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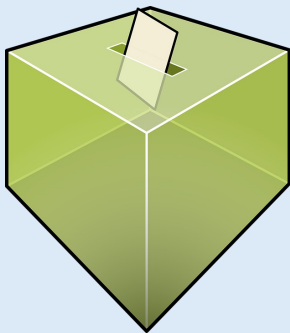
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Letter From a Stranger

By Paul and MaryLu Lee



Fig 1.

In December of 1938 Peter C. Elvis, an attorney for a telephone company in Chicago, received a letter from a stranger in Prague, Czechoslovakia. In 2017 the letter was reopened, and through some modern-day research technology, a cruel and tragic story unfolded. The envelope (Fig. 1), which misspelled Elvis as Elios, was postmarked on December 7, 1938, and bears a receiving stamp of December 19 on the reverse. Postage totaling 2.5 Koruna in Czechoslovakian stamps appears on the cover. A small photo of the writer also was found in the envelope.

Oskar Proskauer was born on September 3, 1879 in Bauerwitz, Germany. By the early 1930s he was working in Berlin as a lawyer and notary. Oskar had married Ella Salisch and they had two daughters: Johanna (born July 26, 1920) and Renata (born September 22, 1923).

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A basic membership with the RMPL is \$25 per year, and includes checkout privileges and *Scribblings*. Call for more information.

Knowledge is better when shared. Consider writing an article for *Scribblings* about your favorite philatelic topic.

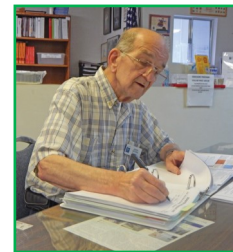
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The President's Message



The 11th Annual RMPL Large Lots Auction was held October 21st and netted \$21,634.00 for the library. Great work by David Weisberg.

The Country Lot Auction, henceforth to be known as the Fixed Price Sale, is scheduled for February 24, 2018 (see the included catalog listing and the article on page 12).

After much ado and many months of work, we finally received approval from the Colorado State Board of Equalization to continue our Property Tax Exemption. This will save us a substantial amount of money.

Check out the OLLI Program article on page 12. It's a great way to learn a lot of world history. Better yet, talk to Steve Nadler about becoming one of the presenters. Each semester is eight weeks long. Each of our seven presenters is responsible for a single two-hour class on a historical topic of their choice. The final week involves a tour of the library.

We recently received a large donation of books from Steve Pacetti that will add a significant amount to our library shelves. Our thanks go out to Steve once again for his generosity.

The new RMPL Election is at hand. Please read the article beginning on the next page and each of the candidate statements. Ballots can be returned by mail or deposited in the Library Ballot Box.

I am not running for President. I think Tonny Van Loij will be an excellent choice and I fully support him. I expect to remain an active volunteer, but I may be able to also get more time to work on my own stamp collections.

John Sinski

HELP WANTED

We need additional help at the **front desk** and for **stamp sorters**. Our volunteers at the front desk usually work a half-day (10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.). It is a great way to get to know the membership, as well as the library's reference material. The work load is usually light with time for socializing, research, or working on your collection. Primary duties include checking books in and out and taking payment for purchased materials. Sorters work their own hours. Training is provided. Contact John Sinski or Howard Benson.

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RMPL 2018 Elections

With the expiration of our elected officials' terms on March 31, 2018, it is once again time to vote for those who will lead our organization during the next three-year cycle. As you will note when perusing the *Candidate Statements* section, many candidates are running unopposed and many are familiar faces. Please do not assume that returning a ballot is unnecessary or meaningless. Each of the candidates deserves your input.

Take a few minutes and familiarize yourself with the candidates. Each of them is making a significant commitment to the RMPL and its continued success. Those commitments translate into member satisfaction and your enjoyment of one of the finest philatelic facilities in North America.

Each RMPL member is receiving a ballot with this issue of *Scribblings*. This is the only source of a ballot. Voting instructions are included in the ballot material. A ballot box will be available at the library or you may return it by mail. In either case, please seal the ballot envelope before returning it and do not include any other correspondence intended for the library.

Ballots will NOT be available at the library!

Ballots must be received by 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

The RMPL nominating committee thanks you for your support and participation!

Frank Leitz, Paul Albright, and Bill Douglass.

★ *Candidate Statements* ✓

For President (Unopposed)



Tonny Van Loij

RMPL Member Since: 1993

Current and/or Previous Position(s) at RMPL: Member

A collector since I was 9, I began with Belgium and then western Europe. After I came to the US, I did not resume collecting until 1989. My first interests were in classical music and EUROPA. These evolved to include Colorado Postal History and philatelic material from the Kansas and Colorado Territories. After that came collections of "Silent Night" and "Christkindl" cancellations.

At present, I am a longtime member of the RMPL (1993, #126—with some down time), President of the Aurora Stamp Club, President of the Colorado Postal History Society, Secretary of RMSS, Secretary/Treasurer of Europa Study Unit, and Treasurer for the Cherrelyn club. I am also a member of APS, APRL, ATA, Scandinavian Collectors Club, Collectors Club of Denver, Denver Stamp Club, German Philatelic Society, Austrian Philatelic Society, Thurn und Taxis e.V. (Germany), and Motivgruppe Music e.V. (Germany).

I believe that as President I will be a good leader and ambassador for the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library.

Candidate Statements

For Director of Operations (Contested)



Dasa Metzler

RMPL member since: 1994

Current and/or Previous Position(s) at RMPL: Stamp Manager, Founder of the Judaica Section, Topicals, Video production

Director of Operations is an extraordinarily important post with varied responsibilities. My experiences over the years uniquely qualify me for this position. I have been a volunteer for 22 years. Under Bill Dunn's oversight, I worked organizing stamp volumes by country. Later, I organized the Topical Section, now 55 popular volumes. Organizing included supervising volunteers, providing guidance, materials, and kudos for their years of diligent work.

In 2009 I started and, since then, have managed the Judaica Section (the only one of its kind in the country), produced an RMPL video, and have been the stamp manager. I enjoy orienting new volunteers using my decade-long experience as a professional stamp dealer and my dealings with other stamp professionals.

In our Library expansion, I contributed and solicited funds. I have exhibited internationally, winning four Gold awards. These multifaceted experiences demonstrate my strength in worldwide philatelic knowledge and the skills required to operate an organization such as the RMPL.

For Director of Operations (Contested)



John Sinski

RMPL member since: 2011

Current and/or Previous Position(s) at RMPL: Incumbent president, front desk volunteer, U.S. Stamp sorter, volunteer to Rocky Mountain Stamp Show

I fully endorse Tonny Van Loij replacing me as President, but I have learned that his job can be much easier with the strong support of the Director of Operations concerning daily operational matters. Recruiting and training front desk volunteers is an essential part of RMPL's future success. Maintenance of the "Volunteer Handbook" and regular training sessions is necessary. Maintenance of our meeting room schedule and the report included in each *Scribblings* is essential. Administrative and supplies support for all RMPL functions should be an inherent duty of the Operations Manager.

These are all areas with which I have substantial experience and will bring to the Director of Operations position.

Candidate Statements

For Corresponding Secretary (Unopposed)



Bill Plachte

RMPL member since: 2003

Current and/or Previous Position(s) at RMPL: Incumbent Corresponding Secretary, Front Desk, Donation Sorting

Donations are the life blood of RMPL, so from my position as Corresponding Secretary I do understand the importance of a timely thank-you note to our many donors. My goal is to have thank-you letters mailed out within 45 days of the donation.

