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CANARY ISLANDERS: Coinciding with National Hispanic Heritage Month, the Canary Islanders Heritage Society provided a display and genealogical information to the Assumption Parish Library in celebration of the 16th anniversary of the society's founding. Exhibited materials included maps of the areas settled by the *Isleños*, a list of the surnames of most of the original settlers (including the modern spelling), ships' passenger lists, archaeological materials from the Gálveztown dig, and genealogy research resources. The exhibit was opened October 6th by a brief history of the Canary Islanders presented by Chad LeBlanc. Pictured above, left to right, are: Chad LeBlanc, Society Board Member; R. Layne Lindsly, Society President; Nancy Duco, Friends of the Library President; D.J. "Peanut" Alleman, Society Member; Joan Aleman, Society Vice President; Father Gerald LeFebvre, Society Board Member and Karen Lambert, Society Secretary.

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MEETING SCHEDULED: The latest ELHA meeting is scheduled for the Livingston Parish Library in Livingston on Thursday October 18, 2012 at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be Julian Dufreche, Clerk of Court, Tangipahoa Parish.

Dufreche is also the former Mayor of Ponchatoula. He will discuss two of his projects: the restoration of the Lyon Lumber Company steam engine and his preparation of a pictorial history of Ponchatoula. Remember that Ponchatoula, Hammond and Independence, and points in between, were in Livingston Parish until Tangipahoa was

created in 1869. The Lyon engine ran on the Garyville Northern Railroad from the towns of Livingston and Garyville until Lyon "cutout" about 1931.

Dufreche's office holds those Livingston Parish records which pertain to the area from the present eastern boundary of Livingston Parish to the Tangipahoa River. Long after this area was incorporated into the new parish of Tangipahoa Parish, many residents of eastern Livingston Parish continued to obtain marriage licenses, etc., in Tangipahoa Parish.

Clark Forrest heads up this Livingston Parish group and also has announced that the Hungarian Settlement Historical Society is having its Hungarian Settlement Exhibit at the Albany-Springfield Branch Library during the months of October and November. Visitors are welcome at the ELHA meetings and at the Albany-Springfield library for this exhibit.

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DIGITIZING NEWSPAPERS: Many researchers are not aware of the digitizing work being done at Hill Memorial Library at LSU. Laura Charney, MLIS, Project Manager, Digitizing Louisiana Newspapers Project, reports that they have been working very hard to digitize recent donations from Judy Riffel of LeComite and to promote the use of the data through the *Chronicling America* website. Meetings and discussions on this project have been taking place around the state.

The first was a two-part program held at LSU Libraries Special Collections at Hill Memorial Library which took place on October 9, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Assistant Curator of Books Michael Taylor started off with a brief history of Louisiana newspapers, and Charney followed up with a presentation detailing the process and advantages of digitizing historic Louisiana newspapers.

A similar presentation was delivered at Loyola University New Orleans's Monroe Library on October 11, 2012.

Finally, on October 18, 2012, Charney reports that she will be delivering a short presentation on incorporating the historic Louisiana newspapers available online in genealogical research at the South Regional Branch of the Lafayette Public Library at 6:15 p.m.

For more information, please visit the [DLNP Events page](#). Note that these are the last presentations expected to be delivered in 2012.

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ACADIAN PUBLICATION: The October issue of *Acadian Genealogy Exchange* has arrived for review. Published in May and October, it is filled with excellent research material for genealogists. However, it looks as if this may be the final issue of this publication.

It has been edited and published over the years by Janet B. Jehn, 3265 Wayman Branch Rd., Covington, KY 41015, and subscription rate is \$17 per year in the U.S. and \$20 per year outside U.S. These will stand for those individuals who may want to buy any back issues she has on file. Queries have appeared in this publication free for members and non-members. However, these queries had to have an Acadian or French-Canadian/Acadian connection. Jehn also encouraged ancestor charts from readers.

Like so many society publications and individual publications like *Acadian Genealogy Exchange*, editors are either discontinuing or converting to online publications. Regardless of how the internet has changed research, it is difficult to realize that so many good publication just cease to exist.

As Jehn states in her introductory letter in this October issue, she is getting very little material from readers now and doesn't have the energy she once had to continue doing so much work putting the issues together without help.

So it goes for Janet Jehn, a long-time genealogical friend who has done so much to assist researchers over the years. Keep in touch, my friend. The journey has been good, but the friendship lingers. My best wishes come your way as you move on with your life.

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