

**What's New for Genealogists & Local History Researchers
from Central Park Library**

SCCHGS Meeting at Central Park Library Cedar Room

Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

1. Books

- Best of new titles added in past year (books will be displayed, booklist will be prepared for SCCHGS handouts webpage)
- Explanation of ways new titles acquired (donations large & small, purchases by Library – GR books, purchases by Society – GS books, memorial books, suggestions for purchase welcome.

2. Research Databases: <http://library.santaclaraca.gov/research.html>

a. Ancestry Library Edition (new databases, features, still for In Library Use Only)

- Added to Search page, under Search Resources: 'Need help searching?'
- Browse by Location (clickable State map) versus the Card Catalog State name search
- Monitor recent and updated databases via link on Ancestry Library Edition homepage
- Five Civil War Collection databases added in February in honor of the Abraham Lincoln 200th Anniversary remembrances, for list of databases, see: <http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2009/02/12/ancestrycom-launches-five-new-civil-war-databases-in-celebration-of-lincolns-birthday/>
- ProQuest's Ancestry Library Edition 2008 brochure: www.proquest.com/assets/literature/products/databases/ALE.pdf

b. Historical San Jose Mercury News, 1886-1922 (Remote access for Library cardholders)

- Review of tabs and special search features (have developed handout for classes)
- Examples of local history information, obituaries, marriage notices, real estate transactions and Society column photographs found for researchers, a museum, an author and for Library files.

3. Santa Clara City Library Online Catalog, new web address:

<http://sccl.santaclaraca.gov/>

- Featured Lists (including Genealogy) new web address: <http://sccl.santaclaraca.gov/ftlist>
- Coming Soon!: **ENCORE** Catalog (more google-like in its search algorithm, will suggest spelling corrections, cloud subject tags on side, able to add community tags) Demonstration of version staff is working with.

4. Santa Clara City Library Homepage – Coming Soon!: major redesign (have sample of art work).