My collection interest is US First Day Covers. I am a life member of APS, and a member of American First Day Cover Society.

For Recording Secretary (Unopposed)



PAUL LEE

RMPL Member Since: 2006

Current and/or Previous Position(s) at RMPL:

Recording Secretary 2009-2015 and 2016 to present, current stamp sorter for Canada, former chair of RMPL sales on eBay

The RMPL is an inspiring place with many wonderful members. Current interests include Canada, and the U.S. National Park Service. I wrote a book titled *Parks, Postmarks, and Postmasters, Post Offices within the National Park System*. It was published by the RMPL in 2014. I worked for the NPS for over 40 years and retired in 2010 as a planner in the Denver office.

I am a member of the APS. Locally, I belong to the Arapahoe Stamp Club and the Collectors Club of Denver. As a RMPL volunteer, I have handled library sales on eBay, and I recently took on the job of sorting Canadian stamps. I served as Recording Secretary from 2009-2015. Due to health issues, I did not run again, but following a vacancy in 2016, I was asked to return. My health is now good and I have decided to run again for the office.

Candidate Statements

For Treasurer (Unopposed)



Timothy Heins

RMPL Member Since: 2002

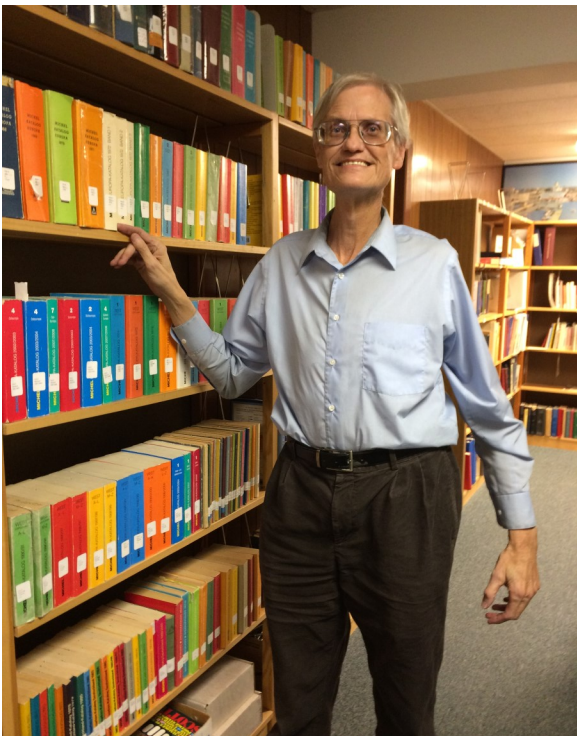
Current and/or Previous position(s) at RMPL: Treasurer from 2016 to the present; Founding Advisor of the RMPL Youth Collectors; Former Facilitator for RMPL's Program at OLLI.

I have been a stamp collector since my youth with a period of inactivity during my early adulthood. I am a member of the American Philatelic Society.

Having worked as a licensed CPA for over 33 years. I am currently retired. My prior accounting work for non-profit organizations includes my tenures as Treasurer for my church, my Home Owners Association and a Denver Soup Kitchen.

During early 2016 I installed the accounting records of RMPL on Quickbooks software. On March 17, 2016 I was appointed Treasurer of RMPL to serve the unexpired term of the former Treasurer. As Treasurer of RMPL I have maintained the accounting records in an accurate and current manner. I would continue to manage surplus RMPL funds in such a method which would provide the highest rates of return while maintaining the safety of those funds. I would implement the recommendations of the outside auditors.

For Vice President (Unopposed)



Jim Kilbane

RMPL Member Since Inception (1993)

Current and/or Previous Position(s) at RMPL: Vice President

I have been Vice-President of the RMPL for many years. My main duties have been overseeing the 2nd Saturday Program, attending and running a table for the RMPL at StampShow each year, participating as a member of the RMPL's Technology Committee, assisting in mailing *Scribblings* and other duties as requested.

In the past I have also been president of ROMPEX and Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society (TMPS). I have also been president of other clubs including: Aurora, Cherrelyn, Collectors Club of Denver, Denver Stamp Club, and Des Moines Stamp Club .

Among my collections I collect Iowa and Colorado Postal History, Post Office Registered Package Envelopes and their associated documents and foreign revenue stamps. I also will add to my collection anything that looks interesting.

Candidate Statements

For Director --Vote for Up to Four Candidates



John H. Bloor

RMPL Member Since: 1993

Current and/or Previous Position(s) at RMPL: Director; Scribblings-proofing and 'New on the Shelves' book scanning; Thursday afternoon volunteer; started and run Borrowing-by-Mail Program; do book sales for RMPL through Philatelic Literature Review (APRL).

In 2018 the RMPL will be 25 years old. It is one of the premier philatelic libraries in the world and has become a major resource for collectors in Colorado and around the globe. I joined in 1993, have been a board member for six years, and continue to work actively as a volunteer at the RMPL.

I represented the RMPL at NY2016. In addition to the library I am an officer in several local clubs and am on the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show committee. I am strongly committed to promoting the RMPL and all aspects of philately in Colorado.

My collecting interests include France, Canada, US, China, United Nations, early world airmail stamps and postal history, and cinderella stamps. Despite the amazing growth of the library, there is always more to do. I want to continue to serve as one of your directors to help with this work.

For Director

William Crabbs

RMPL Member Since: 1995

Current and/or Previous Position(s) at RMPL: Monday/Wednesday morning volunteer, electrical & building maintenance/construction, member, asst. auction manager, donations

The Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library, Queen of the Philatelic West is a popular resource for collectors here in Colorado and many other places. I want to help the RMPL become even more than it is today. My past experiences working in the construction, electrical design, and fire alarm fields are a benefit I bring to the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library.

My club affiliations include President/Secretary of the Rocky Mountain Astro/Aerophilatelic Club and member of the Collectors Club of Denver. I am actively involved with the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show as Publicity Manager, as well as Chair of *What's in Your Attic?* I try my hand at exhibiting.

My philatelic associations are: American Philatelic Society, American Airmail Society, East African Study Circle, Imperial Airway's Gazette, Christmas Seal Society and American Society of Netherlands Philately. My collecting interests are Netherlands/Netherlands East Indies pioneer airmail, British East African pioneer airmail, *National Airmail Week*, cinderellas, tuberculosis issues, postal tax air post stamps of Turkey and airline baggage labels.



Candidate Statements

For Director

Steve McGill

RMPL Member Since: 2005

Current and/or Previous Position(s) at RMPL: Director



I have served on the Board for the past three years and have been involved in numerous decisions affecting the Library from operational and financial levels. My service as past Chairman of the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show also provides an important link to that organization for the Board.

My philatelic background includes exhibiting for the past eight years at the local, WSP, APS, U.K. and International levels. The exhibiting effort is supported by numerous articles in US and foreign publications. I am currently President of the Collectors Club of Denver; Treasurer of the Denver Great Britain & Commonwealth Club; Secretary of the U.S. Great Britain Collectors Club; member of the Great Britain Philatelic Society, London; and a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London.

I would look forward to serving the Library again as a member of the Board.

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For Director

John Pfeiffer

Picture not submitted

RMPL Member Since: 2010

Current and/or Previous Position(s) at RMPL: Member

I have been collecting stamps in various forms since 1945. I worked for the Post Office for over one year and am a member in good standing of the Mail Handlers Union. I am a US Army veteran.

