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... from the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library

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## Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Edition

by Charlie Freise

On August 1, 2023, the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. From the hopes, dreams and aspirations of a handful of individuals the Library has evolved from a small operation housed in a 2,400-square-foot shopping center storefront to the organization it is today. Over the years, the Library has benefited from the continued donations and monetary support of members, friends and patrons. However, it is through the sweat equity and hundreds, if not thousands, of hours of hard work from our dedicated volunteers that the Library has grown and remained an invaluable philatelic resource in the Rocky Mountain Region.



*Don Beuthel, Jim Kilbane, Jack Willard and Bob Blatherwick at the opening of the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library, August 1, 1993, at 3005-D Peoria Street, Aurora, CO. The sign, donated by Dave Capra, has proudly adorned the entrance of every incarnation of the Library since its founding.*

This feature is a compilation of material gathered from multiple sources including the surviving members of the original Organizing Committee (Jim Kilbane, Sergio Lugo, Roger Rydberg and Steve Schweighofer). Gathering the information, particularly the anecdotal stories and history from individuals, is vital to preserving the history of the Library. The institutional knowledge and history of the surviving founders offers an extraordinary insight into the early days of the Library.

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# Scribblings

## Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library

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Thursday 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Closed Sundays and Holidays

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

Officers and Directors may be contacted through the RMPL.

## From the Desk of the President -

by Tonny Van Loij



I hope many of you will read the minutes of the board meeting that were held in May. We had to make a decision about the copy machine in the main building. It is obsolete. As of June 30, 2023, Xerox is no longer manufacturing parts and supplies and will discontinue providing maintenance and services for the machine.

The board approved the purchase a new machine and a scanner that can be used for auctions, etc.

We held our annual silent auction at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show. According to Paul, this was a record-setting auction. My thanks go out to everyone who took part in the planning, organization, and execution of the auction. The funds received will help with the day-to-day operations. As everyone knows, the cost of doing business is continually going up and up.

Library membership is going down; this is attributed to age and interest in the hobby. The RMPL had a table at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show, the volunteers manning the table were able to sign up 16 new members. Thank you guys and we welcome all the new members.

A major upcoming event will occur in August. The RMPL is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. You will find a flyer in this issue of *Scribblings*. Please RSVP so we have an idea how many will attend. This will ensure we have enough refreshments for those attending the event.

Last but not least, think about the upcoming elections. Every three years the Library holds an open election for Officers and Board Members. Submit your applications for a position on the Library Board.

Thanks and have a great beginning to the summer season.

Tonny Van Loij

## HOURS OF OPERATION

**In the event of inclement weather the Library may close unexpectedly. Prior to venturing out, particularly when it is snowing, it is advisable to call ahead and make sure the Library is open.**

# Cheers to 30 Years!

You are invited to attend the

## Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House

Where: 2038 S. Pontiac Way  
Denver, CO 80224

When: August 26, 2023

Time: 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Hors D'Oeuvres and Desserts  
Wine and Soft Drinks

**RSVP is requested by August 16, 2023**

Call the Library: 303-759-9921  
or email: [Domeniciregina@gmail.com](mailto:Domeniciregina@gmail.com)

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CPR/AED CLASSES

The Library is considering purchasing AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machines for each building. If you are interested in attending a class to learn CPR and how to correctly use the AED please contact the Library at 303-759-9921 to register.

### LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Additional help is needed in almost every area of RMPL operations, especially back-ups for publishing and stamp mart operations. If you are interested in becoming more active with the RMPL, whether it is helping publish *Scribblings*, sorting donations for our stamp mart, or helping with library maintenance, please contact the Library at 303-759-9921.

### NEW ZEALAND AND OCEANIA COLLECTORS

Keith Combs, a RMPL member, would like to make contact with other members interested in collecting stamps from New Zealand or the Oceania region. You may contact Keith at: Keith Combs, 720.218.9614,

## LIBRARY BOARD ELECTIONS

by John Bloor

Since the library was founded in 1993, 30 years ago (!), it has been staffed by volunteers. The volunteers who work with collectors who visit the library or buy stamps, and those who do the behind-the-scenes work of nourishing our collections, breaking down donations, and maintaining our three buildings, all donate their time and energy for the satisfaction of supporting stamp collecting.

The people who serve as Library Officers are also volunteers. This includes the elected President, Vice President, Operations Manager, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, four Directors and the Treasurer who is appointed. Every three years the RMPL has an election to select the ten members who will decide the path of the library over the next three years.

The next election is this fall. Although some of the incumbents are running again, we need members who are willing to be candidates for these seats. We particularly want members who are active volunteers and have not previously been on the Board to bring fresh minds to the management of the library. The time commitment is small – one Board meeting, in the late afternoon to early evening, lasting 1 - 2 hours every other month.

As a Board member, you get the low-down on what is happening at the library. You will help make decisions which will guide the library for its next 30 years. If you are interested in participating, please let us know.

You can reach me, John Bloor, at [aerophil59@yahoo.com](mailto:aerophil59@yahoo.com) or 303-588-6809; or Erl Fossum at [erlfossum@aol.com](mailto:erlfossum@aol.com) or 303-973-6083. You may also leave your name at the library front desk and we will contact you.

Applicants need to provide a photograph and a short statement (150 words) describing your background and why you want to run. These will be published, along with a ballot, in the next issue of *Scribblings*.

## The First Denver Stamp Club Show

Come out and show your support for  
your local stamp clubs.

**Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 to 5:00**  
**Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 to 4:00**

**Location**  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)**  
**15625 West 10th Avenue**  
**Golden, CO 80401**

**Free Admission - Free Parking**  
**40 Tables - 15 Dealers - Door Prizes**  
**Contact: Ken Luke (303) 598-7198**

## WYPEX 2023

**Sponsored by**  
**the Cheyenne Philatelic Society**

**August 12th - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**  
**Sunday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Red Lion Hotel**  
**204 West Fox Farm Road,**  
**Cheyenne, WY 82007**  
**10+ dealers and exhibits**

**Cheyenne Philatelic Society**  
**3rd Wednesday, 7:00 PM**  
**Municipal Building, 2101 O'Neil Ave., Rm. 122**  
**Cheyenne, WY 82001**

**Dennis Bland, (307) 638-8882**

## **CHERPEX** **STAMP SHOW**

The Cherrelyn Stamp Club is proud to  
host the annual Cherpex Stamp Show.

**September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Fri - 10 AM - 5 PM, Sat - 9 AM - 5 PM**

**Veterans of Foreign Wars**  
**(VFW) Lodge**  
**15625 West 10th Avenue**  
**Golden, CO 80401**

**15 Dealers and 40 Tables**

Directions from US 6 - Exit West Colorado Mall,  
turn right on Indiana and follow Indiana until  
you see a large sign "CAR WASH," turn left just  
before the sign onto McIntyre Street.  
The VFW Lodge is on your right.

For additional information contact  
Ken Luke at [safetyluke@hotmail.com](mailto:safetyluke@hotmail.com)

## **NewMexPEX 2023** The New Mexico Philatelic Exhibition

**October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Sat - 9 AM - 5 PM, Sun - 9 AM - 4 PM**  
**Meadowlark Senior Center**  
**4330 Meadowlark Lane, SE**  
**Rio Rancho, NM**

**Sponsors**  
**Albuquerque Philatelic Society**  
**The Rio Rancho Stamp Club**  
**The Meadowlark Senior Center**

Our 18<sup>th</sup> annual  
postage stamp show  
with exhibits, door  
prizes, dealer tables, a  
"What's in Your  
Attic?" table and lots  
of stamps.



**Free admission,**  
**parking and gifts**  
**for the kids.**

# 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, aurora\_80017@yahoo.com, if you are interested in presenting a program.*

**July 8, 2023 - 9:00 AM**

**Presenter: Tonny Van Loij  
"The Tanna Tuva People's Republic"**

A PowerPoint presentation featuring the stamps from the Tanna Tuva People's Republic. The puppet state was in existence from 1921 - 1944 before being absorbed into the Russian SFSR (Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic).



**August 12, 2023 - 9:00 AM**

**Presenter: Jim Kilbane  
"A Sampler of World Revenues"**

A sampling of revenue stamps and documents from around the world. The program will include descriptions and the usages of the stamps.



## Winners Announced for the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library "Special Delivery of Dreams" Scholarship

*by Regina Domenici*



Public outreach is a requirement for the RMPL to maintain its 501(c)(3) status. In October 2022, the Board of Directors voted to give back to the community by providing two \$2,500.00 scholarships for eligible candidates to pursue their academic dreams. We received 132 applications from nationwide candidates by the March 1, 2023 deadline. Candidates applied using the **BOLD.org** scholarship platform. The scholarship committee, comprised of Rich Palestro, Gary Withrow, and Regina Domenici, reviewed all applicants and selected 5 finalists. Subsequently, the Board identified the two winners based on their ability to verbalize how the RMPL scholarship will further their dreams. On March 31, BOLD.org notified the winners and dispersed 100%

of the scholarship funds directly to the candidates' schools. The "Special Delivery of Dreams" scholarships are intended for students enrolled in a two-year college or certified trade school, preferably a philatelist or family member of a philatelist.



**DAWN CAHILL**

A single mother of three from Sacramento, CA. She is pursuing an AA degree in nursing at Consumnes River College.



**BEATA GERGELY**

A single mother of three from Fort Lauderdale, FL. She is pursuing an AA degree in Nuclear and Industrial Radiologic Technologies at Broward College.

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## The Early Days

The idea of founding a philatelic library in the Rocky Mountain region had been discussed for a number of years between Jack Willard and Bill Dunn (1, 2). By 1986, Don Beuthel, Bill Dunn and Jack Willard, were known as "The Burrito Bunch." They met regularly on Saturdays at the Jersey Inn for a burrito and a beer or two (3). Attendance at these meetings grew over the next few years and by the early 1990s membership in "The Burrito Bunch" had increased and the discussions about founding a philatelic library began to get serious.

