

**Genealogical & Historical Council of Sacramento Valley
Discussion Session Notes – November 10, 2007**

How to Encourage People to Use Libraries Instead of the Internet

- ❖ Have 50-50 book purchase plan (member chooses book and pays ½, society pays ½, books goes into library)
- ❖ Have classes/workshops on using library resources
 - Books in your library
 - How to use the library catalog
 - How to decipher library call numbers – Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress
 - Library “scavenger hunt” (Provide questions/clues to which participants have to find answers/information in the library.)
- ❖ Have research help/consultants/volunteers available in the library
- ❖ Develop a special collection for your area’s local history/research
- ❖ Provide presentation at public library on what’s in the genealogy library
- ❖ Place genealogy library/collection brochures in the public library
- ❖ Publish a shelf list
- ❖ Make catalog available online
 - Place link to online library catalog on your society’s website
 - Publish library website/catalog address in newsletter
 - Create online catalog with LibraryThing.com
- ❖ Submit articles about library to other local community publications
- ❖ Make available Council’s research facilities card (Council needs to update and reprint)
- ❖ Publish book reviews and/or list of new books in newsletter