I taught electronics, business, management, and labor economics in a community college. I was a civilian employee of the US Navy for more than three decades, and got medals for that; was financial project manager for reactivation and modernization of USS NEW JERSEY; and was a labor and employment attorney for a school employees' union. I have four college degrees and post-doctoral mediation training.

As a supervisor or manager, I had up to 4,000 employees on my organization chart. I have served on governing boards for unions, employee associations, and one credit union.

Candidate Statements

For Director



David Weisberg

RMPL Member Since: 1995

Current and/or Previous Position(s) at RMPL: Director 2010 to present; RMSS Auction Chair: 2007 to Present; Member, Fund Raising Committee: 2008

I have been a stamp collector for over 70 years with a focus on U.S., Canada, Australia, Switzerland, Japan and U. N. I have been an APS member for over 35 years and am also a member of other national and local societies and clubs. I am currently treasurer of the Collectors Club of Denver.

The RMPL has had a very positive impact on philately in the Denver area. There is little question that the Library has been successful. As Auction Manager, I have helped raise nearly \$200,000 over the past 7 years. I want to help make this library the best it can possibly be and am willing to do what is necessary to make that happen.

In recent years I have also been president of two local non-profit organizations, Cancer League of Colorado and the Denver Lions Foundation. This experience has already benefited the Library and I believe will make me a valuable member of the Board of Directors.

For Director



Ken Witt

RMPL Member Since: Various times since 2008

Current and/or Previous Position(s) at RMPL: Member

A Colorado native with a background in technology, business management and education policy, Ken Witt has served a number of boards, including currently as Treasurer on the board of a health non-profit, Benefits in Action, as well as previously as President of the Jeffco Board of Education. Ken is currently working as interim Executive Director of an education non-profit entity, the Colorado Digital BOCES. Ken has also served as an officer and VP of a publicly traded technology company and has set policy and governed as information security and compliance officer of two of Denver's multi-billion dollar businesses, and now consults on technology and business process development through his consulting firm, Aabren Group. He is also founder and president of No Waitlists, a charter school incubator. A lifelong stamp collector, he hopes to give back to the hobby serving RMPL.

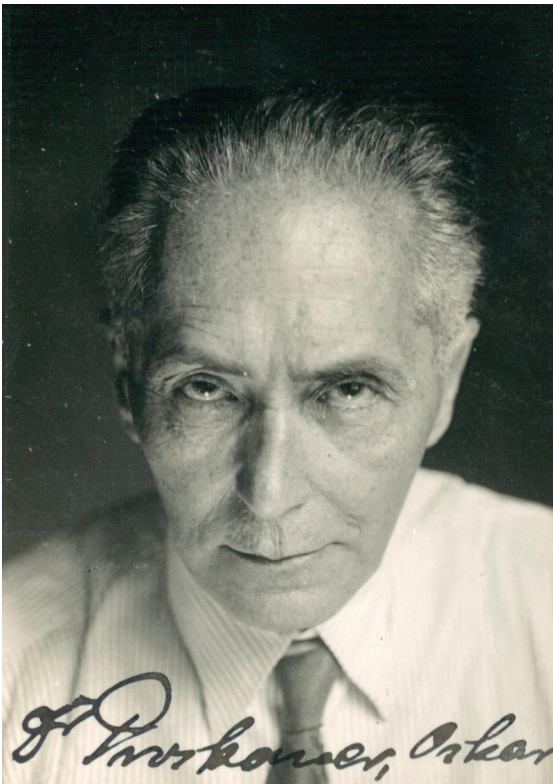


Fig. 2. Oskar Proskauer



Fig. 3. Johanna Proskauer

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The years following World War I were filled with stress on many fronts. By 1933, Hitler was rising in power, and the unrest spiraled even higher. The ever-escalating persecution of Jews forced Oskar and his family to leave Germany. His wife and daughter, Renata, went to London where Ella was able periodically to send money to her husband. Oskar (Fig. 2) and daughter Johanna, also referred to as Jana (Fig. 3), fled to neighboring Czechoslovakia in May 1933 using legal German passports.

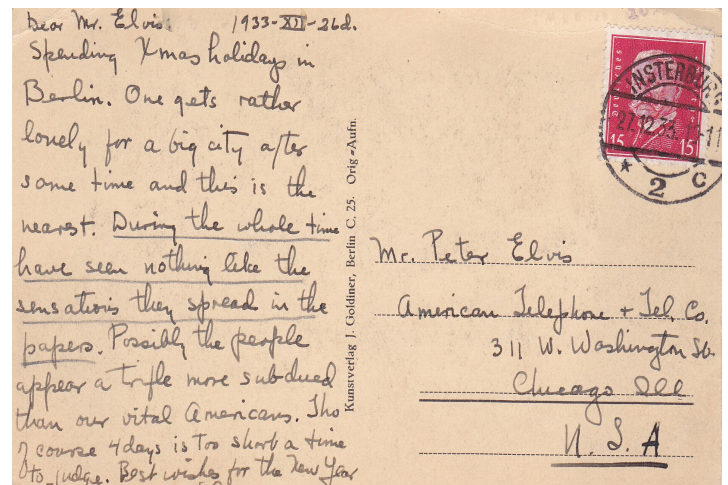
Living in Prague, Oskar and Jana took steps to remain there. Oskar wanted to get permission to find a job in his field. Jana wished to complete her education to become a nurse. Various forms required by the Czech government were completed, mainly between May 1938 and January 1940. Most of the forms are in Czech; a few are in German. Later Oskar states that he and his daughter Johanna wish to emigrate, and they need a statement that they have lived in Prague without any "bad information on file for them."

By this time, Czechoslovakia had been claimed by Germany as a protectorate. Many elements of the Czech government continued to function; however, much of their work was under the strict surveillance of the Nazis. On September 3, 1939 Great Britain declared war on Germany, which halted virtually all civilian travel between the countries. Therefore, even

though the Czech government may have approved Oskar and his daughter's applications, the Germans appear to have overruled the decisions.

With the situation going from bad to worse, Oskar comes up with the idea of emigrating to the United States. The major hurdle to this is that visas were only granted to persons showing proof of being related to a United States citizen. Oskar now feels that his only recourse is to buy his way out of the country. Thus the letter to Peter Elvis in Chicago (Fig. 4 on the facing page).

My wife discovered this letter among items included in her parent's estate. Peter Elvis was a distant relative. After some Internet research, MaryLu found the web site holocaust.cz. Using the English



language option, she searched and found Oskar Proskauer and later his daughter Johanna (Jana). Both were taken to the Tezerein Concentration Camp on July 27, 1942. Both were subsequently transported to the Auschwitz death camp. Both are listed as: **Murdered.**

It remains unknown whether Oskar ever received any money from Peter, or if he wrote similar letters to others. It is fortunate that this letter has survived, so that yet another story of the horrors of the holocaust can be told. Many thanks to RMPL member Lou Svoboda who translated the Czech language forms included in the database for Oskar and Johanna.

Postscript: A separate post card (shown at the bottom of page 10) was also included in the Peter Elvis correspondence, and provides an interesting footnote to this story. The postcard (addressed to Mr. Elvis) was posted by a friend from Insterburg, Germany on December 27, 1933. A portion of the text states that they spent Christmas in Berlin, and "During the whole time, have seen nothing like the sensations they spread in the papers. Possibly, the people appear a trifle more subdued than our vital Americans. Tho of course 4 days is too short a time to judge."