The meetings were moved to the Mayfair restaurant on east Colfax Avenue to accommodate everyone. A Library Organizing Committee was formed with the following members: Bob Blatherwick, Don and Ellengail Beuthel, Dave Capra (attending now and then), Bill Dunn, Erwin Engert (who attended meet-

ings now and then), Greg Frantz, Jim Kilbane (regular attendee even though he was working in New Mexico), Sergio Lugo, Jim, Roger Rydberg, Steve Schweighofer, Joe Weinman and Jack Willard. Bill Bauer of Unadilla, New York, and Joe Crosby of Edmond, Oklahoma, were active supporters (1). Jack Willard offered to donate his railroad and western history book collections to the Library. Don Beuthel convinced his wife, Ellengail, a retired librarian, to become the first RMPL Librarian.

"The Burrito Bunch" meetings continued for some time without much forward momentum. One day, in 1991, Bill Dunn arrived at a meeting with State of Colorado incorporation papers. Bill announced he needed four signatures besides his own (3). The articles were signed by Bill Dunn, Jack Willard, Don Beuthel, Jim and Roger Rydberg (2).

Dave Capra got things moving by offering a 2,400-square-foot storefront located at 3005-D S. Peoria Street, in Aurora, Colorado (1). Dave, and his partners were involved in local real estate and the storefront was unoccupied. The Library could use that location until it was rented, then they would have to vacate the premises quickly.

The Organizing Committee made the decision to accept Dave's offer. He got the place cleaned up and the Library was responsible for furnishings and paying the utilities.

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Present day shopping center store front where on August 1, 1993, the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library opened its doors for the first time.

## Signatories of the Articles of Incorporation

Don Beuthel, Bill Dunn, Jim, Roger Rydberg(\*) and Jack Willard

\*Roger Rydberg is the last surviving signatory of the Articles of Incorporation

## Members of the Library Organizing Committee (1991-1993)

Bob Blatherwick, Don and Ellengail Beuthel, Dave Capra, Bill Dunn, Erwin Engert, Greg Frantz, Jim Kilbane\*, Sergio Lugo\*, Jim, Roger Rydberg\*, Steve Schweighofer\*, Joe Weinman, Jack Willard

\*Indicates surviving member of the Library Organizing Committee

## The First 100 Library Members are Designated "The Century Club" Here are the Surviving Members of the Century Club

Sue Dunn (102)*	Tonny Van Loij (122)	Sherri Soraci-Jennings (141)	Ludvik Svoboda (187)
Sergio Lugo (105)	John Bloor (123)	Roger Cichorz (171)	Lewis Bussey (195)
Roger Rydberg (106)	Drue DeBerry (129)	Webster Stickney (172)	*Surviving spouses of Founding Members.
Jim Kilbane (107)	Judie Mitchell (134)*	Patrick McNally (173)	
Jerry Eggleston (108)	Steve Schweighofer (139)	Linda Warman-Holt (177)	
Steven Reeder (111)	Dan Thomas (140)		

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There was no guarantee how long the location would remain vacant, Dave's partners were actively seeking a rent-paying lessee for the location (1, 2).

Bill Dunn made a couple of trips out to California to pick up a large number of donated books from libraries in the Los Angeles/San Diego area (1). Sergio Lugo recalls, "the space was cavernous in light of the small number of books the library had."

Jack Willard suggested an opening day of August 1, 1993. This date was significant as it was also Colorado Day (1). The Library was open three days a week, Monday and Saturday from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM and on Thursdays from 2:00 - 8:00 PM (4). Annual dues were set at \$15.00 for a basic membership, this price did not include check-out privileges. Higher levels of paid membership included check-out privileges.

Staffing at the Peoria Street location was entirely by volunteers, mostly members of the Founding Committee. Don Beuthel organized the volunteer schedules. Sue Anderson (5), Joe Weinman (6), Ellengail Beuthel (7), and Linda Warman-Holt (8) were highlighted in *Scribblings* as outstanding volunteers. Sergio Lugo, past president, longtime member and volunteer, made this observation, "One volunteer, Linda Warman-Holt, stood out as she staffed the front desk of the library day in and day out before moving to Maine."

At the time, the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library was the only philatelic library established without large endowments or significant financing (1, 23, 50). While there were a large number of national philatelists who wished the Library well, there were an equal number who did not believe the Library would survive (1, 23, 24). Major contributors to the Library were the Aurora Stamp Club, ROMPEX, Cherrelyn Stamp Club, West Side Stamp Club, Topical Philatelists of Colorado, Arapahoe Stamp Club, Northern Colorado Philatelic Society, Wichita Stamp Club and countless individuals who provided financial assistance (9).

The first issue of *Scribblings* was released sometime in September or October 1993 (1, 2). The name of the journal was suggested by Jim Kilbane and it has remained so since. Roger Rydberg was responsible for the printing (press printed) of the journal, Don Beuthel was the editor (2). Any additional notices or announcements were printed using a mimeograph.

By the end of December 1993, the library had over



*August 1, 1993, grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library. Left to right - Jim Ozment\*, Jack Willard\*, Bill Dunn\*, Don Beuthel\*, Roger Rydberg\* and Jim Kilbane.*

*\* signatories of the Articles of Incorporation.*

100 active members, 500 volumes, and 60 periodicals. Ellengail had a backlog of 500 additional volumes to catalog (1). The "ABC's of Philately" was one of the first regular programs offered at the Library, a precursor to the current Second Saturday programs (11).

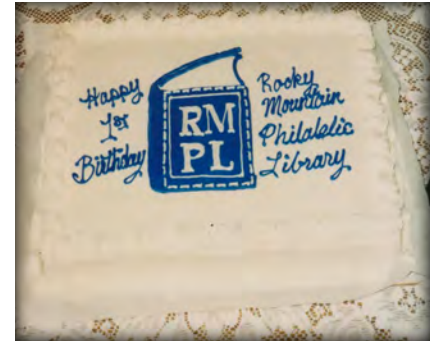
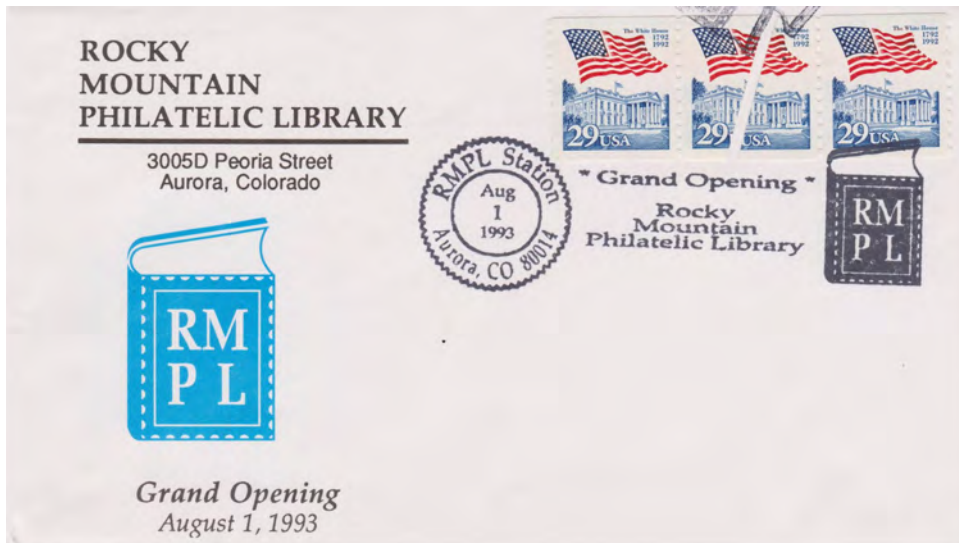
Twelve members attended the first volunteer training class in January 1994 (10). On May 9, 1994, the Library received approval from the IRS as a 501(c)(3) corporation. A First Anniversary auction was held on July 31, 1994, in order to raise funds (\$300) for Library operations. A special celebration was held the following day with nearly 50 in attendance (9).



*What the Library looked like in 1993.*

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First Anniversary cake.

A special cachet and cancel were created for the first anniversary celebration. Note the middle 29¢ stamp is bisected. The cachet and cancel were designed by Roger Rydberg. The RMPL Book Logo, still in use today, was designed by Bill Dunn's son.

In September 1994, the Library was notified it would have to relocate. The space was leased out and the location had to be vacated by October 1, 1994. Dave Capra made arrangements for the Library to relocate to the storefront next door, 3005-C South Peoria Street (12). The new location was half the size of the previous site. On September 24, 1994, a group of 19 volunteers gathered to assist moving the Library to the new location. While in the middle of the move a local stamp dealer and member arrived with a 50-carton donation (1).

The problems with finding a permanent location for the Library continued into 1995. The storefront, just occupied by the Library in October 1994, was leased and had to be vacated by January 31, 1995. Once again, Dave Capra came to the rescue and loaned a storage space for the Library to use. A group of volunteers was able to complete the move by January 28, 1995 (14).

A committee was formed (Dave Capra, Bill Dunn and Jack Willard) to find a permanent location for the Library (13). Bill Dunn established the RMPL Building

Fund to help offset the cost of moving, renting, or purchasing a new location. Jim Kilbane and Dr. John Bloor began researching the possibility of applying for grants to assist with purchasing, or leasing, a new location (15). In 1996, the first Silent Auction was held at the ROMPEX Stamp Show and raised \$1,000. This money was placed in the Building Fund (16). Of course, there was a great deal of frustration with not having a permanent location. This caused anxiety about the future of the Library.

Members of the Library Location Committee looked at more than 40 properties over a period of more than a year before offers were made on three buildings. The first was sold for much more than the Library offered, the second was



Ellengail Beuthel, Portia Hill and Marty Rydberg working at the new Library.

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2038 S. Pontiac Way, Denver, Colorado.

*"It ain't pretty but its our new home."*

*With a little bit of elbow grease, our sign and a fresh coat of paint it will be fine. Little did we realize how much work it would take to get the building ready for occupancy.*

also sold for more than the Library offered (17). The third and final option was accepted and after nearly 14 months of searching for a permanent location, the issue was resolved.

On May 1, 1996, the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library took possession of the building located at 2038 S. Pontiac Way, Denver, Colorado. It took some creative financing to obtain a mortgage for the property, most banks shied away from loaning money to a non-profit organization, staffed by volunteers, and with no guaranteed income. Two Board Members stepped forward and pledged a significant amount of money and personally financed the mortgage on the building.

