GENEALOGY:  
ONLINE RESEARCH

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The California Room collects Southern California history especially San Diego and Imperial Counties and Baja California. It houses the San Diego Union-Tribune newspaper index, the Sanborn Fire Maps and other early San Diego maps, San Diego Great Registrar of Voters (1866-1909), and City Directories, etc. Next door, the Genealogy Room has over 3,000 books (an emphasis on the eastern states), military records, the DAR collection, Filby’s Passenger & Immigration Lists Index, many family and county histories, the Dawes records, and over 100 genealogy CD-ROMs. It is open to the public during regular library hours. To use the room, check in at the California Room. For more information, please call (619) 236-5834.

SELECTED LIST OF RESOURCES
LIBRARY’S COLLECTIONS – BOOKS & CD-ROMS

The complete beginner’s guide to genealogy, the Internet, and your genealogy computer program by Karen Clifford. 2001. 929.10285/CLIFFORD
Provides detailed information on the mechanics of genealogical research including: locating sources, evaluating information and processing the results. An emphasis is placed on resources available through the Family History Centers.

The complete idiot’s guide to online genealogy by Rhonda R. McClure. 2000. RGY 025.06/MCCLURE
Basic introductory guide that assumes you know nothing about genealogical research. It takes you step by step from beginning computer use to using your computer for genealogical research.

Cyndi’s list: a comprehensive list of 40,000 genealogy sites on the Internet by Cyndi Howells. 1999. R 929.10285/HOWELLS
Print version of Cyndi’s List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet with 40,000 sites and over 100 categories that correspond to the Web version.

The genealogist’s virtual library: full-text books on the World Wide Web by Thomas Jay Kemp. 2000. 025.06/KEMP
A guide to entire books and materials available free on the Internet: family histories, local histories organized by state and other “general subjects” that include country & ethnic sites, religion, government, military & public records.
**Genealogy basics online: a step-by-step introduction to finding your ancestors through the Internet** by Cherri Melton Flinn. 2000.
RGY 025.06/FLINN
A beautiful work that provides addresses, descriptions and screen prints for genealogy Web sites.

**Genealogy online for dummies** by Matthew Helm. 2001.
RGY 929.1028/HELM
Explains genealogical research on the Web, descriptions of various sites, tips for finding information and instruction on how to search certain sites.

**The sourcebook to public record information**. 1999.
RCC 352.387/SOURCEBOOK
Good sources for locating public information with descriptions of the types of information that are available, the agency that holds it, and how to request it. It includes Web addresses for those agencies that have them.

A detailed, though dated, directory listing over 1,000 of the Web’s best genealogy and local history sites.

**African Americans in the 1870 census** by Family Tree Maker. 1996.
RGY CDROM 929.373/AFRICAN
Contains alphabetical index of approximately 660,000 African American individuals who were enumerated in the 1870 federal census returns. Areas represented include GA, NC, PA, SC, VA, and WV, as well as the counties containing the cities of Baltimore, Chicago, New York City, and St. Louis.

**Immigrants to the new world, 1600s-1800s** from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1997. RGY CDROM 929.374/IMMIGRANTS
Contains the names of approximately 58,000 individuals who arrived in New England or the Mid-Atlantic states between 1572 and 1878. Information about each individual varies, depending on the source.

**LIBRARY’S COLLECTIONS -- SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES**

**Ancestry Library**
Located under Biography & Genealogy on the Catalog and Databases' page, this version of Ancestry.com’s genealogical database provides information on one billion names through Census Records, Birth, Marriage, & Death (Social Security Death Index), Military Records, Court, Land & Probate Records, and Immigration Records.

**Newspapers & Magazines**
The library has subscriptions to newspaper databases (ProQuest, NY Times Historical archive and others) which contain obituaries and death notices.