

Volunteer Opportunities at the Seibert Library and Resource Center

Volunteer efforts are vital to operating the Seibert Library. We seek volunteers with expertise in these and other areas:

- Computer data entry
- Computer skills
- Archival Work
- Record-keeping
- Oral History projects
- Acquisitions

Our Mission

The Seibert Library and Resource Center collects and preserves artifacts, documents, writings, photographs, oral histories, and videos relating to the people and history of the greater Elizabethtown area. It provides them for public viewing or consultation.

A genealogy librarian and genealogy volunteers assist researchers of family and local history in using library resources and a growing number of online databases.

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In 1998, benefactors Ruth M. Seibert, Sam Seibert, and Mark Seibert made the Seibert Library and Resource Center possible. The Seibert family's generous contribution has helped preserve the history of our community.

Pictured above, Ruth and her Mother, Lillie in 1923.

Hours

Thursdays and Fridays – 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Saturdays 9:30 am – Noon
March through Mid-December
Other hours by appointment

Genealogy Research at The Seibert Library and Resource Center

Researching the family tree has become a passion for increasing numbers of people. Many beginners are surprised to discover not only names and birth and death dates, but also anecdotes and historic events of their ancestors' lives.

Bring as much information as you can find if you want to work on a family genealogy. Write down relatives' names and the dates and locations of their births and deaths. (Sometimes grandparents, aunts, and uncles know more than they have volunteered and will gladly help if asked.) The more information you have, the more avenues you can explore. After you have acquired the basic information, the library staff will help you learn how to proceed.

These resources will enrich your research:

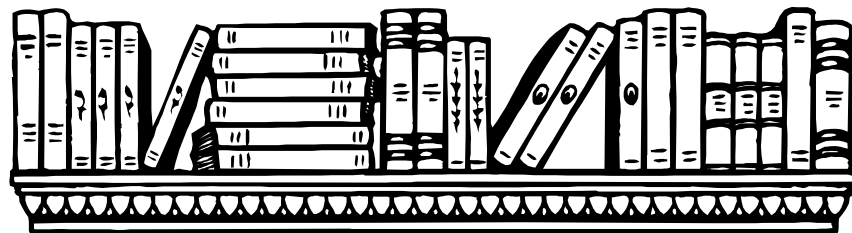
RESOURCE	1700's	1800's	1900's
Card File	X	X	X
Tax Records	X		
Will Book	X	X	
Deed Book	X	X	
Cemetery Records		X	X
Ellis & Evans History	X	X	
Lancaster Co. Biographies		X	X
Lancaster Co. Atlases -- 1864, 1875, 1899		X	
Elizabethtown Directories -- 1913, 1916, 1925, 1936, 1939, 1953			X
Marriage Records (Few)	X	X	X
Death Records (Few)		X	
Family Biographies	X	X	X
Elizabethtown History (Reem)	X	X	X
Scots-Irish (Donegal Church)	X	X	X
Elizabethtown Chronicle			X

Beginning Your Genealogy Research

For example, let's say you see the name Christina Weiland Wade on a tombstone in Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery, and you want to know more about her family. Staff at the Seibert Library will direct you to a file containing names of many present and past Elizabethtown citizens. The folder on Weiland (Weiland) contains this information on Christina:

- She was born Jan. 5, 1798.
- Christina died Feb. 26, 1850.
- She married in the 1830's. (Her husband, Andrew Wade, remarried Julia Lynch in 1851.)
- Christina was born a Lutheran; the Wades were Roman Catholic.
- She was the daughter of George Weiland (b. 1752 and d. Sept. 3, 1815) and Maria (b. Dec. 30, 1769 and d. Nov. 16, 1827).

After you find this information, you can get assistance in researching George Weiland.



Local History Research

To assist you in researching local families, buildings, churches, or businesses, the Seibert Library offers a diverse collection of early warrantee maps, other maps and atlases, family histories, tax and census records, history books, and decades of Elizabethtown directories.

Especially interesting is an Oral History Library with the recollections of 50 longtime Elizabethtown residents on tapes and in transcripts.

Research Fee: Members- **Free** / Non-members — **\$5 per day**
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