help patrons sharpen their research skills and knowledge of sources. Each two-hour workshop will be offered on a Saturday and repeated on a weekday evening. While some workshops will offer an introduction to the Department and teach basic research skills, others will feature more advanced topics. Each workshop will feature a combination of lecture/presentation and hands-on activities. Details of workshops planned to date are below.

Pre-registration required

Each workshop is free and open to the public but space is limited. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. To register for a workshop or for more information, call the Special Collections Department at 314-994-3300, ext. 208. Please note that each workshop will be offered on two dates.

Workshop topics and dates

Genealogical Research: Getting the Most out of the Special Collections Department

- **Saturday, June 27, 9:30 – 11:30 am, Headquarters Auditorium**
- **Thursday, July 16, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Headquarters Auditorium**

This introductory course will have three main emphases:

- An overview of genealogical research, including how to get started, citing sources and organizing research findings.
- Basic library skills, including a discussion of the Dewey Decimal system, the online library catalog, resource formats (print, microform and electronic), and collection guides and finding aids
- An overview of resources available in the Special Collections Department.

This workshop is appropriate for beginning researcher and who have little or no previous experience. Registration is limited to 18 participants per session.

For Land's Sake! Learning How to Read and Write Township and Range Land Descriptions

- **Saturday, July 25, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, Headquarters Auditorium**
- **Wednesday, July 29, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Headquarters East Room**

NEWS AND TIPS FROM THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

PastPorts is a monthly publication of the Special Collections Department located on Tier 5 at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters, 1640 S. Lindbergh in St. Louis County, across the street from Plaza Frontenac.

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Regularly scheduled tours of the Special Collections Department are conducted on the first Wednesday and third Saturday of the month at 10:30 am. No advance registration is required. Group tours are gladly arranged with advance notice. Please call the Special Collections Department at 314-994-3300, ext. 208 for scheduling information.

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The ability to read and understand land descriptions is essential for unlocking important information found in deeds, probate files, and court case documents in states using township and range property descriptions.

Participants will learn:

- How to plat property on a township grid
- How to write a land description from a plat map image

States using township and range descriptions east of the Mississippi River are Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio, and Wisconsin. All states west of the Mississippi except Texas and Hawaii use the system.

Besides the presentation and hands-on activities, the class will include a brief tour of the Special Collections Department to familiarize students with specialized resources needed for land research.

This workshop is designed for researchers who would like to advance their research skills. Knowledge of basic research skills and previous experience in doing genealogical or property research is recommended. Registration is limited to 12 participants per session.

Ancestral Timelines: Records for Researching Your Family History

■ **Saturday, August 22, 9:30 – 11:30 am,**
Headquarters Auditorium

■ **Wednesday, August 26, 6:30 – 8:30 pm,**
Headquarters Auditorium

Researchers who are just beginning their genealogical research or wanting a refresher will find this workshop useful. The presenter will offer an overview of basic records used in genealogical research, including birth, marriage, death, immigration and naturalization, census, city directories and newspapers. The session will include lively discussion and hands-on activities. Participants should compile and bring with them existing genealogical information or documentation (please do not bring valuable originals).

This workshop is appropriate for beginning researchers who have little or no previous experience. Registration is limited to 20 participants.

Footnote.com now available at the St. Louis County Library

The Special Collections Department is pleased to announce the addition of Footnote.com to the library's collection of electronic resources. The database is now available for use for free in the Department and at any St. Louis County Library branch. Footnote.com offers access to many primary sources, including documents from the National Archives. Available databases include military pension files, the 1860 and 1930 censuses, historical newspapers, city directories, photos, vital records and much more.

St. Louis specific resources are easy to access on Footnote.com. For St. Louis city directories, click the "Browse All" button on the front page. From the list, choose "News and Town Records," then "City Directories." Select "Missouri" and then "St. Louis." This collection includes newspapers as well. Users can see what databases are available for any state by clicking on the "Site Map" button on the bottom right-hand corner of any page, scrolling to the bottom of the page, and selecting a state.

Users can search Footnote.com at home for free, but downloading and printing the document requires a subscription or payment. Here's a tip: search at home, and then come to the library to print out your finds. Letter-size prints are just 10 cents each. 11" x 17"-size prints (available only in the Special Collections Department) are 20 cents each.