The total monthly payment for the building was \$1,260, including utilities. Membership dues were bringing in \$2,400 per year, about two mortgage payments. This left the library with the difficult task of raising enough money to cover the remaining 10 monthly payments. The annual auction would bring in enough to cover a single months payment. ROMPEX and Stamp Club dues were expected to cover two months payments. Three members of the board and two Library members pledged monthly payments in the amount of \$100 - \$200 per month for two to three years, this covered five months leaving the Library short about \$2,600 a year (18).

Volunteers expended significant quantities of blood, sweat and tears in cleaning up the building. The first priority was repairing the roof of the building. Once that was completed the concrete floor had to be repaired, walls had to be torn down and new ones built. The carpeting had to be removed and replaced along with the ceiling tiles, light fixtures, texturing the walls, repainting, remodeling the kitchenette area with new countertops, sink and plumbing fixtures. The building needed to be rewired and finally new



*This is what the interior of the new building looked like before we took possession.*



*Founding members review the blueprints for remodeling the building. Ellengail Beuthel waits patiently before giving her final approval.*

mini-blinds for the windows were needed (19). The Library established a "Proud Owner Program" where members could purchase a square yard of carpeting for \$10.00 and select the location of the purchased carpet (20). Each member participating in the program was issued a certificate of ownership along with a list of the rules of ownership.

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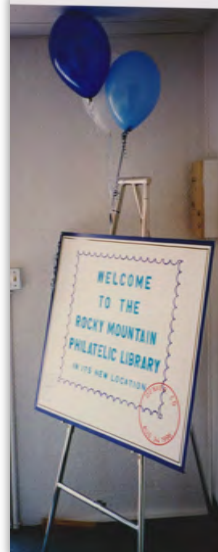


Once the remodeling was completed it was time to lay the new carpeting.

The grand re-opening of the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library was held on August 3, 1996, with nearly 70 guests in attendance, including Denver Postmaster Mike Flores. Refreshments for the event were provided by Sue Dunn, Ellengail Beuthel, Thelma Willard, Pam Lugo, Edna Wright and Anna Frantz (21). In October 1996, the Library joined the World Wide Web and the first international member joined the Library in November 1996 (22).

The Library continued to grow. Membership increased to 174 active members, 30 with email addresses, and it was open five days a week. Maury Pautz started the RMPL Mentor Program to assist in addressing specific, detailed, questions the volunteers were unable to answer. By the end of 1998, the Library had 235 active members and was open six hours a day, five days a week. Everything was managed by a hardcore group of tireless volunteers.

In 1993, when the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library first opened there were some who believed it would only amount to a "club" library (23, 24, 50). By 1999,



the RMPL became the 9<sup>th</sup> major philatelic library in the United States with 300 active members, was offering Adult Beginning Stamp Collecting classes on Monday nights and the Scandinavian Collectors Club was moving their library to the RMPL.

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## 2000 - 2009 A Period of Growth and Expansion

The Library experienced a period of expansion and improvements over the next decade.

Improvements at the Library included a new sound system to enhance the programs and assist clubs in conducting activities. The Library entered the computer age with a new website (27). The card catalog was completed and became available on-line (26). New lighting was installed which brightened the Library significantly. A high-powered microscope, that Bill Dunn used when he was an APS expertizer, was donated making it easier to examine stamps for die types, watermarks and varieties (34). A group of 50 volunteers spent two weeks installing 40 new shelving units and transferring the books and publications to the new shelves (30).

Funds raised through donations and auctions went towards repairing the roof, purchasing two storage sheds, additional filing cabinets and a computer table. The purchase of the two storage sheds enabled the Library to finally move a large quantity of duplicate periodicals out of George Snyder's garage (1, 29, 35).

Initially, a group of 30 volunteers kept the Library open six hours a day, six days a week. With increasing membership, the growing cadre of volunteers enabled the Library to begin offering additional seminars, workshops and classes. The Adult Beginning

Stamp Collecting classes began and continued for a number of years. Tim Bartshe, Greg Frantz and Alex Ioannides hosted exhibiting workshops on the fourth Saturday of every month. The Library welcomed the following stamp clubs: the Mexico-Latin American Philately Club, the Collectors Club of Denver, the Russian Stamp Club, the Youth Club, the Postcard Collectors and the Scandinavian Collectors Club. In addition to these activities, the Library hosted two new events at the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exhibition: "What's in Your Attic?" and "Stamp Camp for Youth."

Joe Lambert started work on a reference collection for fakes and forgeries and wrote a regular column in *Scribblings* related to the same (33). Second Saturday programs were a huge success and well-attended. In 2004, Sergio Lugo and Ron Mitchell hosted a "How to Sell on eBay" special Second Saturday program that saw a record turn-out (32).

In July 2005, the first color issue of *Scribblings* was published and mailed out to members. *Scribblings* was published using Appleworks for the past 14 years, it was now published using Adobe In-Design and increased from four to twelve pages (34). Ron Mitchell, editor of *Scribblings* for the past 12 years decided to retire during this time (36).

Library member Stan Luft was presented with the prestigious John Luff APS Award (Yes, it is a strange but true coincidence with the names) (39). Tim Bartshe was announced as one of the first recipients of the new APS Volunteer Recognition Award (38).



Don Beuthel presenting certificates to graduates of the Adult Beginning Stamp Collecting classes, Donald Lovelace and Marty Rydberg.



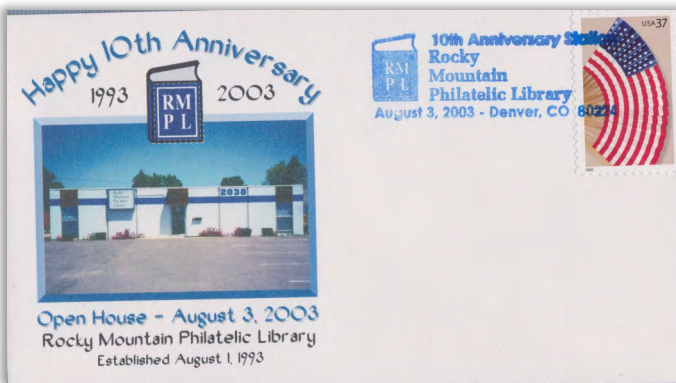
A well-attended club meeting.

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*Bill Dunn and Don Beuthel*



During the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration Don Beuthel provided some commentary on preparing the newly purchased building for occupation back in 1996. He stated, “I was down on the floor on my hands and knees with Bill Dunn and Jack Willard. We were looking at several layers of carpeting and wondering how we were going to get it all up and get new carpeting down. We looked up at each other and smiled. Don said something they were all thinking – What the hell have we gotten ourselves into? (37)”

The Library was able to pay off the mortgage in six years versus the 15-year term thanks to the donations of countless members, clubs and philatelic societies (28).



*Library founders burn the mortgage.*

A rosy picture of the Library has been painted for these years but there were some difficult times.

In early 2000, the Library was informed a bill granting state tax exemption for non-profit, private libraries was denied (25). This tacked on an additional \$300 a month in property taxes for the building. The Library, already surviving on a shoe-string budget, was placed in a difficult position making it nearly impossible to purchase new publications.

The passing of Bill Dunn, a founding member of the Library, in 2004 was an emotional event (31). In 2009, we lost Jim Ozment, founder and board member for many years, Bill Bauer, long time member and friend of the RMPL, and Robley Rhine, PhD., long time member and friend of the RMPL (42).

By 2005, the Library realized more room was needed in order to continue expanding its holdings and offering space for clubs, meetings, auctions and workshops. It was estimated the Library would run out of space sometime in 2008 or 2009. A committee was formed to begin exploring the possibilities of purchasing the building next door or finding a new location for the Library. A special Library Expansion Fund was established and began receiving donations and pledges to go towards this goal.

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## **The Founding Members Established These Five Goals of the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library**

- ◆ To serve as a repository for philatelic books, monographs, pamphlets and periodicals.
- ◆ To serve as a repository for philatelic slide and/or video programs, and related items for use by philatelists for study, information, education and research.
- ◆ Encourage the study of philately and provide for basic instruction in the science of philately.
- ◆ Provide facilities for specialized philatelic education and research.
- ◆ Act as an information center for philatelists throughout the Rocky Mountain region.

### **Library Officers and Board Members Through the Years**

#### **Presidents:**

1993 – 2003, Don Beuthel  
2003 – 2009, Ron Mitchell  
2009 – 2015, Sergio Lugo  
2015 – 2018, John Sinski  
2018 – Present, Tonny Van Loij

#### **Vice Presidents:**

1993 – 2003, Jim Kilbane  
2003 - 2004, Bill Dunn  
2004 – Present, Jim Kilbane

#### **Secretary:**

1993 – 2003, Bill Dunn  
2003 – 2004, Bob Brown

#### **Recording Secretary:**

2004 – 2009, Maury Pautz  
2009 – 2015, Paul Lee  
2015 – 2018, Brian Kramer  
2018 – 2021, Paul Lee  
2021 – Present, Regina Domenici

#### **Corresponding Secretary:**

2004 – 2009, Bob Brown  
2009 – 2015, Don Dhonau  
2015 – 2018, Roe Emory  
2018 – 2021, Bill Plachte  
2021 – Present, Paul Domenici

#### **Operations Manager**

2003 (November) – 2015, Don Beuthel  
2015 – 2018, Howard Benson  
2018 – 2018, Dasa Metzler  
2018 – Present, Steve Schweighofer

#### **Stamp Program Manager**

2021 – Present, Dasa Metzler

#### **Treasurer:**

1993 – 1996, Roger Rydberg  
1996 – 2012, Bob Blatherwick  
2012 – 2016, Bob Blatherwick/Tim Heins  
2016 – 2020, Tim Heins  
2020 – Present, William Douglass

