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Bio:

Susan D. Kaufman is currently Manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, Houston Public Library. She has been a genealogy librarian for 22 years including 6 years at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the nation's largest genealogy collection in a public library. She began her career as the genealogy librarian in Peoria, Illinois at the Peoria Public Library.

She offers expertise in genealogical/ historical reference, collection development, and educational outreach. Her collection development skills include being able to acquire one-of-a-kind resources, government documents and other hard to find research materials. Her genealogical community activities include board positions currently and in the past with local, state and national genealogical organizations in Illinois, Indiana and Texas. She has been a Director on the Federation of Genealogical Societies Board since 2003. For FGS she is Chair of the Awards Committee and Librarians Day committee and was the National Conference Co-Chair for the FGS National Conference annual conference held in Boston in August 2006. At the Texas state level, Sue will be President of the Texas State Genealogical Society 2012 - 2013, Manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research / Houston Public Library and a lecturer at local, state and national meetings and conferences.

Topics:

- Using criminal records for genealogical research
- Unusual source records for genealogical research
- Outside the cocoon: Sources for genealogical research found in the "regular" public library collection
- Jewish migration into the Upper Midwest
- The Allen County Public Library – Effective use of the collection
- PERSI: The Periodical Source Index – Are you using periodicals for your research?
- Juvenile records: Finding children
- Clayton Library – The gem of the Gulf Coast (an overview of Clayton Library)
- Convicts to the colonies: Criminal transportation prior to the Revolution from Great Britain
- Newspaper research – A mirror of history
- Funeral practices: The final event
- Collection development – What's your plan?
- Collaboration and cooperation: The partnership between Houston Public Library / Clayton Library and FamilySearch – A digital project
- Online at your local public or university library: Databases for genealogical research