What an understatement!

Dipl.-Ing. J.U.Dr. O. PROSKAUER
PRAHA I., Dlouhá 18.
Tel. 627-17.

Prague, December 6th, 1938.

Dear Sir,

As your former professional colleague I make my appeal to you. From the envelope you will see that I was formerly an advocate and Public notary in Berlin- Charlottenburg. After a course of study lasting 5 years at the Polytechnic in Berlin, I gained the degree of „Diplom- Ingenieur“. In Berlin I therefore specialized principally in matters dealing with letters patent.

Owing to the change of regime in 1933, I had to give up my considerable practise and my whole bank-account was confiscated. In 1933 I came to Prague totally devoid of means, and there I was successful, by dint of hard work, in making a living. Consequent on the ceding of the Sudete territory to Germany, foreigners in Czechoslovakia are now no longer permitted any kind of activity, and so I am forced to leave this country, too, and that within two months. The only possibility left for me is to emigrate to the United States, where one may work and make use of one's knowledge. Industrially undeveloped countries are useless for my purpose as they do not offer a suitable field for my activities.

I am also in possession of a number of excellent inventions, connected with the rubber industry, or more exactly with the use of rubber cloth in certain types of manufacture. I have no longer, however, the opportunity of turning these inventions to account in the now so greatly reduced economic area. Only give me the chance and I shall prove that it is possible for me to create an industry in goods which have not yet been manufactured from rubber cloth.

I, myself, when still in Berlin, helped many Russian emigrants, who had to flee after the revolution in Russia. Now it is my turn to appeal to a stranger. All my relations have either been forced to emigrate or are in concentration camps. I believe that one may appeal, and not in vain, to a citizen of the great free country of America, when one is so keen and eager to work as I am.

The Consulate here grants the immigration visa only on presentation of an affidavit from relatives in the States, who are able to prove their relationship, by means of birth-certificates. Unfortunately I do not possess such relations so that I can only obtain the visa if I am able to give proof of having a certain sum at my disposal.

My earnest request is that you send me a sum of money, according as your means allow, so that I may be successful in exploiting my inventions. Should you ask some of your friends to do likewise, I might hope, with their combined contributions, to raise a sum sufficient to enable me to get to the States and there turn my inventions to dollars. Be assured that, after a time, I shall repay the sum you are so good as to lend me. Do not, however, send the money here to me, as it is against the law to take money out of the country. May I ask you to forward it to my brother-in-law (who, with the help of right-thinking and well-disposed people, was able to emigrate and has already succeeded in making a modest living) :

Dr. Max Salisch, 15. Maurice Walk, London NW.11.

You may rest assured that a man who has gone through all that I have (I was in the cellars of the Gestapo and crossed the frontier, in fog and in the night, with 25 \$ in my pocket, and at the risk of my life) will be always truly grateful to you for your goodness.

Yours very sincerely

Oskar Proskauer

Fig. 4. A letter from a stranger opens the door to a cruel and tragic story. This unsolicited letter begs the question of what each of us might do upon its receipt, particularly in this age of fake news, email scams and complex societal relations. The authors have no knowledge of any response, but, regardless, the letter stands as a powerful reminder of how the human condition can change in a relative blink of an eye from prosperity to desperation.

2018 RMPL Fixed Price Sale

Saturday, February 24 has been reserved for the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library's 2018 Fixed Price Sale (new name). This year there will be a stellar 193+/- lots up for grabs.

Found among these lots are some standouts:

- ◆ **Danzig** --a very nice collection of 625 stamps.
- ◆ **Hayti (Haiti)**--565 stamps. We do not see many from this country.
- ◆ **Ifni**--the lot numbers about 250 stamps. A few additional were found later when sorting Portugal. They were added to the mix, but were not counted.

At the bottom of the list you will find fourteen (14) lots of **United States** in thickly packed envelopes.

In addition, there are two Mystery lots which consist of "floor sweepings," end-lots, country lots of various countries, stock books, circulars, etc. ...

All lots can be viewed starting Thursday, February 22 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., February 23, 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and on the day of the sale until 8:50 a.m.

Please read the rules of the auction which will be found at the top of the fixed price listing sheet.

Set your alarm clock early in order to get a spot in the line for the sale. A signup sheet will be posted on the door for the first arrivals.

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OLLI Program Starts January 10th World History Through Stamps

Classes are held mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 starting Wednesday, January 10, 2018. All classes will be held at the Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E. Alameda Avenue, Denver.

Program Objective: To provide participants an expanded view of world history and culture that is communicated through the use of postage stamps.

Since 1840 postage stamps have been used to forward mail within cities, countries, and around the world. Over 200 countries, large and small, print and sell their history, culture, and propaganda on small pieces of paper.

This will be a fascinating program with colorful presentations, discussions and a field trip, presented by facilitators and presenters who are collectors as well as professionals in their fields.

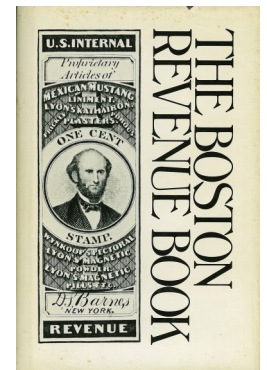
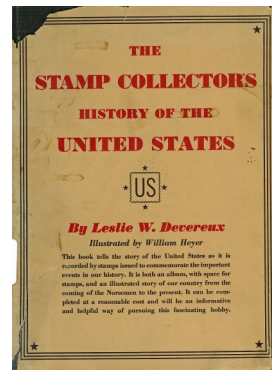
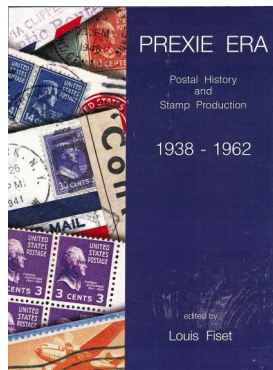
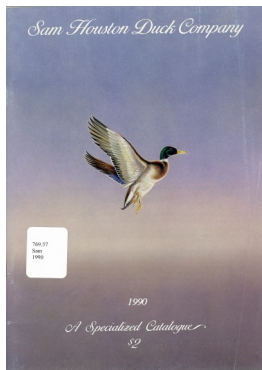
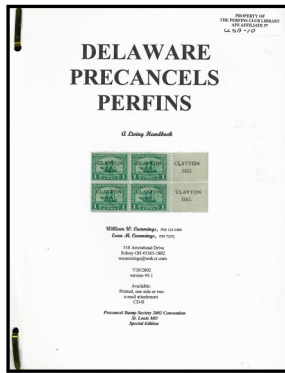
Each session of the course will be on a different subject using relevant postage stamps and correspondence (envelopes and postmarks) from around the world. Planned presentations and discussions are:

- Wednesday, January 10, 2018: Introduction and overview of world history through stamps
- Wednesday, January 17, 2018: Thomas Jefferson will visit the class in person and discuss why he rejected parts of the Constitution
- Wednesday: January 24, 2018: The Balfour Declaration: the origins of the Arab-Israeli conflict
- Wednesday, January 31, 2018: Where is Thurn and Taxis and why is it important to European history
- Wednesday, February 7, 2018: New Zealand: Creating and evolving a national identity through stamps
- Wednesday, February 14, 2018: Indo China to Viet Nam
- Wednesday, February 21, 2018: The discovery of light
- Wednesday: February 28, 2018: Field trip to the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library