#### **Bookkeeper**

2021 – 2023, Eddie Hackstaff  
2023 - Present - Linda Veres

#### **Board Members At Large:**

1996 – 1997, Jim Ozment, Jack Willard  
1997 – 1999, Jim Oment, Jack Willard,  
Ron Mitchell, Joe Weinmann  
1999 – 2001, Jim Ozment, Jack Willard,  
Ron Mitchell  
2001 – 2003, Jim Ozment, Jack Willard,  
Ron Mitchell, Sergio Lugo, Maury Pautz  
2003 – 2004, Jim Ozment, Sergio Lugo, Maury Pautz,  
Steve Schweighofer, Jack Willard (Emeritus)  
2004 - 2006, Sergio Lugo, Jim Ozment,  
Steve Schweighofer, Jack Willard (Emeritus)  
2006 – 2009, Sergio Lugo, Tim Bartshe,  
Steve Schweighofer, Dalene Thomas,  
Jim Ozment (Emeritus), Jack Willard (Emeritus)  
2009 - 2012, Dalene Thomas, David Weisberg,  
Roger Cichorz, Jan Marie Belle  
2012 - 2015, Dalene Thomas, David Weisberg,  
John Bloor, Steve McGill, Dave Capra, Greg Frantz  
2015 - 2018, Dalene Thomas, John Bloor,  
David Weisberg, Steve McGill  
2018 - 2021, John Bloor, Bill Crabbs, Steve McGill,  
David Weisberg, Rich Palestro (appointed after the  
death of Bill Crabbs)  
2021 - Present, Eric Carlson, Rich Palestro,  
Rod Haenni, Gary Withrow

### Current Library Volunteers

Dimitri Belevov  
 Bill Blankemeier  
 John Bloor  
 Eric Carlson  
 Ken Campbell  
 Roger Cichorz  
 Richard Coil  
 Don Dhonau  
 Paul Domenici  
 Regina Domenici  
 Bill Douglass  
 Walt Figel  
 Earl Fossum  
 Charlie Freise

Eddie Hackstaff  
 Rod Haenni  
 Gene Holgate  
 Sherri Soraci-Jennings  
 Jim Kilbane  
 Ron Lampo  
 Joe Lanotte  
 Paul Lee  
 Ken Luke  
 Steve McGill  
 Rick McDonald  
 Dasa Metzler  
 Jeff Modesitt  
 Tom Morehead

Jeff Morse  
 Andy Murin  
 Steve Nadler  
 Dan Nieuwlandt  
 Rich Palestro  
 Alex Papp  
 Harry Pedersen  
 John Peters  
 Tom Pollard  
 Richard Porto  
 John Powers  
 Russell Powers  
 Dan Sawyer  
 Bill Schattle

Roger Rydberg  
 Dick Seeley  
 Mark Semerad  
 Karen Schmidt  
 Daryl Schmitt  
 Charles Speltz  
 Steve Schweighofer  
 Bryan Trigg  
 Tonny Van Loij  
 Gary Withrow  
 Ron Yeater



Top row, left to right: Richard Coil, Don Dhonau, Paul Domenici, Regina Domenici, Bill Douglass, Eddie Hackstaff,  
 Middle row, left to right: Rod Haenni, Gene Holgate, Jim Kilbane, Joe Lanotte, Ron Lampo, Ken Luke  
 Third row, left to right: Dasa Metzler, Andy Murin, Dan Nieuwlandt, Rich Palestro, Alex Papp, Richard Porto  
 Fourth row, left to right: Bill Schattle, Steve Schweighofer, Tonny Van Loij, Gary Withrow

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**Listing of Video Productions  
Available for Viewing on  
the Rocky Mountain Philatelic  
Library Website or YouTube**



Denver Youth Stamp Club  
 Dragon Lore on Stamps  
 Greco-Turk War (1919 - 1922)  
 Lost Lodges of Rocky Mountain National Park  
 Mother's Day on Stamps and Postcards  
 Postage Stamps Fakes and Forgeries  
 Postal History Security - Part I  
 Postal History Security - Part II  
 Tasmania Pictorial Stamps - Part I  
 Tasmania Pictorial Stamps - Part II  
 Scouting on Stamps - Part I  
 Scouting on Stamps - Part II  
 US German Sea Post (1891- 1939)  
 Under the Big Top (Circus)  
 Yellowstone Highway- 1915  
 French Indochina Participation in Fairs  
 and Colonial Expositions  
 World War I Social Welfare for the American  
 Expeditionary Forces  
 World War II - James Downing, Naval Postal  
 Clerk on the USS West Virginia  
 Mourning Covers  
 Beyond Mourning Covers  
 Mexico - Denver Eagles  
 Unraveling Puerto Rico - Part I  
 Men and Mail in Transit - the Railway Post  
 Office\*  
 The Air Mail Story\*  
 Postal History of Germany's Colonies  
 and Foreign Post Offices  
 Expedition Mail of the Himalayas,  
 Part I (1921-1940)  
 Worldwide Occupation Stamps  
 Worldwide Occupation Stamps - Air Mail  
 US National Parks Post Offices  
 Jewish National Fund Labels

Postal History of Lima, Peru  
 Lima, Peru (1821-1884) Historia Postal  
 República  
 Postmarks of British Guiana  
 Los Matasellos de Guyana  
 Peru's 1874-1908 Postage Due Issues  
 Guatemala Stamp Forgeries  
 The Great Postal Fraud of Mexico, 1870-1872  
 Military Censorship in Costa Rica, 1948-1955  
 What Happened to the Great Stock of  
 Seebeck Postal Stationery - Nicaragua  
 Metaphors on Stamps

**Videos Awaiting Production**

Puerto Rico  
 Bagpipes  
 Occupation Stamps Part III  
 Occupation Stamps Part IV  
 Condor - Managed Video  
 Condor Part II  
 Condor Part III  
 Condor Part IV  
 Venezuela Winchester Air Mail  
 Puerto Rico Air Mail  
 Air Mail - Stepping Stones to South America  
 Poland  
 Early German Zeppelins  
 Denver's Union Station  
 Utah's Magnificent Canyonlands

\*Video is not an RMPL Production but is  
 found in the video holdings.

## Club and Society Journals That Have Been, or Are, Printed by the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library

- \*Auxiliary Markings Club
- \*Colorado Postal Historian
- \*Europa Study Unit
- Great Britain Collectors Club - *Chronicle*
- \*International Cuban Philatelic Society - *Journal of Cuban Philately*
- \*International Society of Guatemala Collectors - *El Quetzal*

- Light House Stamp Society - *Philatelic Beacon*
- North Carolina Postal History Society - *NCPHS Journal*
- \*Philatelic Society of Greater South Africa - *Forerunner's*
- \*Postmark Collectors Club - *Colorado Chapter News*
- \*Currently printed by the RMPL (see journal images below).



*Auxiliary Markings*



*Colorado Postal Historian*



*El Quetzal - Journal of the International Society of Guatemala Collectors*



*Europa News*



*Forerunners - Journal of the Philatelic Society for Greater Southern Africa*



*Journal of Cuban Philately for the International Cuban Philatelic Society*



*The Colorado Chapter News Postmark Collectors Club*

## Society and Club Libraries That Have Been, or Are, Housed at the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library

- Colorado Postal History Research Files Library
- Henry Hahn Memorial Library
- The Society for Czechoslovak Philately
- Sponsored by the Philip H. Melamed Foundation

- Lighthouse Stamp Society Library
- Scandinavian Collectors Club Library
- The Great Britain Collectors Club Library
- US Postal Stationery Society Library



## List of Specialized Collections Held at the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library

British Strike Mail - 5 volumes  
 California/Nevada RPO Covers - 3 volumes  
 Circus Wagon - 3 volumes  
 Colorado Masonic Lodge Covers - 2 volumes  
 Cuba (Castro Era) - 8 volumes  
 Cuba First Day Covers - 22 volumes  
 Expatriated Russian and Ukrainian Scouts -  
 1 volume  
 Funny Looking Things - 5 volumes  
 German Inflation Stamps - 11 volumes  
 Highway Post Offices Covers (1949-1951) -  
 10 volumes  
 Jules Verne - 2 volumes  
 Laundry - 4 volumes  
 Machine Cancellations - 8 volumes  
 Portugal and Colonies - 1 volume  
 Quartz Varieties - 1 volume  
 Scouts on Stamps - 42 volumes  
 German Sea Post - 8 volumes  
 The Year of the Scout (1982-1983) Covers -  
 1 volume  
 United Nations #1 (1951-1976, stamps MNH) -  
 2 volumes  
 United Nations #2 (Plate Blocks and Souvenir  
 Sheets - 11 volumes  
 United Nations #3 (World Heritage Booklets,  
 Postcards, etc.) - 1 volume  
 Watercraft Philately Covers - 8 volumes

## The Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library has Supported These Local and Regional Stamp Shows

Aurora Stamp Club Philatelic Exposition (APEX)  
 Banana Belt Stamp Club of Buena Vista  
 (BANANAPEX)  
 Boulder County Philatelic Exposition (BOCOPEX)  
 Cherrelyn Philatelic Exposition (CHERPEX)  
 Colorado Stamp Show  
 Denver Postcard Show  
 Denver Stamp Exchange  
 New Mexico Philatelic Exposition (NewMexPEX)  
 Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exposition - aka Rocky  
 Mountain Stamp Show (ROMPEX / RMSS)  
 SOCOPEX (Southern Colorado Philatelic  
 Exposition)  
 Westphilia  
 Wyoming Philatelic Exposition (WYPEX)

## Local Stamp Clubs and Organizations Supported by the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library

Arapahoe Stamp Club (1994)  
 Aurora Stamp Club (1993)  
 Austria-Hungary Stamp Club (2015)  
 Cherrelyn Stamp Club (1993)  
 China Stamp Society (1994)  
 Collectors Club of Denver (1993)  
 Colorado Postal History Society (1994)  
 Denver Chapter of China Stamp Society (1994)  
 Denver Germany Stamp Club (1993)  
 Denver Machin Study Group (2007)  
 Denver Postcard Club (2007)  
 Denver Young Collectors (Denver Youth/CYPHER  
 Stamp Club) (2010)  
 Explorers and Exploration Study Group (2005)  
 First Day Cover Chapter (2010)  
 Great Britain and Commonwealth Collectors (2010)  
 Heather Gardens Stamp Club (1993)  
 Israel Stamp Club (2006)  
 Mexico/Latin America Club (2000)  
 Northern Colorado Philatelic Society (1994)  
 Postcard Club (2005)  
 Postmark Collectors Club (2006)  
 Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelic Club (AKA Rocky  
 Mountain Aero Philatelists and Rocky Mountain  
 Aero/Astro Philatelic Club) (1993)  
 Russian Study Group (2003)  
 Scandinavian Collectors Club (1996)  
 Topical Philatelists in Colorado (1993)  
 United Postal Stationery Society (2011)  
 Universal Ship Cancellation Society (1998)  
 US Philatelic Classic Society (2005)  
 West Side Stamp Club (1994)  
 Wichita Stamp Club (1994)

## Books Published by the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library

- 1 - *Camp Genter: Colorado Ghost Town Mail*,  
by Jack Willard and Sergio Lugo
- 2 - *Mexico's Denver Printing of 1914*,  
by Ron Mitchell
- 3 - *Danish Øre Bi-Color Issue - A Primer*,  
by Peter Bergh
- \*4 - *Colorado Railroad Postal History*,  
by Mike Maselli
- 5 - *Parks, Postmarks, and Postmasters: Post  
Offices Within the National Parks System*,  
by Paul Lee II
- 6 - *Colorado Poster Stamps (booklet)*,  
by John H. Bloor

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Over a period of ten years active membership had increased to 490 by the end of 2009 with an average of 2,400 yearly visitors. (Who knows how many did not sign the register?) The Library acquired more than 11,500 books, 60,000 periodicals, 1,000 different publications, a large holding of exhibits on slides and digital files as well as quite a few PowerPoint presentations. Nine different philatelic clubs and organizations used the Library on a regular basis for meetings and activities.

