

How to Begin Your Genealogical Journey:

Write down what you already know about your family.

Begin with yourself and work backward to your parents, grandparents, etc. Interview older relatives, for facts and for those priceless family stories. Use ancestry charts and family group sheets or a genealogy computer program to organize your information.

Decide what you want to learn.

The information you now have will clearly show where you have knowledge gaps. Concentrate on one ancestor or family line at a time. Be systematic.

Choose a source of information which is likely to answer your questions.

Most researchers start with vital records (such as birth, marriage and death records), obituaries, census records or published family histories, but there are many possibilities.

Learn from the source.

Record every piece of information you find about your family or the places where they lived even if the information does not currently seem relevant. You will be glad you have that information later.

Use what you have learned to find the next source of information.

Be a detective and follow the trail of clues from one ancestor to the next backwards in time. Enjoy your genealogical journey!

Other Resources in Cheyenne

Wyoming State Archives

Barrett Building
2301 Central Ave., Cheyenne, WY 82002
307-777-7016

wyoarchives.state.wy.us/

The archives houses a large collection of documents on Wyoming history; older Wyoming vital records; microfilms of Wyoming newspapers; Wyoming census records; Wyoming cemetery records and more.

Wyoming Vital Records Service

Hathaway Building
2300 Capitol Ave., Cheyenne, WY 82002
307-777-7591

wdh.state.wy.us/

Vital Records maintains birth and death records for the State of Wyoming since July 1909.

Laramie County Library

2200 Pioneer Avenue
Cheyenne, WY 82001
307.634.3561

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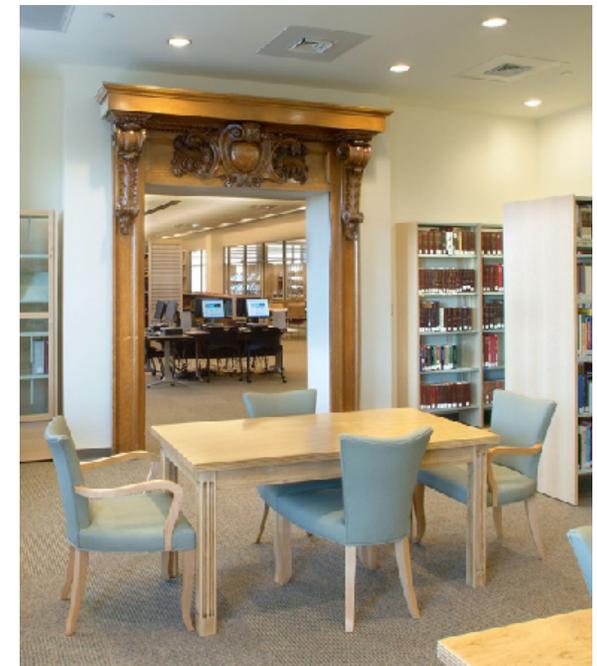
Hours:

Monday	10AM-9PM
Tuesday	10AM-9PM
Wednesday	10AM-9PM
Thursday	10AM-9PM
Friday	10AM-6PM
Saturday	10AM-6PM
Sunday	1-5PM

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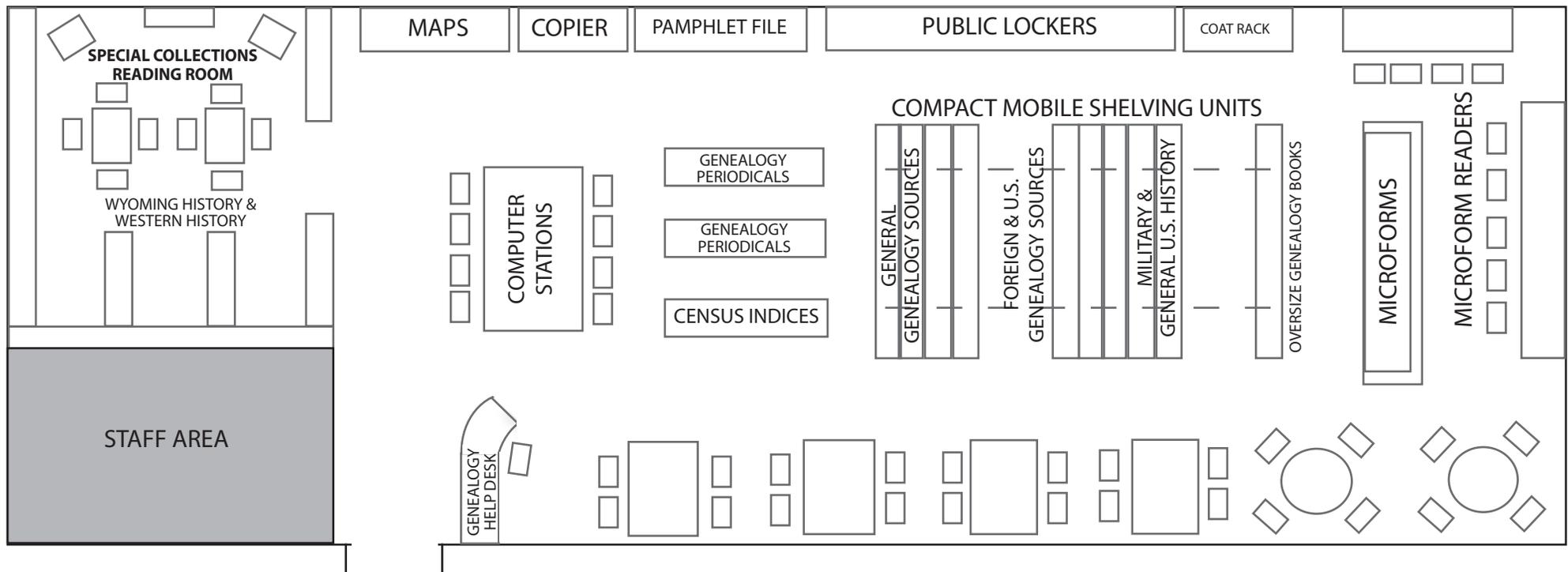
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Special Collections Room Laramie County Library - 3RD Floor

This state-of-the-art, climate controlled room contains the Genealogy/Family History, Wyoming History and Western History collections. The genealogical materials housed at the library comprise a joint collection of the Laramie County Library and the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

The collection contains more than 20,000 volumes in printed form and on microfiche. Most of these deal with the United States, but information from around the world is available.

All of these materials may be used by the public, but may not be checked out. Wyoming residents may borrow materials via Interlibrary Loan (for in-library use only), placed as requests through their local county or community college library.

Tours are available upon request. Public meeting rooms are also available for group use. These services must be reserved in advance.

Operated on an independent research basis, limited assistance is provided by the Special Collections Librarian and several knowledgeable volunteers. A family tree chart and several finding aids are available for beginners, and numerous charts and forms that can be photocopied. Library staff or volunteers may provide 30 minutes of free research for mail or personal inquiries. A list of genealogists who will do research for a fee is available.

And don't miss the Special Collections Reading Room, which features a gorgeous ornate doorframe originally found in the Federal Courthouse and donated to us by the Dinneen Family, as well as two tables from Cheyenne's original Carnegie Library and stained glass from artist Nancy Furnish.

For more information, please contact Elaine Hayes at 307.635.3461 ext. 7232 or EHayes@LCLSONline.org.