Hello and welcome to chaos! What’s that saying? Excuse our progress?

We’ve managed to move everything over to our temporary space, but it’s not organized and ready for y’all yet. We promise to be functional by September. Who knows, we might even be pretty!
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Renovation Update: Continued

The bad news is that we have a great wall that greets you when you walk through the door. It takes up most of the lobby and you can’t get behind it without a hard hat.

On the bright side, the microfilm greets you in the lobby, or at least it will. Right now, it’s hidden under an avalanche of stuff.
We will start accepting interlibrary loan requests when we reopen with limited services. See y’all then!

ATTENTION PATRONS:

The Georgia Room will not accept interlibrary loan requests from June 3rd to September 3rd.*

Georgia Room donations will not be accepted for the duration of renovations.

We apologize for the inconvenience.
- Georgia Room Staff

* WHILE WE ARE CLOSED, PLEASE PLACE YOUR BOOK ILL REQUEST THROUGH YOUR NEXT CLOSEST BRANCH.
Program Update: Civil War Money

On May 29th, Cynthia Simmons gave a program on the currency used on both sides of the Civil War. Ms. Simmons, who is a member of both the DAR and the UDC, brought along visual aids as she talked about coin hoarding and the impact on paper currency. We were glad to have her as our last presenter in our old space.
Dr. Thomas W. Jones will be the guest speaker at the Augusta Genealogy Society’s Annual Symposium. Topics include “Can a Complex Research Problem be Solved Solely Online” complete with follow-up, “Systematically Using Autosomal DNA Test Results to Help Break Through Genealogical Brick Walls,” and “Converting a Bunch of Information into a Credible Conclusion.” It’s August 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Augusta. It promises to be an informative day.
On to the Pacific Northwest!

While we’ve been navigating our new digs, patron Les Greene has been on another one of his trips. He decided to take a car with 300,000 miles on it on one last hurrah over hundreds of miles and a mountain pass. It keeps up my blood pressure, but look at all the lovely postcards that I get to share with all of you!

Are you or a family member going on a trip? Send us a postcard and I’ll share it here!
The Fielding Lewis Chapter of the DAR gave us our last donation before we closed for renovation: Connecticut in the American Revolution by Eric G. Grundset. Most of our newer books went straight into a box and into storage. This one, however, managed to make its way into a box in our temporary Georgia Room. Come and see it when we open!

Seated: Chapter Librarian Cheryl Hunt Clements; Georgia Room Head, Carolyn Crawford; Chapter Regent Patricia Powers.

Standing: Linda Lopez, Ann Ameye, Valerie Makant
We Open Again on September 3!

WE'RE RENOVATING!

SWITZER LIBRARY

The building will close for 2 MONTHS!

Last Day of Operation will be Sunday, June 30, 2019

Nearby Libraries Include: Sewell Mill, Stratton and Sibley

Reopen for Limited Services Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Limited Services include:
Small collections of adult, youth and media (audio-books, DVDs) material available for checkout; Returns via book-drops; Hold pickup; Account management; Small number of public computers; Printing and photocopying; 3-D printer service; Small collection from GA Room, plus 2 microfilm readers; and Phone service.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: WWW.COBBCAT.ORG/LOOKINGFORWARD
Since we won’t be having First Monday in our normal way, make sure to contact Carolyn or Katie if you want them to give a program.

- Adoption & Challenges in Searching for Birth Families in Genealogy
- African American Genealogical Research
- Artificial/Self-Imposed Brick Walls
- Available Nearby Archives & Services
- Back to Basics: Remember the Books
- A Brief History of Genealogy in America
- Cemetery Searches/Headstones
- Civil War Research
- Copyright Law & Genealogy
- Dating Old Photographs/FOREVER Digitization
- Family History Through You Recipe Book
- Genealogical Technology
- Genealogical Vocabulary
- Genealogy & Social Media
- Genealogy Crafts for the Holidays
- Georgia Signers of the Declaration
- Handwriting, Misspellings, & Red Flags
- Heraldry & Family Crests
- “Letters from the Past” Archives Month
- Migrations Patterns
- Name Changes in Genealogy
Program List Continued

Ø Native American Genealogy
Ø Online Search Tips for Genealogy Research
Ø Oral Interview Techniques
Ø Personal Preservation
Ø Research Etiquette in Libraries/Archives
Ø Research in Newspapers
Ø Researching Other States in the Georgia Room
Ø Revolutionary War Research
Ø Special/Alternate Census Records

We also provide programs/presentations on genealogy databases to which CCPLS is currently subscribed (Ancestry, Fold3, FamilySearch, & Heritage Quest).
I can’t help it, I’m obsessed. It turns out that the Cobb Genealogical Society is too. Come find out how to put your theoretical knowledge of genetic genealogy to the test.

Here’s something I’m curious about. What’s the difference between genetic and forensic genealogy?
Not only can genetic genealogy convict criminals, it can also exonerate the innocent. That’s what happened in Idaho. Christopher Tapp was in jail for 20 years for aiding and abetting in the rape and murder of Angie Dodge. He did at the time confess to being involved in the crime, but his DNA didn’t match the DNA at the crime scene. The longer the case went on, the more suspect the confession became, soon leading many to believe it was coerced.

The Idaho Innocence Project took Tapp’s case in 2007. Their executive director puts it this way, “The light has to shine in both directions...into the future to find criminals, and it has to shine into the past where there has been a miscarriage of justice.” They used a company called Parabon Nanolabs to help trace the genealogy of the degraded DNA.

In case there was any doubt, genetic genealogy was also used to find the real killer: Brian Leigh Dripps. He was a neighbor at the time.
Last but not least... remember that when we reopen with limited services on September 3, we will revert to the same hours we had before we closed. This means that we will be open nights and weekends even though we are in a limited space. This includes Sundays. Come and see us!

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