## 2010 - 2019 A Period of Growth and Stability

By its 17<sup>th</sup> year of operation, the Library was out of space and the board began serious negotiations to purchase the building next door, (2048 S. Pontiac Way / 7070 E. Asbury Avenue). The decision was put to the membership and 84% of responding members approved of the acquisition of the building (40). After months of negotiations, December 7, 2009, was set as the closing date on the building next door (41).

The purchase of the new building doubled the available space for the Library to almost 6,000 square feet and doubled the available parking space. The new building required a significant amount of work before it could be occupied. Demolition and remodeling sessions were scheduled on Thursday and Saturday mornings.

The budget for the Library continued to require careful management and planning. After completing electrical upgrades to the main building work started on the new one. Long-range budget plans included paying down the mortgage, completing work on the electrical system, garage work on 7070 E. Asbury Avenue, paving the parking lot, a new copier and creating a Librarian Fund to pay a part-time Librarian when Ellengail Beuthel eventually retired. Tonny Van Loij, Mark Holderman, Pam Lugo, Dasa Metzler and Carol Mobley were appointed to the Gardening Committee to spruce up the vacant lot purchased with the building (44).

The Library, through donations, pledges, building fund contributions, dues, earnings from auction sales and careful financial planning was able to pay off the mortgage on the new building in 2017, nine years ahead of schedule (61). After nearly 20 years of fighting, the RMPL finally received a property tax exemption. This saved the Library almost \$15,000 in annual property taxes (57).

Volunteers Sergio Lugo, Steve Nadler, Rich Palestro, Steve Schweighofer, Paul Albright and Rick Wall donated their sweat equity in building and setting up the periodical and auction catalog shelves in the basement of the new building (46).

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Steve Nadler, Jeff Modesitt, Dale Starrs and Bob Blundell volunteered their time painting the new building (47). Ron Wall donated a beautiful curved display case for the new meeting room. A collection of awards and medals from previous stamp shows were donated by Don Beuthel's family, Grover Bock, Don Halperin, Jim, Dr. Fritz Rosenberg and Jack Willard. They are part of the historical philatelic artifacts collection in the new building (52).

Steve Nadler, Tim Bartshe, Jack Van Ens, Ron Hill, Sergio Lugo, David Weisberg, Camille Bradford, Jeff Modesitt, Ron Mitchell, Steve McGill, Tim Heins and Richard Aspnes mentored a series of classes, "World History Through Stamps," as part of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) available through the University of Denver adult education program (45). The Youth Group received a grant from the King Foundation for expanding youth philately. The Great Britain Collector Club Library, The Czechoslovakian Philatelic Society, the Universal Postal Stationery Society and the Lighthouse Stamp Society requested space for their libraries at the RMPL (43, 48).

The Library was printing journals for seven different societies or clubs. After many years of providing

these services it became necessary to lease a new copier. We had to raise the printing rates to cover the increasing costs of paper and supplies (51). *Scribblings* was increased from 20 pages to 24 pages and there were discussions about raising the membership dues.



*Scandinavian Collectors Club Library*



*Henry Hahn Memorial Library  
The Society for Czechoslovak Philately  
Sponsored by the Philip H. Melamed Foundation*



*A small sampling of the auction catalog holdings at the Library.*



*Don Beuthel's Stamp Show Medals*



*The Xerox C60 production copier that prints all the journals for the library, clubs and societies.*

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On August 17, 2013, the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library hosted a 20th Anniversary celebration "Burrito and Beer Bash." This was in honor of the original founders who developed the plans for the Library while gathering weekly at burrito and beer lunches. A set of four commemorative covers with special cachet and cancellation were created for the event. More than 60 members, volunteers and spouses attended the event.

The annual Silent Auctions at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show, Bulk Lot auctions and Country Lot auctions saw more participation from mail bidders and in person attendance. A large influx of quality donated material greatly improved the offerings in the auctions. The auctions soon became one of the major sources of income for Library operations, purchasing new publications and periodicals. Additionally, the increased funding enabled the Library to upgrade computers and office equipment.

Joe Lanotte and Sergio Lugo completed the first video instruction program, "*Tasmanian Pictorial Issues*," with more videos in the production pipeline (53, 71, 76). Deb Armer volunteered to manage the digitization of the "*This Was Colorado*" postcard project with assistance from a number of University of Denver graduate students (58). The reference collection of Fakes and Forgeries expanded to more than 300 registered items with 3,000 waiting to be incorporated into the collection. Marc Silberman and his thirteen-year-old son, Jeffrey, started writing articles and reviews on some of the antiquarian holdings in *Scribbings* (59). The Denver Young Collectors began a series of "Stamp Adventure" programs at local libraries (66, 68, 70). Megan Welsh, a student with the Denver University Library and Information Science Program began an internship at the RMPL under the mentorship of Ellengail Beuthel and Don Dhonau.

The Library began self-publishing and released five books during this time period. The books continued to sell well and received multiple gold medals at philatelic literature competitions several years running.

Steve McGill, RMPL Board Member won the Grand Award at the 2017 APS Richmond Stamp Show for his Machin exhibit. Seth and Tristin Martin, members of the Denver Young Collectors, won the Youth Grand Award at the 2017 Rocky Mountain Stamp Show for their exhibit on endangered marine life. Tyler Kelley, a member of the Denver Young Collectors won the Youth Grand Award at the 2019 Rocky Mountain Stamp show for his exhibit "Penguin Species and Popular Culture" (75).

Ellengail Beuthel received the Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition award from the APS for her

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20 years of volunteer service to the “**2<sup>nd</sup> Largest Philatelic Library in the United States.**” (56). RMPL member Lewis Bussey edited the *Postal Card Catalog* and received special recognition for his work on the catalog (60). In 2017, the RMSS was selected as the location for the inaugural George Brett Cup Competition and has been the host of the competition ever since (63).

The Library was not immune to hardship and difficulties during this period. Due to increasing printing costs the Library eliminated the \$15.00 basic membership and all memberships were renewed at the \$25.00 level. This was the first time in 18 years that membership dues were increased (55).

Ellengail Beuthel, librarian of more than 25 years, announced her retirement effective in early 2019 (69). The highly successful OLLI program, offered through the University of Denver since 2010, was cancelled at the end of 2018 due to lack of registrations (72). The Great Britain Collectors Club merged with the Great Britain Philatelic Society ending the library’s printing of their journal (77).

The Library experienced the loss of many founding members, long-time volunteers and friends during

this period: Ron Mitchell (62), Bob Blatherwick (64), Jack Willard (49), Dave Capra (54), Bill Crabbs (67), Howard Benson (65), Ellengail Beuthel (74), Tom Surprenant (73), and Mary Ellen Markel (73).

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### *Founding Members, In Memoriam:*



William "Bill"  
Dunn  
(2004)



James "Oz" L.  
Ozment  
(2009)



John "Jack"  
Willard  
(2011)



David  
Capra  
(2013)



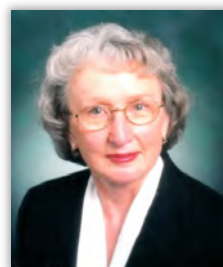
William "Ron"  
Mitchell  
(2016)



Robert "Bob"  
Blatherwick  
(2017)



Howard  
Benson  
(2018)



Ellengail  
Beuthel  
(2019)



Donald G.  
Beuthel  
(2021)

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By the end of 2019 the Library had occupied its current location for 23 years and existed for 26 years. The RMPL is one of 28 libraries, located in nine different countries, that contributed to the Global Philatelic Library and shares a total of 9,329 holdings. The Collectors Club of New York had 7,486 holdings, the National Postal Museum had 14,385. The RMPL has more than 16,000 books, well over 100,000 auction catalogs from 236 different firms, 728 printed periodicals, 85 publications on CD, 22 DVDs, 18 specialized collections, a Fakes and Forgeries reference collection, over 100 antiquarian periodicals published before 1910, had published 108 issues of *Scribblings*, and possessed a number of philatelic exhibits, presentations and programs on slides and in digital formats, and there were 30 videos available for viewing on the Library website and YouTube. The Library was operating six hours a day, six days a week with a staff of 45 volunteers. There were 486 active members and averaged around 2,800 visitors a year, not counting those who did not sign the registration book.



Spring and did not open again until mid-fall. Even then we were limited to 17 occupants at any one time (79, 81, 83). There were no in-person meetings, auctions, workshops, classes, programs or shows being held. The Rocky Mountain Stamp Show was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 (80). The Great Britain Collectors Club Library officially closed, and transferred all remaining books and publications to the RMPL. The Aurora Stamp Club, and Denver Collectors Club, active for more than 50 years, officially closed their books and transferred assets to the RMPL and other philatelic organizations (90). The North Carolina Postal History Society parted ways with the Library as they found a local business to print their journal.

## **2020 - 2023 A Period of Recovery**

When the year 2020 arrived, there were rumors of a new virus spreading across the globe. COVID was here and little did we realize the impact it would have on our daily lives. The Library closed in the early

While the Library was closed work did not stop. The board agreed to research the possibility of hosting ZOOM meetings for clubs and Second Saturday programs (87). This is now a staple at the Library with many individuals attending meetings in person or on ZOOM.