For your information

- **St. Louis County Library homepage**

www.slcl.org

- **Special Collections Department homepage**

www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/

- **St. Louis County Library online catalog**

webpac.slcl.org

- **St. Louis County Library event calendar**

host7.evanced.info/stlouis/evanced/eventcalendar.asp

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St. Louis County Coroner's records now on microfilm

Researchers can now view St. Louis County Coroner's records on microfilm in the Special Collections Department. Records cover all cases investigated by the coroner's office, 1940 – 1990 and include complete documentation for each case, including death certificates. An index is included with the film set. The microfilm is located in Drawer 7.

New technology brings improved service for library patrons

The St. Louis County Library is adopting new technology to provide better customer service and upgrade its electronic systems.

Electronic newsletter signup and subscription management now online

St. Louis County Library patrons can now sign up for *PastPorts* and other library electronic newsletters and manage their subscriptions online. **Note: current subscribers do not need to re-subscribe. If you've already signed up to receive the newsletter, your subscription is still active.**

To sign up for a newsletter, go to the library home page <<http://www.slcl.org>> and look for "Sign up for E-News" at the top right of the screen. Enter your email address in the blank provided and click "Go." Fill out the information on the resulting page, choose the newsletters you would like to subscribe to, click "Save profile changes," and you are set. You will receive an email confirmation. To change your email address or unsubscribe from a newsletter, enter your email address in the blank as described above. After confirming your email address, you will receive instructions for changing your preferences via email.

New call center debuts on July 1

The St. Louis County Library's new call center is gearing up to go live in July. Currently, headquarters and branches receive calls from patrons and field questions about

programs, services, or patron accounts. Beginning July 1, calls will go directly to the call center, whose staff will answer questions and transfer patrons to the appropriate branch or department if necessary. The call center will also take registrations for Special Collections Department classes and other library-sponsored classes and programs. The Special Collections Staff will continue to answer inquiries and reference questions by phone. To contact the Department, ask the call center operator to transfer you.

Library implements new online event calendar

An improved online events calendar has been implemented on the St. Louis County Library website. The improved calendar provides more powerful search capabilities, making it easy to find upcoming library events. On the library's home page <<http://www.slcl.org>>, click on "Events" in the list of links at the top of the page. The resulting page provides a listing of library events for that day. Current and future events can be searched by date, event type, or age group using the search boxes on the left side of the page. Checking only the box next to "Genealogy Programs" under "Event Types" will limit the search to genealogical events sponsored by or related to the Special Collections Department.

Researching the French along the Mississippi River in Missouri and Illinois

BOOK CHAT Until the early 19th century, the French controlled a vast territory ranging from Québec in the north to New Orleans in the south. In the central part of what is now the United States, the Mississippi River Valley contained many French settlements. Among those along the Mississippi River in Missouri are St. Louis and Ste. Geneviève, and in Illinois Cahokia, Kaskaskia and Fort de Chartres. The Special Collections Department has many excellent resources for researching in these areas.

For a general overview of the French in the Midwest, read Balesi's *The Time of the French in the Heart of North America, 1673-1818* or Rozier's *History of the Early Settlement of the Mississippi Valley*.

For baptisms, marriages and burials from French colonial-era forts and other settlements, (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

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see Faribault-Beauregard's *La population des forts français d'Amérique (XVIIIe siècle)* [The Population of the French Forts of America (18th century)]. Cahokia baptisms, marriages and burials for 1735-1839, and names from the Cahokia censuses of 1735, 1752, and 1787 are in Vol. 1. Kaskaskia baptisms, 1695-1799; marriages, 1723-1798; burials, 1720-1834; and the Kaskaskia census returns for 1752 and 1787 are in Vol. 2. Also in the second volume are the records for Fort de Chartres: baptisms, 1721-1755; marriages, 1721-1765; and burials, 1721-1765, as well as the Fort de Chartres census of 1752.

