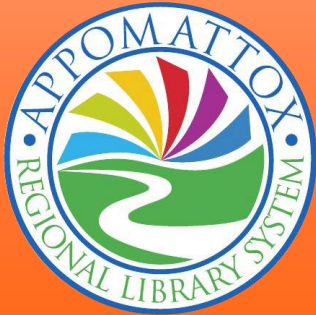


*A Vertical File, One Donor,
and Some Ghostbusters*



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Opportunities

- Public interest
- Donation
- A city-sponsored renovation
- Partners

Public Interest & The Vertical File: A Little History

- Twenty-two years ago we had vertical file clippings and the *Hopewell News* on microfilm
- Indexed obituaries
- Began giving programs on the history of the area
- Participated in Virginia Roots Music Exhibit
- Started to get genealogy projects from different parts of the world
- Moved into a new library and received Leake donation for a history room

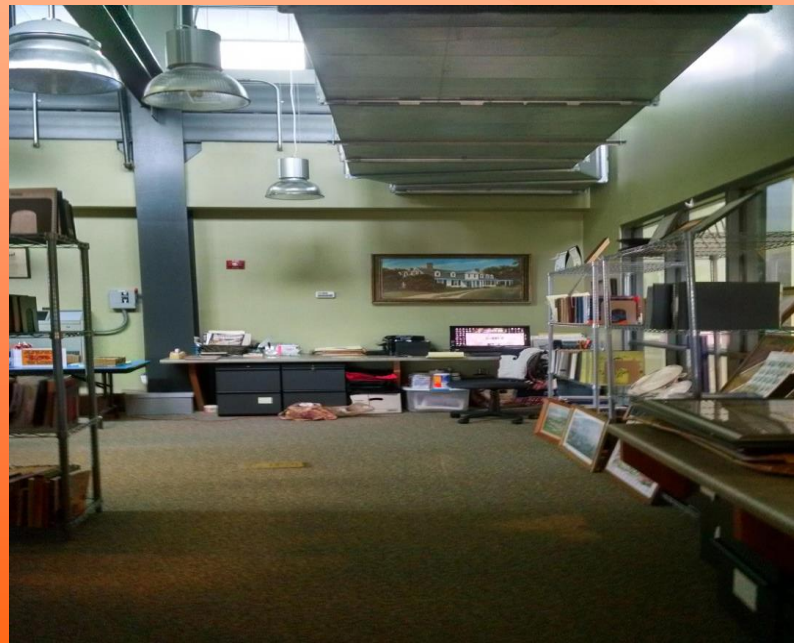
From the Old to the New



Mr & Mrs Leake and the New Local History Room

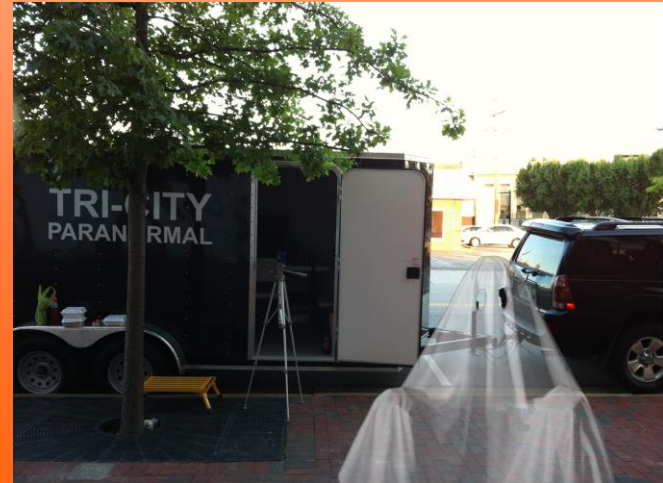


Ann & Preston Leake Local History and Genealogy Room



Beacon Theater Renovation & Some Ghostbusters

- The Beacon Theater renovation managed by ARLS
- Summer program with Tri-City Paranormal
- Mo' PR, mo' programs



Beacon Theater

Broadway Theatre, Hopewell, Va.



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Interior Before Renovation



Beacon Reborn



Beacon Historical Research Solidifies LHGR/City Partnership



Getting Organized

- Leake donation, committee forms to outline archive policy, procedures, mission
- Learning to manage archival material in a not-so-archival space
- Making decisions: finding aids, collection cataloging, descriptive tags, data dictionary

New Tools & More Work

- Digitization of *Hopewell News*
- Only source of microfilms for the *Hopewell News*
- Collection comprising the period of 1914-2004
- Creekside Digital digitized and hosts it for us; links it to our website
- Went live 12/17/14 and was well received

<http://appomattoxcl.archivalweb.com/reelSelector.php>

Omeka

- Explored Omeka at the Digital Scanning Lab at The University of Richmond 7/13/15
- Omeka is a web publishing platform that you can use to create a website to digitally display your collection
- Omeka.net vs. Omeka.org? Free vs. paid?
- Obtained subscription from Omeka 9/18/2015
- Started off our digitization project and went live on 12/30/15

<http://lhgc.omeka.net/>

Past Perfect

- Past Perfect is a collection and contact management software
- Omeka was good for displays but we wanted to also catalog the collection in the local history room
- We recently purchased PP and are currently working on cataloging our collection
- Unfortunately not ready to go live yet

What We Learned

- Outreach works
- Find partners & ask questions
- Be a resource
- Everything we do (big or small) can build publicity
- It's cyclic: opportunities (outreach, programs, word-of-mouth) = visibility = more opportunities

Where Next?

- Youth volunteers
- St. Dennis Chapel
- More digital collections



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