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NEW ON THE SHELVES



UNITED STATES

The 2014 Stamp Yearbook, published by the United States Postal Service

The Boston Revenue Book: An Historical Reference List of the Revenue Stamps of the United States Including Private Die Proprietary Stamps, compiled by George L. Toppan, Hiram E. Deats and Alexander Holland

The Case for the Grinnell Missionary Stamps, published by Mystic Stamp Company

Creatures of the Sea Album, published by the United States Postal Service and the USSR Ministry of Communications

A Customer's Guide to Mailing, published by the United States Postal Service

Delaware Precancels Perfins, a Living Handbook, by William W. Cummings and Evan M. Cummings

Dietz Specialized Catalog of the Postage Stamps of the Confederate States of America (1930), published by August Dietz

Metered Mail: A Report on Benefits to the United States Postal Service

Postmark America: The Story of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States, by Tricia Holser

Prexie Era: Postal History and Stamp Production 1938-1962, edited by Louis Fiset

Promotional and Souvenir Stamps of the P.P.I.E: The Panama Pacific International Exposition of 1915,

by Nicholas Follansbee

Response to the 2004 Royal Philatelic Society Opinion on the Grinnell Missionary Stamps, published by Mystic Stamp Company

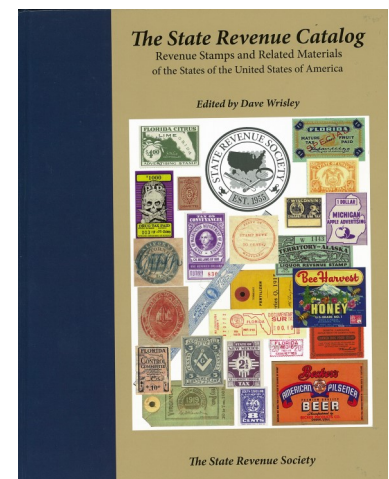
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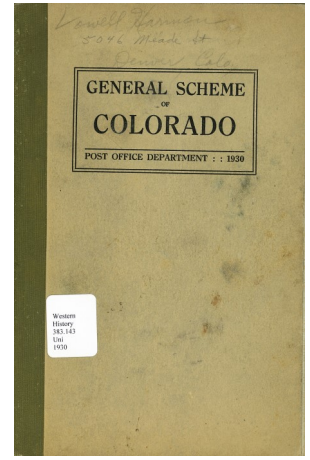
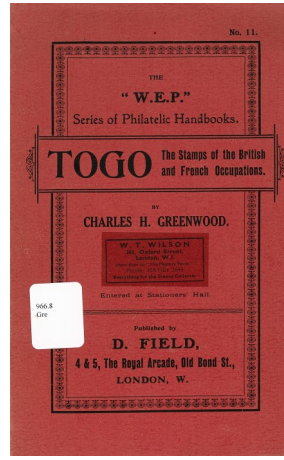
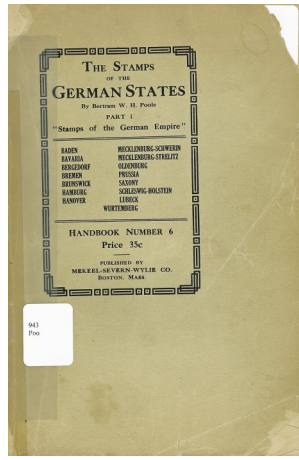
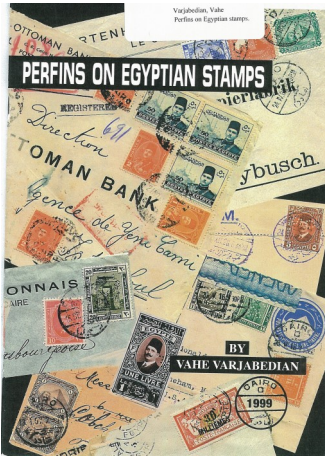
Schedule of Mail Routes No. 433, January 11, 1934: Eighth Division Railway Mail Service Comprising Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada and Utah, published by the United States Post Office Department, Railway Mail Service

The Stamp Collector's History of the United States, by Leslie W. Devereux

State List of Post Offices From the United States Official Postal Guide, July 1919, published by the Post Office Department

The State Revenue Catalog: Revenue Stamps and Related Material of the United States of America, edited by Dave Wisley





U.S. Revs-Perfins: A Handbook of Perforated or Punched Initials, Numbers and/or Designs in United States Revenues and Fiscal Documents, Volume 3: Fiscal Papers and Others, published by the Perfins Club

ASIA

Stamps of the Peoples Republic of China (1998 & 2009), published by the China National Philatelic Corporation

AFRICA

Perfins on Egyptian Stamps, by Vahe Varjabedian

The Postal History and Handstamps of British West Africa, by Colin McCaig

Registration Designations of the Companhia de Moçambique: Labels and Handstamps, by John K. Cross and Clyde J. Homen

The Stamps and Cancels of the German Colonies and the German Post Offices Abroad: German Offices in Morocco, by Albert Friedmann

The Stamps and Postal History of the Gambia, edited by J.O. Andrew

Togo: The Stamps of the British and French Occupations, by Charles H. Greenwood

COLORADO

General Scheme of Colorado: editions for 1930, 1932, & 1938 published by the United States Post Office Department

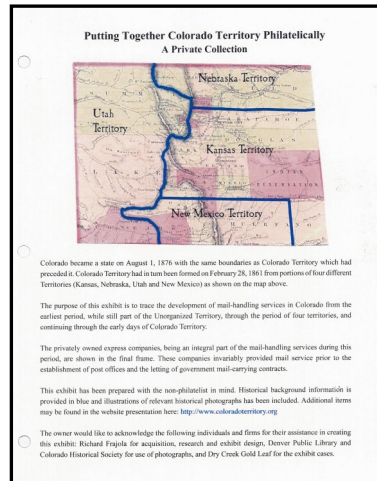
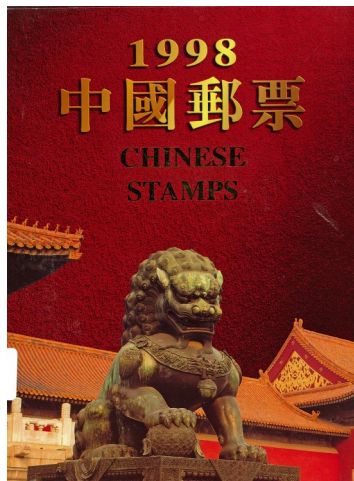
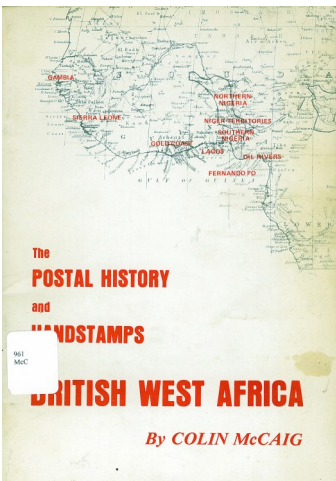
Putting Together Colorado Territory Philately: A Private Collection, by Frederick Mayer

Scheme of Denver Colorado for Use in the Railway Mail Service: April, 1931, published by the United States Post Office Department