The Kaskaskia Manuscripts—early eighteenth- and nineteenth-century civil records covering a large area of Southern Illinois just below St. Louis—are available on fourteen microfilm rolls shelved in Microfilm Drawer 97 in the Special Collections Department. Marriage contracts, wills, inventories, deeds, depositions, labor contracts and leases are all typical documents found among the manuscripts. A finding aid is located on the finding aid counter in the Special Collections Department. The records are in French, but with the name index on Roll 1 and a good French-English dictionary, it is not difficult to use them. Researchers will also find John Francis McDermott's *A Glossary of Mississippi Valley French, 1673 – 1850* helpful for deciphering these records.

On roll C-2899 of the microfilm set, *Parish Registers of French North America*, Microfilm Drawer 97, are copies of the original parish registers for the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Kaskaskia (1695-1834) and Ste-Anne in Fort de Chartres (1721-1796). Researchers should consult “How to Decipher Catholic Church Records Written in French,” available on the finding aid counter in the Special Collections Department.

On the Missouri side of the river, the Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis encompasses ten east-central Missouri counties as well as the city of St. Louis. The oldest parishes are French, with the records for Ste. Geneviève dating back to 1759 and for St. Louis to 1766. Microfilm for these and other archdiocesan parish records are available in the Special Collections Department in Microfilm Drawers 2-5. Consult the *Guide to St. Louis Catholic Archdiocesan Parish Records* for availability of dates for baptisms, marriages and burials. This guide is available on the Department's finding aids counter and is also available for purchase. The cost is \$17.50 for members of the Friends of

St. Louis County Library and \$22.50 for all others, plus shipping. More information about the book and ordering instructions are available on the [Special Collections Department website](http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/catholic/archparish.htm) <<http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/catholic/archparish.htm>>.

French colonial notarial records for St. Louis, 1771 – 1803 are similar to those found in the Kaskaskia Manuscripts, and are on microfilm shelved in Microfilm Drawer 103. This series is titled *St. Louis, Missouri, Deed Records*. Rolls 69-71 contain surname indexes. The original records in French or Spanish are on rolls SLD 1-3, with English translations on rolls SLD 4-10.

St. Louis was fortunate enough to have several French-language newspapers. Of those, parts of two survive: miscellaneous issues of *Le Patriote* from 1878, 1884, 1886 and 1887, and *La revue de l'ouest* for the year 1854. Name indexes for both are located on the Department's finding aids counter and [online](http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/revue.pdf) <<http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/revue.pdf>>. The microfilm rolls are shelved are on Tier 4 in drawer 15.

If you are researching the origin or meaning of your French given and/or surname, check Beaucarnot's *Les noms de famille et leurs secrets* [Family Names and Their Secrets] for surnames and his *Les prénoms et leurs secrets* [Given Names and Their Secrets] for given names.

For additional resources on the French in Missouri and Illinois, see the finding aid “Selected French North American Research Resources in Special Collections at St. Louis County Library Headquarters” on the finding aids counter in the Special Collections Department. See also the collection guide “Illinois Genealogy.” Copies are free and located near the Special Collections Department Reference Desk.

For those interested in French St. Louis records, Mike Everman, Supervising Archivist, Missouri State Archives-St. Louis, will speak on “French Cases, Documents, People and Events in St. Louis Court Cases” on Thurs., June 25, 7 pm in the Headquarters auditorium.

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WEB NEWS

■ [FamilySearch](http://familysearch.org) <<http://familysearch.org>> has added indexes of death records (some with images) for a variety of states, including many in the southeastern U.S. At the [FamilySearch](http://familysearch.org) home page, hover over “Search Records” at the top of the screen. A list of choices will appear. Click on “Record Search pilot.” On the next page, click on the U.S. map to see a list of available databases.

New on Ancestry Library Edition

Alabama State Census, 1820-1866: Each of these censuses recorded the names of the heads of households and the number of other household inhabitants according to gender and age. Some years also included race categories and distinguished between individuals who were free and slave. The counties included in each census vary from census year to census year, and not all counties are included in each census.

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SAVE THE DATE! SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT SPECIAL EVENTS

Special German genealogy event

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009

**9:30 am – Noon
(Doors open at 9 am)**

Headquarters Auditorium

**Presenter:
John T. Humphrey, CG**

■ Researching German Ancestors: “The Agony and the Ecstasy”

More Americans claim descent from German ancestors than from any group who emigrated from the British Isles. This introduction to German research explores obstacles like language and custom, and it looks at a variety of records kept by Germans both in the U.S. and Germany that will open the way to a rich source of research material.