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*Current views of the Library, recent auction attendance, and the Library Youth Station.*



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Auctions were conducted through the mail or internet bidding; catalogs were available on the website.

The board made a decision to place the vacant lot up for sale. It was advertised for a long period of time but there were no offers and the lot was eventually taken off the market (78). Andy Murin built a new work room for Dasa Metzler. She no longer had to work out of a storage shed during the heat of summer and the cold of winter (86). The RMPL hosted a Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop. Eight scouts completed the requirements for the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge (88).

The lack of volunteers impacted the ability of the Library to continue operating six hours a day, six days a week. The hours of operation were reduced to four hours a day, six days a week (91).

From 2020 through 2022 the Library continued to lose valuable members: Andy Wacinski (long-time member of the Library and stamp dealer), Harold Eason, Greg Frantz (Organizing Committee member, board member and volunteer) (82), Calvin Timpe (Volunteer Coordinator) (84), Don Beuthel (founding member, past president, editor and board member) (89), Mike Milam (long-time member and volunteer) (91), Frank Leitz (long-time volunteer and stamp sorter) (93), David Weisberg (long time volunteer and Auction Manager) and George Snyder (long-time member). It is not unreasonable to believe about ten percent of the Library membership passed away due to COVID or complications from COVID. Membership had been near 500 at the end of 2019 and by the end of 2021 it was hovering just above 400.

In 2022, the Board approved a motion to establish a Scholarship Fund through BOLD.org a national scholarship platform (92). The “Special Delivery of Dreams Scholarship” is now live on BOLD.org. Two scholarships of \$2,500 each, will be awarded annually as long as funding is available. The Scholarships are targeted towards students attending two-year programs or certified trade schools. Preferred applicants are stamp collectors or members of stamp collecting families. The first two scholarship will be announced in a later issue of *Scribblings*. The conversion to the new on-line Union Catalog is complete and there are now 36 videos available on the website for viewing.

The year 2023 is looking much brighter for the RMPL. We have seen a slight increase in membership and we have a number of new volunteers who have stepped forward to assist in the day-to-day operations of the Library. The Library expanded the postal museum area to three large glass cabinets (94). More volunteers are needed to assist in stamp sorting, front desk operations, and janitorial services. Talk to your stamp collecting friends and acquaintances, let them

know what services the Library has available to members, invite them to stop by for a tour, and encourage them to become active Library members. The CYPHER Stamp Club (Colorado Young Philatelic Explorers and Researchers) was invited to the Howbert Elementary School in Colorado Springs to give an “Everything About Birds” presentation in February, 2023. More than 100 packets containing a pamphlet about birds on stamps, topical stamps and hinges were handed out to the children and teachers (95).



*Specialized Collection Room and President's Office; and the Stamp Sale Program Office.*



*The Map Room and Cartographic Archives including many railroad route maps.*



*Everything About Birds program at the Howbert Elementary School.*

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When the Library reopened there was much work to be done. Planned building improvements included: new file cabinets for the vertical files, a new copier, two locked case cabinets, a water heater for 7070, roof repairs to 2048, repaired perimeter lighting, upgraded computers, update the key control and inventory system, the parking lots did not meet county standards and needed to be repaved and painted, set up the Library to accept credit card payments, purchase a large screen TV for the meeting room, explore the possibility of adding interior and exterior security cameras and motion sensors to both buildings (85). A small group of volunteers spent several weekends clearing the weeds and overgrowth around the buildings and grounds.

In early 2023, member feedback indicated a desire for the Library to open during evening hours. Beginning on March 1, 2023, the Library opened Monday - Saturday from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM and from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM on Thursday evenings (94). This is a three-month trial period, if we have enough volunteers to cover this evening shift and attendance is sufficient the Library will re-evaluate the trial period.

The Library is getting prepared for officer and board elections in early 2024 and will soon be seeking nominees for the positions.

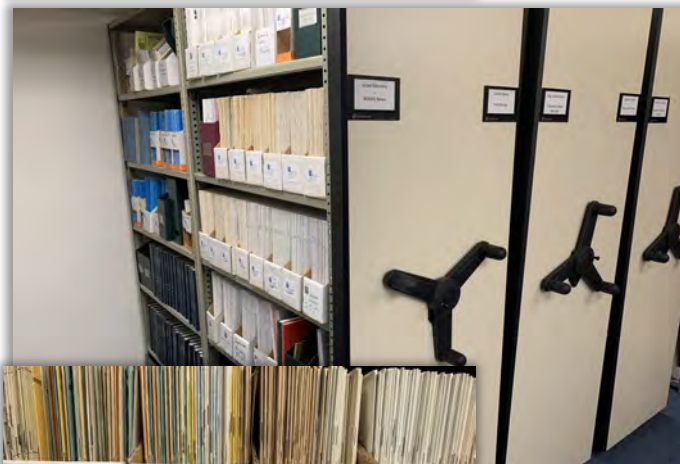
We will hold a special 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House on August 26, 2023. Take the opportunity to stop by and meet our long-time volunteers and get acquainted with some of our new volunteers. Visit with friends, fellow collectors and those who have dedicated countless hours, and years, making the Library what it is today. Express your appreciation and thanks to those who volunteer their time and efforts to ensure the Library's continuance into the future. Please RSVP if you plan to attend this event.

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*The Postal History Museum at the RMPL.*



*A small selection of the more than 100,000 periodicals, journals and auction catalogs found at the RMPL*



*BNA Topics 1944-1959*

*Austria Post Office News for Philatelists 1965-1980*



*The Vertical Files - a collection of philatelic newspaper clippings, articles and musings.*



## Chewing Gum for the Mind

### The Great Flood of May 2002

On May 24, 2002, one of the drains on the roof was clogged and during a brief shower the ceiling sprung 20-30 leaks (96). The majority of the leaks were in



the front of the building and did not threaten the contents of the Library. George Snyder and George Wright, the volunteers working the desk that morning, went to work setting up waste baskets and covering sensitive equipment and material with tarps. Ellengail arrived with additional tarps and a wet-dry vacuum to help clean up the mess. Books on four shelves against one wall were moved out of harms way. The Library did not suffer any significant losses due to the timing of the storm. If it had started a few hours earlier, before volunteers arrived to start the day, it would have been much worse.

### What's the Story Behind the Post Office Boxes?

About those Post Office mail boxes located in the front of the Library, have you ever wondered how they got there? Sergio Lugo believes Jim Ozment picked them up in South Dakota (97). He is not sure if they were a donation or someone's flight of fancy. They were in the Library on Peoria Street and were moved to our present location. Sergio remembers they were stored along the back corridor next to the furnace room, they were superfluous. The boxes were too high due to the parcel boxes along the bottom, no one knew the combinations to the locks and the backs were inaccessible because they rested up against the wall.

Greg Frantz resolved the issue with the combination locks. He wanted the front plates of the smallest boxes for special bank boxes that he turned into collectibles for sale. One of these boxes is on display in the RMPL Postal History Museum. Ron Mitchell thought

the Library might be able to fit the boxes in a vacant space near the Presidents office. Sergio believes it was Greg who cut the post office boxes down, removing the bottom two layers of large boxes. Sergio stated, "as luck would have it, I measured them at roughly 1/2 - 1 inch too small."

Dave Capra and Sergio Lugo removed the closet doors for the vacant space and cut an entry way into the President's office. Greg disabled the locks on all the boxes and they could now be opened from the front. The boxes were moved, by hand, and positioned in place. Ironically, they were now too short for the space because the lower two rows of boxes had been removed. Dave Capra and others at the Library helped keep the boxes squared while Sergio worked underneath them building a support system about 12 - 17 inches high. Once this was completed the post office boxes were anchored to the studs in the closet in the President's office. Dave Capra did all the finish work on the drywall in the front, This is how the misfit post office boxes became a mailbox system for RMPL Volunteers and clubs.



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## On-Line Card Catalog and the Global Philatelic Library

The beginnings of a Union Catalog for philatelic libraries began in 2003. The idea is traced to APS Executive Director Bob Lamb and APRL Librarian Gini Horn. RMPL President, Ron Mitchell, Librarian Ellengail Beuthel and webmaster Roger Rydberg were made aware of the possibilities. Both the APRL and RMPL used the same database. It was decided the RMPL would be the logical choice to take part in the testing of the technology and assist in the development of a Union Catalog (102).

With the assistance of Chuck Baker, an RMPL volunteer, he was able to resolve some of the database and computer issues. He assisted Ellengail in creating the RMPL digital catalog in 2006. The catalog was only available to visitors at the RMPL. It was estimated the RMPL catalog would be accessible online by the end of 2008 (98). This prediction proved to be overly optimistic, though work was still proceeding into 2009. Through the efforts of Travis Searles, another RMPL volunteer, a new interface was written and for the first time the RMPL catalog became accessible on the Internet (99, 100). Permission to check-out books online was limited to contributing level RMPL members. There was a \$10.00 fee plus \$3.00 per book, with a four-week check-out period. Interlibrary, and rare book loans were not available (101).

In early 2008, discussions with the American Philatelic Research Library began concerning the cre-

ation of a "Union Catalog" for philatelic libraries around the country. Individuals would be able to access the combined resources of each library using a single website. The RMPL's 7,000 holdings would be merged with the APRL's 20,000, and plans called for including the holdings of the Postal History Foundation in Tucson, Arizona (102). By the end of 2009, testing of the Union Catalog showed more than 5,000 of the RMPL's holdings were listed, along with the holding of other philatelic libraries in the United States.

On June 1, 2012, the Global Philatelic Library was launched. This was an expansion of the program initiated by the APRL and RMPL back in 2008. The National Postal Museum, Royal Philatelic Society of London joined the APRL in creating the GPL (103).

Today, the Global Philatelic Library is comprised of 27 libraries located in 10 different countries with almost 840,000 holdings.



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# The 72nd Rocky Mountain Stamp Show

by Charlie Freise

After months of planning, organizing and preparation, the day arrived, May 25th, 2023. In the early morning hours, cars, SUVs and trucks began arriving at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. Folks gathered in small groups, cups of coffee were a common sight among them.

The exhibit floor was measured and tape marked where each row of exhibit frames began and ended. The crates were opened and soon the exhibit hall was a scene of energetic activity. The booth tables and chairs were organized and soon the first of the societies and clubs were arriving to organizing their work areas.

