



Lower Umpqua Library District (LULD) is continuing to expand its materials and services. The library will soon be offering classes in which interested patrons will be taught how to research their genealogy (family history). LULD has a short trial version of Ancestry Library Edition available (through April 18<sup>th</sup>) in order to assess the public's interest in this genealogical resource. If enough people use it then LULD may be able to provide access through a regular subscription. Additionally, the library has been acquiring books about genealogical research and related topics, which are available for borrowing.

In addition to traditional library materials such as books, magazines, and DVDs, the library now has trekking poles (walking sticks designed for hiking), umbrellas, compasses, and pedometers available for borrowing. The funds for these items were provided by a grant from Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU).

The library is in the process of developing a Pacific Northwest collection, which is primarily focused on books about or set-in the region. This section already comprises nearly 800 titles, with additional materials frequently being added. With grant funds provided by the Special District's Association of Oregon (SDAO), the library hired a college student as an intern to help organize the Pacific Northwest section.

Last year the Douglas County Circuit Court in Roseburg donated a microfilm reader to LULD and the library has since acquired older issues of the *News Review* and the *Oregonian* on microfilm through donations from Chemeketa Community College and Roseburg Public Library. The microfilm is still in the process of being organized, but LULD anticipates it being fully available to the public soon.

LULD is seeking to broaden the appeal of its collection by adding books from a variety of genres, so that people with many different interests can find what they want to read. If there is something that you would like to borrow that the library does not yet have in its collection, please let us know and we may be able to add it. Staff are very open to suggestions.

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