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The National Genealogical Society Announces the Winner of the Filby Award

FALLS CHURCH, VA, 1 MAY 2018—The National Genealogical Society (NGS) presented the Filby Award along with its \$1,000 prize to Timothy Gleisner, former Head of Special Collections at the Grand Rapids Public Library at the Librarians' Day event of the NGS 2018 Family History Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Created in 1999 by NGS, the award is named for the late P. William Filby, former director of the Maryland Historical Society and author of many core genealogical reference tools that genealogists have relied on for decades. It is presented annually at the NGS Family History Conference and has been sponsored by ProQuest and Mr. William Forsyth since 2006.

During his time at the Grand Rapids Public Library, Gleisner sought to find, and preserve all aspects of the city's history and culture. He worked at the library and throughout the city to share his knowledge. He made available archival documents that tell the stories of Western Michigan families and the communities' past history. He left the Grand Rapids Public Library to work at the Herrick District Library as assistant director in Holland, Michigan, and recently accepted a position at the Archives of Michigan in Lansing, Michigan, where he serves as the manager of Special Collections.

Founded in 1903, the [National Genealogical Society](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org) is dedicated to genealogical education, exemplary standards of research, and the preservation of genealogical records. The Falls Church, Virginia, based nonprofit is the premier national society for everyone, from the beginner to the most advanced family historian, seeking excellence in publications, educational offerings, and guidance in research. It also offers many opportunities to interact with other genealogists.

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