By the afternoon, 27 dealers arrived and were setting up their booths. More than 240 exhibit frames awaited the arrival of the exhibitors. Of course, everything was running smoothly, on schedule and according to plan.



There is ample room to move around without the difficulties encountered with smaller exhibit halls or convention centers. The noise level is incomparable; in a small cramped environment it is difficult to be heard over the din of multiple conversations. It did not take long before the dealer tables were filled with visitors seeking treasures for their collections.

## DEALERS, SOCIETIES and CLUBS

In addition to the 27 dealers from across the country, the following guest societies were present during the show: the United States Postal Service, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, the Philatelic Society of Greater Southern Africa, the Rhodesian Study Circle, and the Postal History Society of Colorado. The Denver Stamp Club and the International Society for Portuguese Philately also had a presence at the show. The Denver Audubon was a guest visitor as the theme of this years show was "Celebrating the Birds of Colorado."



On Friday morning, May 26th, a pervasive nervous energy filled the exhibit hall. The doors opened at 10:00 AM and visitors began streaming in.

For many, the expansive exhibit hall is deceptive.

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**"WHAT'S IN YOUR ATTIC?"**

This perennial visitor favorite was well-attended throughout the show. Visitors bring in their inherited collections or those found in the dusty corners of attics and basements. The volunteers staffing the booth provide the owners with guidance and information concerning their collections. Although they cannot give an estimated dollar value on the collection they can direct them to various dealers, clubs, or local organizations that might be interested in the material.



**"THE 29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RMPL SILENT AUCTION"**

The Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library hosted an annual silent auction during the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show. This year, the auction had a record number of in-person, mail, and on-line bidders. With over 800 different lots of material from the United States and across the globe there was something for everyone.



**THE GEORGE BRETT CUP COMPETITION**

The American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors held the annual George Brett Cup competition at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show for the fifth year running. The competition consists of all exhibits of 20th

century, or later, material that achieved a score of 93 points or higher at a World Series of Philately show during the past three seasons.

This year, Andrew Kelley, with his Offset Lithographed Washington Franklin Heads exhibit, was the winner of the George Brett Cup. This prestigious award was presented during the Saturday evening awards banquet. Andrew Kelley is a member of the RMPL and serves on the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee.



**YOUTH BOOTH**

This year the Youth Booth featured a number of new activities for the children. Regina Domenici was the catalyst in the creation of a new "Enchanting Stories" board featuring scenes from Disney movies with stamps related to the movies. The "Wide World of Sports" and "Mystery" boards were well received by the children. The Design a Stamp, Wildlife Safari, Scavenger Hunt, Exhibit Trivia and stamp treasure tubs are always favorites of the children.



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### NEW FRIENDS

We welcomed three new dealers this year: Willard S. Allman, Steve Hesse, and Lawrence Volovski. Kurt Schau and Jim Taff returned to the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show after a three year hiatus.

### SCOUT MERIT BADGE WORKSHOP

On Sunday, May 28th, the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show and the Cypher Stamp Club hosted a Scout Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Workshop. A total of 14 scouts attended the workshop with the majority completing all the requirements. The scouts were provided with free supplies and a binder containing examples of every stamp listed in Requirement #3, examples of covers, postal stationery and souvenir sheets. The scouts had the opportunity to go through the exhibit and dealer areas and visited The Letter Press Depot printing exhibit.



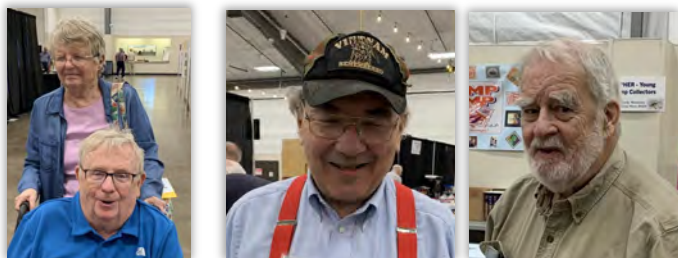
Volovski Rarities



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## FAMILIAR FACES



Marty and Roger Rydberg, Sergio Lugo and Jerry Eggleston, RMPL Century Club members.

In summary, we had over 700 visitors, not including dealers, society members, volunteers and committee members. There were 45 individual exhibits and 12 single-frame club exhibits. The Rocky Mountain

Stamp Show hosted the AAPE George Brett Cup competition for the fifth year in a row. We provided a regular shuttle service for visitors to the venue and back to the hotel. We had more dealers attend this show than the previous year. The Cypher Stamp Club hosted a Scout Stamp Collecting Merit Badge workshop for 14 scouts. The RMPL conducted its 29th Silent Auction with over 800 individual lots during the show.

Thank you all for making this show a success. We look forward to seeing everyone again at next year's show in May 2024.

## SHOW TRIVIA

What do a baseball cap, a flash drive, a pair of glasses, and a Ukrainian checklist have in common? They are all items that were left behind at this year's Rocky Mountain Stamp Show. If you think one of these items may belong to you, send an email to Ron Lampo at [chairman@rockymountainstampshow.com](mailto:chairman@rockymountainstampshow.com).

# RMPL Board of Directors Meeting

## Board of Directors Meeting May 18, 2023

Board Members Present: Tonny Von Loij, Jim Kilbane, Rich Palestro, Eric Carlson, Steve Schweighofer, Paul and Regina Domenici, Gary Withrow, and Rod Haenni. Visitors: Charlie Freise. Absent: Bill Douglass

The meeting was called to order at 3:55 pm.

**Treasurer:** Due to Bill's absence, financial statements were distributed but not reviewed.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Auction update:** Paul reported the February country lots auction grossed \$23,110. The Library netted \$18,200 after expenses.

**2024 Special Delivery of Dreams Scholarship:** The Board approved the establishment of a scholarship fund with a five-year endowment of \$25,000. Tracking scholarship donations will include creating a dedicated scholarship cash register key.

**Approved purchase of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs):** Tonny reported there is neither an insurance incentive nor liability to purchase the AEDs. Obtaining the AEDs is contingent on enough volunteers agreeing to take the training and use this life-saving equipment. The method of training is being determined, but a *Scribblings* announcement will encourage volunteers to sign up for training at the front desk.

**Increased utility bills:** Paul reported the XCEL energy audit recommended upgrading the ceiling insulation in 2048 and replacing the 20-year-old AC unit in

2038. Given the life of the existing unit, rebates and increased efficiency make replacement an attractive option. At no cost, XCEL came out and installed LED light bulbs in all three buildings. This represents a potential annual savings of hundreds of dollars.

**Board elections for 2024:** Tonny reported John Bloor is spearheading the nominating committee.

**Follow up on Paul Lee's "Parks, Postmarks and Postmasters" revised book publication:** Jim Kilbane, head of the publication committee, will investigate the cost of different printing options and report back at the next meeting.

### Copier replacement

The copier in 2038 is now obsolete. Xerox will no longer provide technical and maintenance support for the machine. Parts and supplies are no longer being manufactured. Charlie reported different options to replace the copier in the main library and the Board approved a motion to purchase a new copier for \$3,342 along with an 11x17 scanner.

### NEW BUSINESS

**RMPL's 30th anniversary open house on August 26:** Paul reported a flyer announcing the RMPL 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary open house will be included in the July *Scribblings*. All members, plus a guest, are encouraged to attend. RSVP is expected.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Domenici



# Covering the World



## An Early French Postage Due Cover

By John H. Bloor



Figure legends for perforated French J6.

figure 1: Top left, front of cover showing the postage due stamp.

figure 2: Top right, back of cover showing the Brioude transit mark.

figure 3: Bottom right, copy of France Scott J6 clearly showing the rouletting.

France issued its first postage stamp in 1849. After a stamp was required to be on every letter to prepay the postage, not everything went as it was supposed to. Specifically, not every letter that needed a stamp had one. To indicate these deficiencies, in 1859 France began issuing postage due stamps.

The first postage dues were issued in 1871. They are square with a black border and a numeral of value in the center. They have the inscription “chiffre tax/à percevoir”, meaning “tax to be collected. Also, significantly for this story, they were imperforate. This was quite common on the early stamps of many countries; the postage stamps of France were all imperforate until 1862.

The cover here today (*figures 1 and 2*) looks fairly unremarkable. It was sent from Champagne-Le-Vieux in Haute Loire to St. Peray, Ardeshe, in 1871. There is a Brioude transit mark dated January 22, 1871 on the back. However, it has no postage stamp and there is nothing to show that it ever was stamped (i.e. the stamp was not removed and didn't fall off). Consequently, the post office applied a postage due stamp. What makes this cover interesting is that the postage due stamp (a variety of Scott J6), issued without perforations, is perforated or, more accurately, rouletted (*figure 3*)! Additionally, although two catalogues say

just that the stamp was issued in 1871, the Yvert & Tellier catalogue gives September 1<sup>st</sup> as the issue date. This is nine months after the date in the transit mark on the back. Either something is in error, or this is a really early usage.

There is a footnote following France J10 in the Scott catalog stating that numbers “J3, J4, J6, J8 and J9 are known rouletted unofficially and [numbers] J4, J6, J7 and J10 pin-perf, unofficially”. The Spink/Maury French catalog goes further. It lists and prices the perforated stamp (number 5, type 2 in that catalog) both and off and on cover.

Neither the number of Scott J6 issued nor the quantity perforated are listed in my references. It seems likely that quantities of both are small and the number of the perforated ones on cover is very low.

It seems curious that the rouletting is described as unofficial. Since postage dues were intended for use by the post office, why would they be unofficial?

This discussion is somewhat different than in the previous columns. It focuses on the stamp rather than the cover. However, the stamp on the cover is what makes the cover interesting.

Send me your interesting covers for future issues of this column.