■ Using Published Sources to Find German Ancestors

A variety of sources published in Germany are available in the United States that offer genealogists the opportunity to find information on ancestors who came from areas where information is limited.

John Humphrey is the current president of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society, and past vice president of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. He is also the former Director of the National Genealogical Society Learning Center in Arlington, Va. An award-winning author, Mr. Humphrey has published numerous books and articles.

The event is free and open to the public. No pre-registration is required

NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

The following is a selection of new items added to the collection. Additional items may have been received which are not listed here. The Department is grateful to the St. Louis Genealogical Society, the National Genealogical Society, Julius K. Hunter and Friends, and our patrons for their donations.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS [WEB PAGES](#)

■ Obituaries for 1887 have been added to “Westliche Post Obituary Index” <<http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/indexes/westliche/westliche-obit-index.htm>>

CDs

St. Louis Marriages, 1766-1880, CD #M79 .

PRINT RESOURCES

Call numbers follow each title. Complete bibliographic information for each item is available in the St. Louis County Library’s [online catalog](#). < <http://webpac.slcl.org>>.

■ Family Maps by Gregory A. Boyd

(Abbreviated title)

Washington County, Iowa R 977.7923 B789F

A surname index for Arphax Family Maps is available on the [Arphax website](#) <<http://www.arphax.com>>.

■ States and Counties

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Mount Palatine Memories, 1839-1989. 1989.
R 977.327 M928

Putnam County R 977.3375

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1986

History of Putnam County from its Earliest Settlement to the Year 1876. 1976.

History of Putnam and Marshall Counties, with Some Accounts of Bureau & Stark Counties. 2005.

The Village of McNabb, Illinois 1900-2000: An Historical Overview. 2000.

LOUISIANA

“Bishop Joseph Rosati, C.M., and the Diocese of New Orleans, 1824-1830” [Thesis]. 1960.
R 976.335 M978B

MISSISSIPPI

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Early Mississippi Records. 5 volumes 2001.
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Early Records of Neshoba County, Mississippi. 2003. R 976.2685 Y32E

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Land Records of Newton County, Mississippi, 1883. 2004. R 976.2672 H741L

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MISSOURI

St. Louis

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Index to St. Joseph, Shrine of Marriage Records, 1842-1853. 2007. R 977.866 D483S

"Reaction of the St. Louis Jewish Community to Anti-Semitism, 1933-1945." [Thesis] 1967. R 977.866 B788R

Rollin' on the River: The Story of the Admiral in St. Louis. 2009. R 387.2 H737R & circulating copies

"St. Louis and Cities West, 1820-1880: A Study in History and Geography." [Thesis] 1951. R 977.866 W453S

St. Louis Today. 1906. R 977.866 S145

"The Saint Louis Volunteer Fire Department, 1820-1850." [Thesis] 1966. R 977.866 L237S

Other Missouri titles

All Saints Parish, St. Peters, Missouri, 1823-1998: Remembering the Past, Embracing the Future. 1998. R 977.839 A416

"Excursion Steamboating on the Mississippi with Streckfus Steamers, Inc." [Thesis] 1968. R 386.30977 M612E

Fur Traders, Trappers, and Mountain Men of the Upper Missouri. 1995. R 978 F983

"The History of the Brick and Tile Industry in Missouri." [Thesis] 1950. R 977.8 R643H

"Nathaniel Patten, Jr., and the *Missouri Intelligencer* and *Boon's Lick Advertiser.*" [Thesis] 1961. R 977.8285 S435N

NORTH CAROLINA

Roaming around Oxford and Its Roots. 2008. [NGS] 975.6535 W749R

OHIO

The Correspondence of John Cleves Symmes: Founder of the Miami Purchase. 1926. [STLGS] R 977.177 S987C

Footprints of the Pioneers in the Ohio Valley: A Centennial Sketch. 1888. [STLGS] R 977.1 V447F

Franklin County R 977.156

Abstracted Wills, 1805-1831, 1982. Cemeteries. 11 volumes

Every Name Index to Court of Common Pleas Order Books. 2003.

