

Magnifying Machine

A magnifying machine is available in the library. It magnifies not only text but also objects. This device is useful when you wish to magnify very small type, or decode a small handwritten document or signature. Ask the volunteer or librarian to show you how it operates.

**SVGS Genealogy
Books are
REFERENCE only**



SVGS' books do not circulate. Please do not remove them from the library. The Burlington Library offers genealogy books in their separate interlibrary loan system. A Burlington, Anacortes or Mount Vernon Public Library card is needed.

Volunteers Are Available

SVGS volunteers are available to help you with your research questions. They will be pleased to orient you to the library's holdings, help you use operate the microfiche reader, offer some tips based on their own experience with researching their family histories, and suggest other community or library resources for you to investigate.

**SVGS
Volunteers
are available on
MONDAYS
11:00AM - 1:00PM**



Come Join Us!

We hope you enjoy your research at the SVGS genealogy library. We invite you to join us at our monthly genealogy society meetings for informative programs that will help you with your ongoing family research.

SKAGIT VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

meets on the
4th Tuesday of the Month
7:00-9:00 pm

at the
Burlington Senior Center
1011 Greenleaf St. • Burlington, WA

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*Skagit Valley
Genealogical Society
Library*

Welcome

The Skagit Valley Genealogy Society (SVGS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study, research and promotion of genealogy and family history. We hope you enjoy browsing the library's extensive holdings of books, magazines, periodicals, family histories, notes, and media materials.



Your Guide to the SVGS Genealogy Library

All materials in the genealogy section of the library are for **REFERENCE USE ONLY**. They are not included in the inter-library loan system. **Please do not remove them.**



The Book Collection

The book shelves are divided into subject categories. The books are coded with a color sticker by related subject.

Subject	Dot Color Code
General Reference.....	Yellow
Family History.....	Red
Countries.....	White
United States*.....	Red/Orange
Washington/Skagit Co.....	Dark Green
Immigration.....	Light Green
New England.....	Pink/Tan
Military	Royal Blue
Oversize Books.....	Top of cabinets

***NOTE: The books in the United States section are in alphabetical order by STATE and then by COUNTY, not by title or author. All other sections are arranged alphabetically by book title.**



Magazines/Periodicals

The SVGS library offers an assortment of magazines covering a wide range of interests to researchers. Magazines are found in the bottom, right lateral file and typically span 2005-present.

Microfilm / Microfiche Reader

A microfilm and microfiche reader is available for use. Please ask the volunteer on duty or the reference desk librarian to help you get started on using the machine. A higher magnification lens is also available upon request from the reference desk. Please remember to turn off the microfilm/microfiche reader when you leave.



File Cabinet Materials



In the lateral files are papers too thin to shelve organized in file folders. Subjects include: Washington State, counties, family histories, and society newsletters. Many of these documents are

excerpts from articles in magazines. Be sure to scan through these files as you might find some material that will help you in your research.

Media Library

In the lateral file cabinet (left three drawers) is the Media Library. These are reference materials and do not circulate to the general public.

Media Type	Found in Left Cabinet
CDs	- Top drawer
Videos	- Middle drawer
Microfilm/fiche	- Lower drawer

Databases

A dedicated computer station offers Heritage Quest and PERSI (**PER**iodical **SOURCE** Index). Contact the front desk librarian to request a free access code to use these databases.

Search for Books Online

The SVGS library collection is listed online and searchable by title, author and ISBN. Go to SVGS' website **www.skagitvalleygs.org** and click on "Library Holdings" to search the collection by computer.