

Library to hold research 'lock-in'

In compliance with the requirements of the American Disabilities Act, alterations to the Huntsville Public Library have been under way during



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the past few months.

With the renovation almost complete, the Walker County Genealogical Society is making plans

for the opening of the former meeting room as the depository for genealogy and local history. A special night of research is being planned for anyone interested in tracing family history.

On Aug. 25 at 6:30 p.m., (after normal library hours), the room will be opened for researchers. Genealogy patrons will be introduced to the new holdings along with the rearranged present collection. This section of the library is continuing to grow rapidly as people realize the tremendous opportunities available to preserve family history.

Researchers are urged to take advantage of this special time for research by ordering through interlibrary loan any books or microfilm they might wish to use that evening. Interlibrary loan materials may be ordered by contacting Terri at the library. Computers will be available for searching. Many new books and films have been added to the collection in the past year, so this will be an opportunity to acquaint the public with materials available for both local

and general genealogical research.

Please make plans to attend the special "lock-in" night at the library, which will remain open as long as researchers desire. If you have questions about this special event, contact Walker County Genealogical Society President Johnnie Jo Dickenson at 295-5548.

■ A dream of the Walker County Genealogical Society members is to build an outstanding collection of information on families with ties to Walker County and East Texas. If you have historical materials which should be protected and preserved for the future, please contact me at 294-9431.

■ The Hamilton County Genealogical Society recently completed a renovation project to house a new research center. Members of the society collected hundreds of documents that had been stored in various homes because of lack of space at the library. The group is actively working on accumulating the state's largest collection of information on families with ties to Central Texas. For more information, contact Ray Weathers, 806 Barkley, Hamilton, TX, 76531, or call 817-386-5809.

■ The Gregg County Genealogical Society Fall Seminar will feature Sammie Townsend Lee, a professional genealogical researcher associate with the Dallas Public Library. The seminar will be held at the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Longview Sept. 16. For registration details, write to: Seminar Registrar GCGS, P.O. Box 2985, Longview, TX, 75606, or call me at 294-9431.

*"Family Ties are treasured things,
And far though we may roam
The tender bonds with those we love
Still pull our hearts toward home."*