Genealogical Index to Chancery Book volumes I, II, III, IV, 1823-1840, 1987.

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Other Ohio counties

History of Cincinnati, Ohio. 1881. [STLGS] R 977.178 F699H

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Ancestors of Edward Henry Fairchild and Maria Ball (Babbitt) Fairchild. 2008. [NGS] 929.2 F165S

Ancestors of Johan Philip. 2009. [NGS] 929.2 S817S

Ancestors of Rev. John Almanza Rowley Rogers, of His Wife, Elizabeth Lewis (Embree) Rogers, of His Brother-in-Law, Rev. James Scott Davis, and of His Uncle, Rev. Almon Bradley Pratt. 2008. [NGS] 929.2 R724S

Ancestors of Rev. John Gregg Fee, Matilda (Hamilton) Fee, and John Gregg Hanson. 2007. [NGS] 929.2 F295S

Ancestors of William Goodell Frost and Eleanor (Marsh) Frost. 2008. [NGS] 929.2 F939S

Ancestors of William James Hutchins and Francis Stephenson Hutchins. 2008. [NGS] 929.2 H974S

Ancestors of Willis Duke Weatherford II. 2008 [NGS] 929.2 W362S

Boudreau, Cowgill, Lesch, Schlieff Families. 2007 [NGS] 929.2 B756B

John Brooke (1638-1699) and Frances Morton of Hullock & Hagg, Yorkshire: and Sons James & Matthew Brooke of Limerick, Pennsylvania. 2009. [NGS] 929.2 B872F

John Thompson of Christian County, Kentucky, and Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, and his Descendants. 2007. [STLGS] R 929.2 T468D

Prall, McHugh, Faucett, Crail, and Allied Families. 2009. [NGS] 929.2 P898P

Preston and Susan Hutson Dulany, 1800-1993 : Tennessee, Illinois, and Beyond. 1993. [STLGS] R 929.2 D878H

■ Civil War

Confederate Casualties of the War for Southern Independence. 2008. R 973.742 W756C

■ Other new titles

Lay Down my Burdens: African American Cemetery Inscriptions (Union County, Arkansas) 2003. R 976.761 C592L

Antoine Saugrain (1763-1820): A French Scientist on the American Frontier. 1976. 610.92 D554S

The Dred Scott Case: Its Significance in American Law and Politics. 2001. R 342.73 F296D

The Earliest Volume of Staten Island Records, 1678-1813. 1942. R 974.726 E12

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Family Names of the Island of Newfoundland. 1998. R 971.8 S439F

Mountain Men and Fur Traders of the Far West: Eighteen Biographical Sketches. 1982. R 978 M928

WEB NEWS

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■ **Returns from U.S. Military Posts, 1800-1916:** This database contains information reported from U.S. Military Posts, including Jefferson Barracks. Reports listed the units stationed at each post, the strength of each unit, names and duties of the officers, number of officers present and absent, listing of official communications received, and a record of events. Information is offered only for officers, not for regular soldiers. The database is not searchable but can be browsed by the name of the military post.

■ **United States Obituary Collection:** This database features a searchable index to recent obituaries in U.S. newspapers around the county. From the Ancestry Library Edition homepage, under "More Collections," click on "All databases." The resulting page displays a search form. In the "Database title" blank, type "United States Obituary Collection." A page with a search form for the database will result. Search results include links to obituaries displayed on newspaper websites. The database does not cover all newspapers, and the *Post-Dispatch* seems to be absent. The database appears to go back at least five years and picks up obituaries published simultaneously in various locations. For recent obituaries, this database is not comprehensive, but it is a good place to start.

CALENDAR

A list of events taking place at the St. Louis County Library

Note: Dates for Special Collections Department classes are indicated by 📞. Please register for classes in advance of the date by calling 314-994-3300 and asking for the Reference Department. Once connected, tell the Reference Librarian you would like to register for a class.

All events are free and open to the public.