# New Publications for our Members

## UNITED STATES

*The 1847 Issue of United States Stamps,*  
by Frank E. Goodwin

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by Frank E. Goodwin

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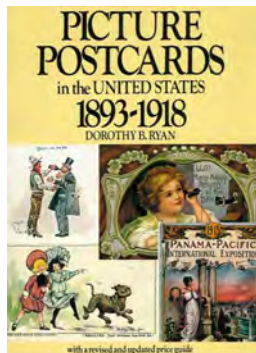
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*The Stamps That Caused the American Revolution: The Stamps of the 1765 British Stamp Act for America,* by Adolph Koepfel

*Third Federal Issue 1814-1817: and Other U.S. Embossed Revenue Stamped Paper 1791-1869,* by W. V. Combs

*Tobacco Sale Tax Stamps,*  
by I. Irving Silverman

*United States: The 10¢ Registry Stamp of 1911,* by Robert L. Markovits



## AFRICA

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by John K. Cross

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*Stanley Gibbons Commonwealth Stamp Catalogue West Africa*

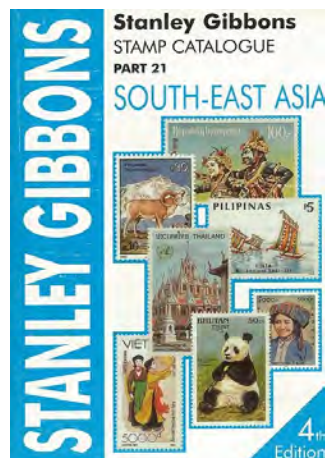
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*Standard catalog - [China]*

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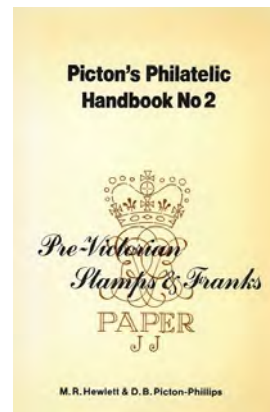
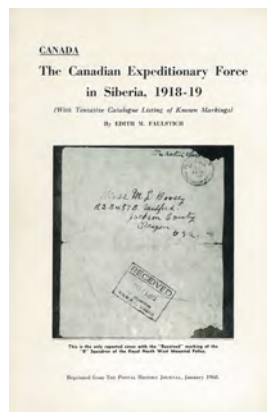
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*Postai Cenzúra Magyarországon 1939-1946 (Postzensuren in Ungarn 1939-1946, Postal Censorship in Hungary 1939-1946): Monográfia és Katalógus (Monographie und Katalog, Monograph and Catalogue)*,



## NORTH AMERICA

*Darnell Millennium Stamps of Canada Catalogue: Featuring the New Numbering System.*

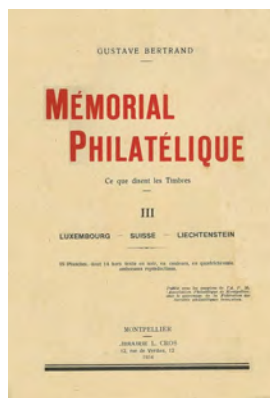
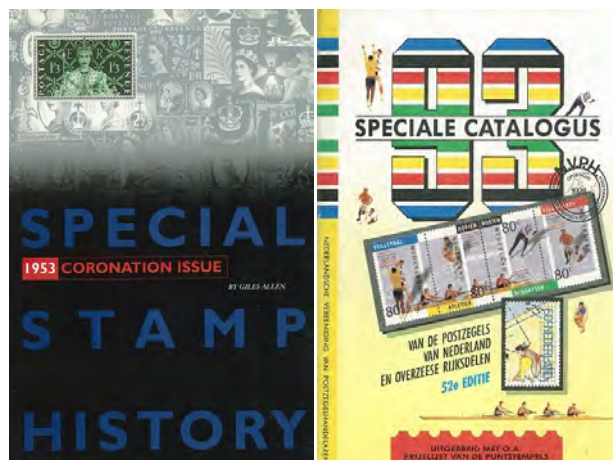
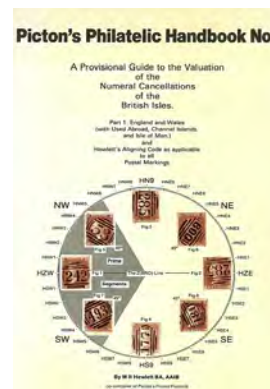
## TOPICAL

*Filatelia e-sport Universitario: Dalle Origini a Tutto il 1991 [Centro Italiano di Filatelia Tematica. Gruppo Sport]*

*Topic Tour*, by Mary Ann Owens (in Chinese)

## MISCELLANEOUS

*Air Crash Mail of the World*, (USB drive)



## NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to new members who have joined the library from March 16, 2023, through May 15, 2023.

**Even Brande**, Laramie, WY - Collects Norway, US and US airmail.

**Gordon S. Carvill**, Englewood, CO - Collects sailing ships on stamps.

**Robert Gross**, Englewood, CO - Collects "Fourteeners."

**Kent R. Hobbs**, Littleton, CO - Collects stamps in general.

**John McCarty**, London, TN - Collects US Ducks, Canada, exploring New Zealand and Slovakia.

**Thad Schamburg**, Salina, KS - Collects US singles, plate blocks and full sheets.

**Please Note:** New members and membership renewals received after May 15, 2023, will be acknowledged in the next issue of *Scribblings*.

## NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN

The shelves are easier to read now. We've had volunteers picking out the books whose titles can not be read. They're placing the titles on the spines of books so our patrons can find what they're looking for. The shelves are beautiful now.



We will begin an inventory of the library soon. Some books are missing in our card catalog, but on the shelves, and some are in the card catalog, but missing from the shelves We'll set it all straight soon.

Our stamp sales area has expanded. We've received more and more stamps that we're able to sell to our members. We've got worldwide and U.S. stamps, covers, topicals, cinderellas, and postcards. Something

## DONATIONS

*The library thrives on the enthusiasm and generosity of its members. The following societies, clubs, and individuals made donations to the Library since the last donation listing. These donations were made from March 13, 2023 through May 14, 2023. Thank you!*

### SOCIETY AND CLUB DONATIONS

Denver Stamp Club

Scandinavian Collectors Club

### INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

Bradie Allen	Will Mahoney
George Anema	Gary McIntyre
John Bloor	Dasa Metzler
Stephen Blue	Mounts & More
Kathy Crabbs	Andrew Murin
Kenneth Creamer	Kat Murphy
Amy Davis	Harold Nelson
Sue Dunn	Joe Neri
David Durbin	David New
Jayni Eichhorn	Karen Nogami
Ken Fay	Carolyn Olschner
Nolan Flowers	Erin Payne
Arlene Gerwin	John Pfeiffer
Catherine Green	Angela Rayne
Dusty Hagerty	Philip Richardson
Adriane Horovitz	Martin Severe
Gary Houghton	Marc Silberman
Daniel Immerman	Webster Stickney
Linda J. Kaley	Jim Swanson
Leonard Kortekaas	Gilbert Verbit
Chris Kostanick	Barbra Weidlein
Kenneth Luke	Lorraine Wittkorn

for everyone. Come on down and check it out. Check out a book while you're here.

Book donations are slowing down. If you have some books that you've always wanted to place in a permanent home, now is the time to donate them to the RMPL. We promise to take good care of them and you can visit them whenever you like.

Sherri Soraci-Jennings

# Scheduled Library Events



The RMPL Operations Manager, Steve Schweighofer, maintains a calendar of reserved club times. Clubs should check the calendar regularly and notify Steve ([steve.schweighofer@comcast.net](mailto:steve.schweighofer@comcast.net)) of any updates or changes. Requests to reserve meeting space and time for philatelically related meetings other than those listed here must be approved and scheduled with Steve well in advance. Call the Library or the appropriate club to confirm the place and time.

**Hours of Operation:**  
 Mon - Sat: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
 Thu: 5:00 - 8:00 PM  
 Closed Sundays and Holidays  
 Phone: (303) 759-9921  
 Email: [rmp1@qwestoffice.net](mailto:rmp1@qwestoffice.net)

## \*\*\*JULY 2023\*\*\*

**Jul 1 Sat** - meeting 10 AM  
 Scandinavian Collectors Club

**Jul 8 Sat** - meeting 10:30 AM  
 Mexico/Latin America Club

**Jul 9 Sun** - meeting 1 PM  
 Denver Postcard Club

**Jul 12 Wed** - meeting 7 PM  
 Denver Germany Stamp Club

**Jul 8 Sat - 9AM**  
**Second Saturday at the RMPL**  
 Presenter: Tonny Van Loij  
*"The Tanna Tuva Peoples Republic"*

**Jul 13 Thu** - meeting 2 PM  
 Cherrelyn Stamp Club

**Jul 15 Sat** - meeting 9:30 AM  
 CYPHER Stamp Club

**Jul 20 Thu** - meeting 4 PM  
 RMPL Board of Directors (visitors welcome)

**Jul 26 Wed** - meeting 2 PM  
 Denver Stamp Club

## \*\*\*AUGUST 2023\*\*\*

**Aug 5 Sat** - meeting 10 AM  
 Scandinavian Collectors Club

**Aug 9 Wed** - meeting 7 PM  
 Denver Germany Stamp Club

**Aug 10 Thu** - meeting 2 PM  
 Cherrelyn Stamp Club

**Aug 12 - 9 AM**  
**Second Saturday at the RMPL**  
 Presenter: Jim Kilbane  
*"A Sampler of World Revenues"*

**Aug 12 Sat** - meeting 10:30 AM  
 Mexico/Latin America Club

**Aug 12 Sat** - meeting 12:30 PM  
 Rocky Mountain Aero and Astrophilately Club

**Aug 13 Sun** - meeting 1 PM  
 Denver Postcard Club

**Aug 19 Sat** - meeting 9:30 AM  
 CYPHER Stamp Club

**Aug 23 Sun** - meeting 2 PM  
 Denver Stamp Club

**Aug 26 Sat** - 2:30 - 5:30 PM  
 30th Anniversary Celebration and Open House

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

**Denver Stamp Club Show, July 14-15, 2023**

**WYPEX 2023, August 12-13, 2023**

**CHERPEX Stamp Show, September 29-30, 2023**

**RMPL's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Large Lot Auction, October 28, 2023**

**NewMexPEX, October 28-29, 2023**

**CHEERS TO 30 YEARS!**

**YOU'RE INVITED TO  
RMPL'S ANNIVERSARY  
OPEN HOUSE**

**AUGUST 26, 2023**

**2:30 PM-5:30 PM**

**HORS D'OEUVRES AND DESSERTS  
WINE AND SOFT DRINKS**

**RSVP BY AUGUST 16**

**CALL RMPL: 303-759-9921**

**OR**

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