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Libraries to create one-stop site for local history, genealogy

St. Simons, Brunswick sites to combine Special Collections

BRUNSWICK—St. Simons Island Public Library and the Brunswick-Glynn County Library are combining their Special Collections – which include a variety of materials, such as rare books, maps and photographs, cemetery and funeral home indexes, local history books and much more.

The expanded Heritage Collection will be located at the Brunswick-Glynn County Library, at 208 Gloucester St., and should be ready by early summer, said Leslie A. Jones, director of the Three Rivers Regional Library System, headquartered at the library in Brunswick.

“The staff of the St. Simons Island Public Library and many volunteers from the community have worked hard over the years to build an outstanding collection,” said Jones. “The collection not only includes extensive research on families from St. Simons Island and Brunswick, but it reaches beyond Glynn County to include other families and communities throughout the South.”

Moving the collection to Brunswick will give patrons better access to it, Jones said. She added that the Heritage Room at the Brunswick facility has more shelf and table space, a dedicated computer for local history and family research, and microfilm readers and printers. It also has librarians with the technical expertise to help patrons find what they need.

“Combining these collections will create a convenient one-stop research center for historians, students, genealogists and anyone interested in exploring our region’s rich heritage,” Jones said. “The Brunswick-Glynn County Library and the St. Simons Island Public Library are excited about this venture, and remain committed to the preservation and the enrichment of this valuable collection.”

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Three Rivers Regional Library System, based at the Brunswick-Glynn County Library, includes St. Simons Island Public Library, also in Glynn County; Brantley County Public Library; Camden County Public Library and St. Marys Public Library, also in Camden County; Charlton Public Library in Charlton County; Hog Hammock Public Library and Ida Hilton Public Library, both in McIntosh County; Long County Public Library; and Wayne County Public Library. Three Rivers libraries are members of PINES, the Public Information Network for Electronic Services, a program of the Georgia Public Library Service, which gives libraries and their patrons access to more than 9.6 million books and materials, at more than 275 libraries and service outlets in Georgia. Visit the Three Rivers libraries online at www.trrl.org.