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Albania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia Stamp Catalog (1982-1983), published by Minkus Publications

Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Colonies Stamp Catalog, published by Minkus Publications





Catalogo Dei Francobolli D'Italia e Dei Paesi Italiani, Primo Volume (60th edition, 2001): Antichi Stati-Regno-R.S.I.-Luogotenenza, Republica-Trieste, Emissioni Locali-Occupazioni Straniere, San Marino-Vaticano-S.M.O.M., published by Sassone

Catalogo Dei Francobolli D'Italia e Dei Paesi Italiani, Secondo Volume (60th edition, 2001): Terre Annesse o Occupate, Uffici Postali All'estero, Colonie e Possedimenti. Occupazioni Straniere Delle Colonie, Interi Postali, published by Sassone

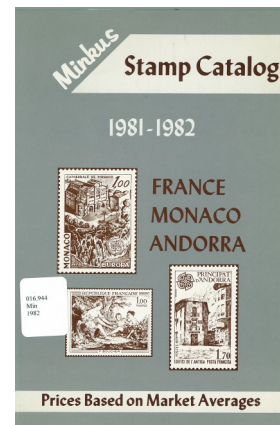
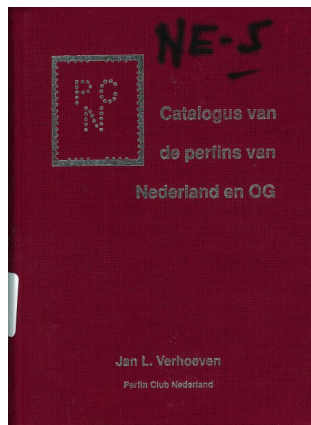
Catalog of Bavarian Perfins, by John Needham

Catalogus van de Perfins van Nederland en OG, by Jan L. Verhoeven

Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania Stamp Catalog (1982-1983), published by Minkus Publications

Danmark, Færøerne, Grønland, Dansk Vestindien Frimærkekatalog 1983, by Lars Boes

District and Branch Cancellations of London 1857-1900: Part 1, by J. Parmenter



France, Monaco, Andorra Stamp Catalog (1981-1982), published by Minkus Publications

Great Britain First Day Covers, compiled and published by BB Philatelic Publications Ltd.

Great Britain Specialised Stamp Catalogue, Volume 2: King Edward VII to King George VI

Great Britain Specialised Stamp Catalogue, Volume 3 (1984): Queen Elizabeth II, Pre-decimal Issues, published by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd

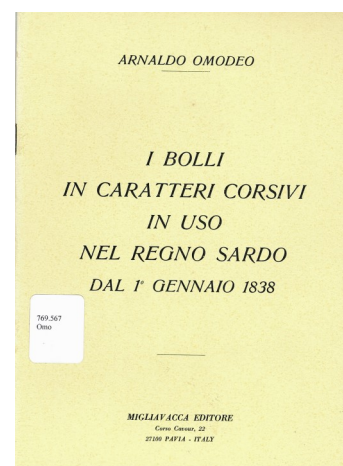
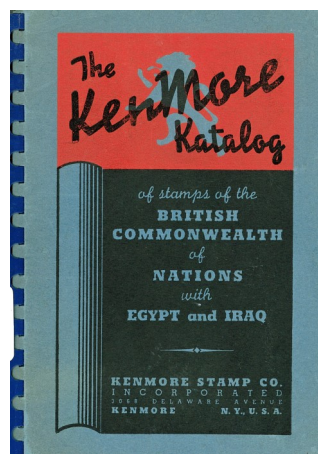
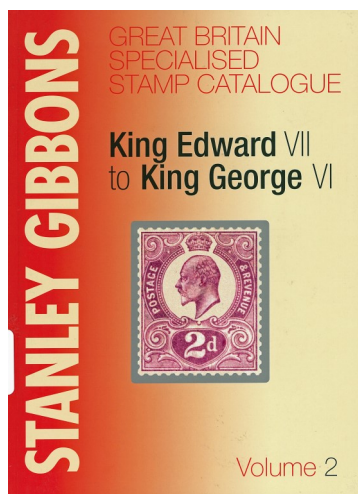
History of British Security Stamps: Overprinted and Perforated, by Charles Jennings

The History of Northern Epirus Through Postage Stamps, by Basil J. Photos

I Bolli in Caratteri Corsivi in uso Nel Regno Sardo dal 1o Gennaio 1838, by Arnaldo Omodeo

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The KenMore Katalog (1942) of Stamps of the British Commonwealth of Nations with Egypt and Iraq, Published by the Kenmore Stamp Co.



Postal Affairs During the German Occupation of the Channel Islands 1940-1945, by William Newport and John Simpson

Stamps of the German Empire, Part I: The Stamps of the German States, by Bertram W.H. Poole

The Tilles Catalog of the Perfins of Great Britain Part III Contains the Following Letters: A & B, by Robert McKee

NORTH AMERICA

B.N.A. Book: Stamps of British North America, by Fred Jarrett

Canadian Philately – an Outline: A Summary of Collecting Areas and Interests of British North America Collectors, by John Burnett, Gray Scrimgeour, and Victor Wilson

Canadian Revenue Group of BNAPS: First Supplement to the Catalog of Tobacco Tax Paid Stamps of Canada and Newfoundland, by Lee W. Brandon [bound together with: *A Study of the Liquor Bottle Seals of Canada*]

The Essays and Proofs of British North America, compiled by Kenneth Minuse and Robert H. Pratt

The National Postal Museum [of Canada]

The Pocket Standard Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of Canada

Postal Stationery of Mexico, edited by Peter Bamert, Wayne Menuz & Bill Walton

Reference Manual of B.N.A. Fakes, Forgeries & Counterfeits, Series II, Release 1: A Detailed Study of the B.N.A. Forgeries of Jean de Sperati, by Kenneth W. Pugh

A Study of the Liquor Bottle Seals of Canada, by E.F. Vilter [bound together with: *First Supplement to the Catalog of Tobacco Tax Paid Stamps of Canada and Newfoundland*]

TOPICALS

American Wildlife: A Collection of U.S. Mint Stamps, published by the United States Postal Service

Art et Philatélie, by G. Devalck

Catalogo des Sellos de Motivos Religiosos Cristianismo, by Jose M.a Vidal Torrens

Catalogo de Sellos Tematicos [Thematic Stamp Catalog]: Deportes [Sports] Baloncesto Basketball Basket-Ball Pallacanestro