JUNE

Tuesday, June 9, 7 pm

Headquarters Auditorium

St. Louis Genealogical Society Meeting

Topic: "Planning and Organizing a Research Trip"

Speaker: Ilene Murray

📞 Wednesday, June 10, 2-4 pm

Headquarters Computer Lab

Special Collections Class:

History and Genealogy in Newspapers

📞 Tuesday, June 16, 6:30-8:30 pm

Headquarters Computer Lab

Special Collections Class:

Introduction to Genealogy Databases

📞 Wednesday, June 24, 9:30-11:30 am

Headquarters Computer Lab

Special Collections Class:

History and Genealogy in Newspapers

Thursday, June 25, 7-9 pm

Headquarters Auditorium

STLGS French Special Interest Group

Topic: French Cases, Documents, People and Events in St. Louis Court Records

Speaker: Mike Everman

📞 Saturday, June 27, 9:30-11:30 am

Headquarters Auditorium

Workshop—Genealogical Research: Getting the Most Out of the Special Collections Department

JULY

📞 Thursday, July 2, 1:30-3:30 pm

Headquarters Computer Lab

Special Collections Class: Introduction to Ancestry Database

📞 Wednesday, July 8, 9:30-11:30 am

Headquarters Computer Lab

Special Collections Class:

Introduction to Footnote and Heritage Quest

Wednesday, July 8, 7 pm

Headquarters Auditorium

STLGS German Special Interest Group

Topic: How to Correspond with Germany

Speaker: Panel

📞 Monday, July 13, 1:30-3:30 pm

Headquarters Computer Lab

Special Collections Class:

History and Genealogy in Newspapers

Tuesday, July 14, 7 pm

Headquarters Auditorium

St. Louis Genealogical Society Meeting

Topic: "NARA: National Archives and Records Administration in Washington D.C."

Speaker: Diane Walsh

📞 Thursday, July 16, 6:30-8:30 pm

Headquarters Auditorium

Workshop—Genealogical Research: Getting the Most Out of the Special Collections Department

CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 21, 1:30-3:30 pm
 Headquarters Computer Lab
 Special Collections Class: Introduction
 to Ancestry Database

Tuesday, July 28, 7-9 pm
 Headquarters Auditorium
 STLGS Irish Special Interest Group
 Topic: 10th Anniversary Celebration!
 Top Success Stories
 Speaker: Sandy Brunsmann Hughes

Saturday, July 25, 9:30-11:30 am
 Headquarters Auditorium
 Workshop—For Land’s Sake! Learning How to
 Read and Write Township and Range Land
 Descriptions

St. Louis County Library Summer Hours

Through September 8, 2009

Monday – Thursday
 9 am - 9 pm

Friday
 9 am – 5 pm

Saturday
 9 am – 5 pm

Sunday
 CLOSED

The library will be closed on Saturday,
 July 4 in observance of Independence
 Day and on Monday, September 7 for
 Labor Day. The fall/winter library schedule
 begins on September 8.

Thursday, July 30, 9:30-11:30 pm
 Headquarters Computer Lab
 Special Collections Class:
 Introduction to Footnote and Heritage Quest

Hear the authors

**St. Louis County Library author events of interest
 to local and family historians**

■ **Father William Barnaby Faherty**
Catholic St. Louis: A Pictorial History

Thursday, June 25, 2 pm
St. Louis County Library Headquarters Auditorium

Rich text and photography capture the people and
 places that have defined Catholicism in St. Louis.
 Father William Barnaby Faherty, S.J. delivers histori-
 cal sketches of the integral people and the landmark
 houses of worship, while photographer Mark Abeln
 captures nearly forty different area churches in majes-
 tic fashion. Books for signing will be available for pur-
 chase from Reedy Press.

■ **Patrick C. MacCullough**
The Campbell Quest

Monday, June 15, 7 pm
**St. Louis County Library Headquarters
 Authors’ Nook**

Patrick C. MacCulloch, a descendent of the famed
 Campbell family of St. Louis, draws on more than 200
 family letters and diaries to tell the enthralling saga of
 his Irish-American ancestors and the Campbell House
 legacy in St. Louis. Books for signing will be available
 for purchase from Missouri Historical Society Press.

Program sites are accessible. Upon two week’s notice, accommodations
 will be made for persons with disabilities. Call 314-994-3300.



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