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LIBRARIANS' DAY AND FILBY AWARD

The National Genealogical Society's 32nd Family History Conference, "Follow Your Ancestral Trail," will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, 28 April-1 May 2010. A special Librarians' Pre-Conference Program, sponsored by ProQuest, will be held on 27 April 2010. All librarians who work with genealogical and family history patrons are welcome. There is no charge for the program, but advance registration is required.

Librarians attending this program will hear several excellent talks. James P. Sweany, head of the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room at the Library of Congress, will talk about how the Library of Congress can help you serve your family history patrons. Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, executive director at the Plymouth Historical Museum in Plymouth, Michigan, will explore creative ways to fund projects, both large and small. Two conservators, Chris McAfee and M. Scott Simkins, will share methods for storing, mending, and preserving your library materials. Participants will also be treated to behind-the-scenes tours of the Family History Library and the new LDS Church History Library. Lunch will be provided free of charge. Further details and registration information are available on the NGS website at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/preconference_events.

ProQuest and the National Genealogical Society will honor an outstanding librarian during the conference. The Filby Award for Genealogical Librarianship of \$1,000 is sponsored by ProQuest and is awarded to a librarian who has made significant contributions in the field of genealogy. If you know a librarian who is worthy, please submit a nomination today. Individuals may nominate themselves. The nominee need not be an NGS member but must be a full-time librarian whose focus is in genealogy and local history with at least five years' experience in the field and must be employed in a public, academic, or special library. The deadline for nominations is 31 January 2010. The criteria for judging along with complete directions for submitting a nomination are available online at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/the_filby_prize_for_genealogical_librarianship/nomination_form. Nominations may also be sent by mail to: National Genealogical Society, Attn.: Filby Award, 3108 Columbia Pike, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22204-4304.

Librarians attending Librarians Day may also want to consider attending the entire NGS conference. Registration details and the conference program can be found online at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/attendee_registration.

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