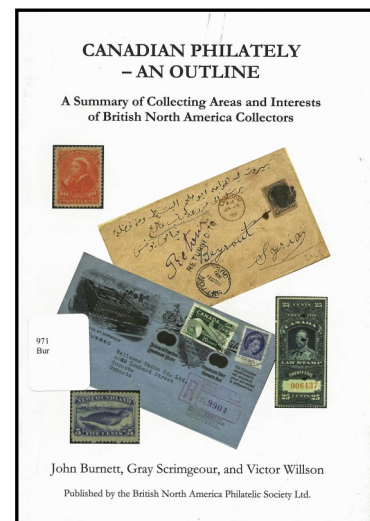
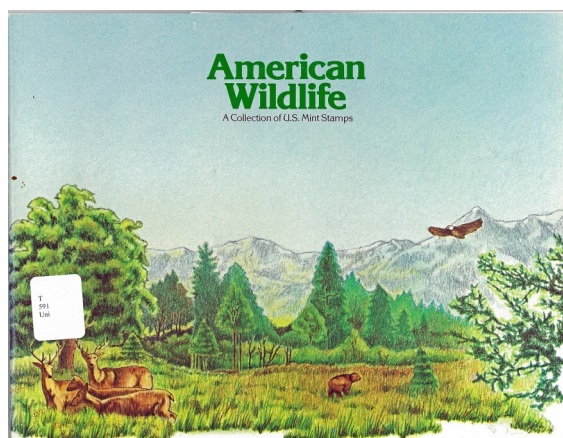
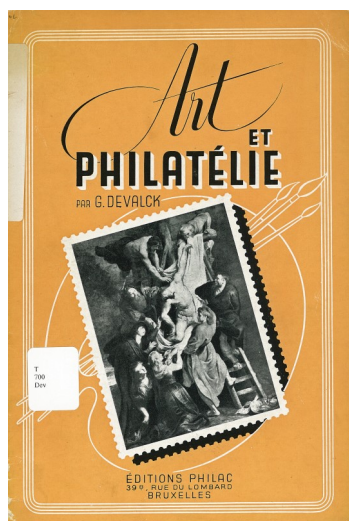
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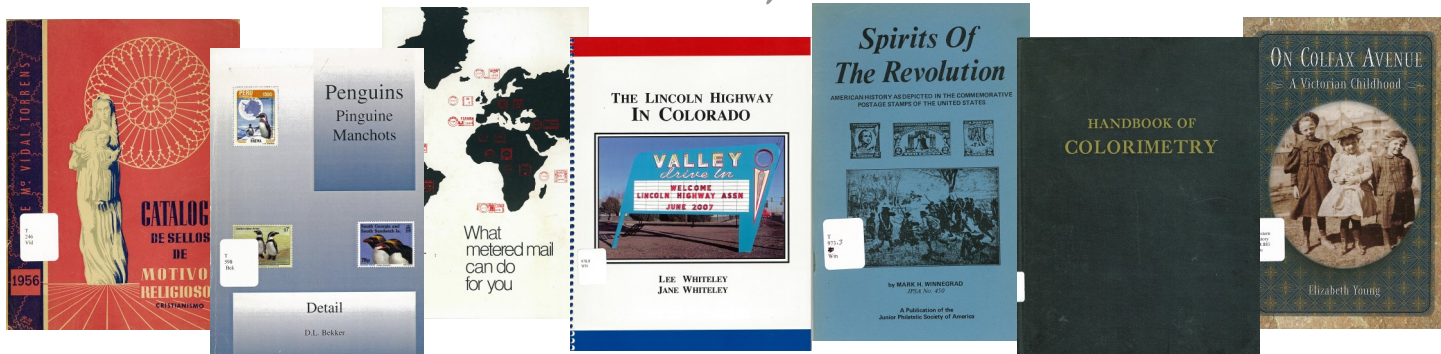
Collect Ships on Stamps, by Peter Bolton

Confluences Méditerranée (No 50-Été 2004): Sport et Politique

Doctors Philatelic (also supplements 2 and 3), by Oscar Gottfried

Flowers and Botanical Subjects on Stamps Including All Forms of Plant Life on Stamps, by Shirley C. Tucker and Claude Weber





Folk Art & Crafts: An American Collection

Il Baseball Nelle Impronte Delle Affrancature Meccaniche Statunitensi

Katalog der Vignetten zu den Olympischen Spielen [Catalogue de Vignettes des Jeux Olympiques], by Paul F. Rampacher

La Pittura Nella Filatelia=Paintings in Philately [La Peinture dans la Philatelie] by Mario Gioscia

L'art Religieux dans La Philatelie, by André Gouly et Henri LeRoy

Penguins, Pinguine, Manchots, by D.L. Bekker

Spirits of the Revolution: American History as Depicted on the Commemorative Postage Stamps of the United States, by Mark H. Winnegrad

POSTCARDS

Comic Postcards of WWII: A Checklist, by Thomas O. Garnhart

Prairie Fires and Paper Moons: The American Photographic Postcard: 1900-1920

Propaganda Postcards of World War II, by Ron Menchine

MISCELLANEOUS

1956 Philatelic Informant, published by Van Dahl publications

Approaches to Philately, compiled by G.B. Erskine

Burt's Handbook for Stamp Collectors, by Augustus Wilfrid Dellquest

Fakes, Forgeries Experts (May 2015)

Handbook of Colorimetry, published by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Philatelic Forgers: Their Lives and Works, by Varro E. Tyler

Stamp Collecting for fun and Profit, by Herman Herst, Jr.

What Metered Mail Can Do For You, published by Pitney Bowes

NON-PHILATELIC

The 26 Letters, by Oscar Ogg

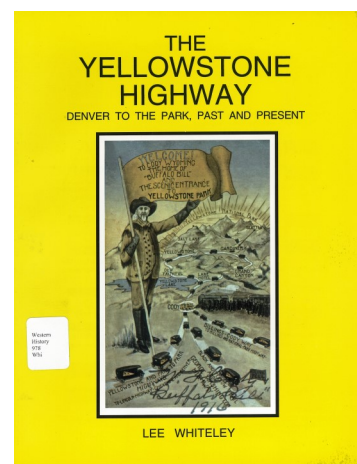
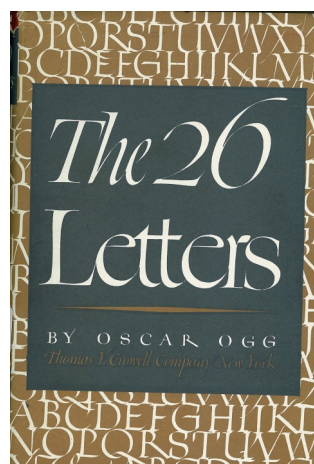
A Dictionary of Hiberno-English, compiled and edited by Terence Patrick Dolan

The Lincoln Highway in Colorado, by Lee Whiteley and Jane Whiteley

On Colfax Avenue: A Victorian Childhood, by Elizabeth Young

When Skins were Money: A History of the Fur Trade, by James A. Hanson

The Yellowstone Highway: Denver to the Park, Past and Present, by Lee Whiteley



SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Second Saturday programs are sponsored by the RMPL and attract a friendly group of folks who are interested in a specific subject, or who are interested in learning more about an area of philately that may be new to them.

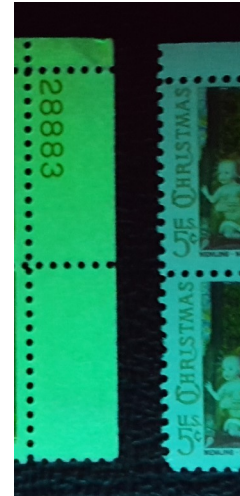
Contact Jim Kilbane if you would like to present a program.
His email address is: aurora_80017@yahoo.com

January 13, 2018—9:00 a.m.

The Joy of Tagging - An Overview of US Stamp Tagging Varieties Presented by Ken Witt

Delving into tagging can reinvigorate interest in an aging US stamp collection gathering dust on the shelves. It certainly did for me.

The session will provide a brief overview of the history and technicalities of US stamp tagging, followed with a hands-on session of looking at various tagging examples to help develop some experience with a few of the subtleties. The session will include ideas of how to pursue a tagging varieties collection, as well as a ten-page custom Great Americans tagging varieties album on heavy paper, free to attendees.



February 10, 2018—9:00 a.m. Indochina's Participation in Fairs and Expositions Presented by Richard K. Aspnes



From the 1880s through the 1950s, French Indochina participated in local, French Community and international fairs and expositions. While some had specific themes along the lines of fine arts or aviation, many were more generally composed as colonial exhibitions. A colonial exhibition was a type of international exhibition intended to boost trade and bolster popular support for the various colonial empires during the New Imperialism period, which started in the 1880s with European nations scrambling for footholds in Africa.

Exposition officials distributed labels of all varieties to publicize their events. Through labels and postcards, this exhibit provides a chronological view of Indochina's participation in fairs and expositions large and small.

The flag illustrated is actually the flag of Annam.

NEW MEMBERS

The RMPL is pleased to welcome the following new members who have joined the library during the past two months.

- ◆ **Terry L. Galinet**, Aurora CO - Collects General Foreign and early U.S.
- ◆ **Marc Anderson**, Cheyenne WY - Collects USA, Canada, Australia.
- ◆ **John A. McKee**, Thornton CO - Collects worldwide.

RMPL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting of November 16, 2017
Prepared by President John Sinski
Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

All Board members present. Guests included Frank Leitz, Tonny Van Loij, Roger Rydberg, and Ken Witt. The September Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Transaction Detail by Account and Income and Expenses Reports (to Oct 31) were discussed. A review will be done of our printing charges for society printing. Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2017 was discussed. UBS (Librarian Fund) report was discussed. Tim stated that our account manager is willing to come to the January board meeting. The board agreed to invite him.

OLD BUSINESS:

LIGHTING UPGRADE FOR 2038 & 2048

Light fixtures are on hand and Bill Crabbs and Rich Palestro will be installing them in January and February.

LARGE LOT AUCTION

An auction final summary listing was discussed. The Auction earned a total of \$21,634.00.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

The Colorado State Board of Equalization approved our petition to retain our property tax exemption requiring us to submit updated annual reports which were hand delivered to the state office by VeraLouise Pfeiffer.

USE OF MEETING FACILITIES

John Sinski reported receiving requests for our meeting room by groups felt to be commercial (for profit). The board reaffirmed its previous decision to only grant use to non-profit groups on a case-by-case basis.

DUMPSTER PAD

A preliminary sketch was provided for a dumpster pad discussed at the last meeting.

VOLUNTEER HOLIDAY PARTY/DINNER

Even though attendance has fallen off in recent years, The board felt that we should continue the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION

The motion to extend the deadline for submitting nominations for our January Election was approved.

FIXED PRICE LOT SALE IN FEBRUARY

Everyone was reminded of the upcoming sale.

OLLI

The OLLI Winter program starts in January. Steve Nadler will again serve as coordinator.

New RMPL members were approved by Board.
Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m..

DONATIONS: Sept. 30, 2017 to Nov. 30, 2017

The library thrives on the enthusiasm and generosity of its members. The following people made donations to the library during the last two months. We thank every one who has contributed (alphabetized by last name). Here are the people and organizations who contributed during this period.

Dennis Ahrens	Robert Hisey
Michael Anderson	Leigh Jones
Arapahoe Stamp Club	Charles Jones
Irving Arenberg	Tom Kean
Carroll Arkema	Wendy Kolbe
Kenneth Arkema	Glenn Mallory
Ed Banes	Gary McIntyre
Tim Bartshe	Patrick McNally
Fred Bauer	David McNamee
Steve Bonowski	Nancy Miani
Dan Brickley	Bill Miller
Timothy Bucko	Jeff Modesitt
Jerry Callender	Andrew Murin
Warren CATERON	Rachel Naiman
Roger Cichorz	Michelle Northcutt
Paul Crissman	Joseph Pardee
Bill Dalke	Jeanne Parkhurst
Denver Germany Stamp Club	David Reitsema
Richard Dieter	Hannah Rigden
Preston Driggers	Byron Roderick
Nolan Flowers Jr	Mary Schultz
Paul Foed	Penelope Schwind
Erling Fossum	Claude Selitrennikoff
William Gardner	Linda Simonetta
Alisa Greiner	United Postal Stationery Society

**For the Record: Next Board Meeting:
Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**



Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursday 2 - 8 p.m. Closed Sundays and Holidays. Phone: (303) 759-9921

Meeting times and places sometimes change. It is best to call the library or the club to confirm the place and time. A calendar of reserved club times is kept at the library by the Operations Manager, Howard Benson. Clubs should check the calendar regularly and notify Howard at (303) 521-6216 of any changes or updates. All requests to reserve meeting time and space for philatelic-related meetings other than those listed here must be approved and scheduled by Howard well in advance.

**** January 2018****

January 1 & 2 Mon & Tue-New Year Holidays
RMPL CLOSED

January 3 Wed-Aurora Stamp Club
6:30 p.m. Trading
7:00 p.m. Meeting

January 6 Sat-Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Scandinavian Collectors Club

January 6 Sat-Meeting 1:00 p.m.
Topical Philatelists In Colorado (TOPIC)

January 10 Wed-Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Denver Germany Stamp Club

January 11 Thu-Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Denver Postcard Club

January 12 Fri-Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Austria-Hungary Stamp Club

Second Saturday at the RMPL

January 13 Sat 9:00 a.m.

Program by Ken Witt: The Joy of Tagging - An Overview of US Stamp Tagging Varieties

January 13 Sat-Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Mexico/Latin America Club

January 15 Mon-Martin Luther King Holiday
RMPL CLOSED

January 18 Thu-Meeting 2:00 p.m.
Five-club Auction Sponsored by
Cherrellyn Stamp Club

January 18 Thu-Meeting 5:00 p.m. (New Time)
RMPL Board of Directors-All members are welcome

January 20 Sat-Meeting 9:30 a.m.
Denver Young Collectors

January 21 Sun-Meeting 1:00 p.m.
Great Britain and Colonies Collectors Club

January 23 Tue-Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee

**** February 2018****

February 3 Sat-Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Scandinavian Collectors Club

February 3 Sat-Meeting 1:00 p.m.
Topical Philatelists In Colorado (TOPIC)

February 7 Wed-Aurora Stamp Club
6:30 p.m. Trading
7:00 p.m. Meeting

February 8 Thu-Meeting 2:00 p.m.
Cherrellyn Stamp Club

February 8 Thu-Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Denver Postcard Club

February 9 Fri-Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Austria-Hungary Stamp Club

Second Saturday at the RMPL

February 10 9:00 a.m.

Program by Richard K. Aspnes
Indochina's Participation in Fairs and Expositions

February 10 Sat-Meeting 10:00
Mexico/Latin America Club

February 10 Sat-Meeting 11:30
Rocky Mountain Aero/Astro Philatelic Club

February 14 Wed-Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Denver Germany Stamp Club

February 17 Sat-Meeting 9:30 a.m.
Denver Young Collectors

February 18 Sun-Meeting 1:00 p.m.
Great Britain & Commonwealth Collectors Club

February 21 Wed-Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Arapahoe Stamp Club

February 22 & 23 Thu-Fri during Library hours & early Sat (see page 12 for details)
RMPL Fixed Price Sale viewing

February 24 Sat-RMPL Fixed Price Sale
9:00 a.m. until completed

February 24 Sat-Meeting 1:00 p.m.
Colorado Postal History Society

February 27 Tue Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee

February 28 Wed-Meeting 11:00 a.m.
Denver Stamp Club