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## LIBRARIANS' DAY, 1 MAY 2018

ProQuest invites Librarians who work with family history patrons to the pre-conference program Tuesday, 1 May 2018, which will be held at the Grand Rapids Public Library, 111 Library Street N, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, located a few blocks from the conference hotels. The program, *Newspapers—An Indispensable Tool for Serving Library Patrons*, will be held from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. ProQuest sponsors the program and lunch for Librarians' who register before 20 April 2018. Space is limited so early registration is recommended. The library will provide complimentary parking for Librarians' Day participants.

The program will review a wide range of newspaper resources available both online and in other media.

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### LIBRARIANS' DAY PROGRAM

- 9:00 a.m. Registration, Ryerson Auditorium
- 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions—Tim Gleisner, Moderator
- 9:45 a.m. "Enhancements in Digitization and Cataloging of Recent and Historic Newspapers"—Jim Beidler
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. "The Ever-Expanding Library of Michigan Newspaper Collection"—Tim Gleisner
- 12:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. ProQuest Presentation—William Forsyth
- 1:15 p.m. "Discoveries in Religious and Ethnic Newspapers"—Michael D. Lacopo, DVM
- 2:15 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. "A Primer on Using African American Newspapers"—Tim Pinnick
- 3:00 p.m. "The Collections of the Grand Rapids Public Library"—Julie Tabberer
- 3:20 p.m. Library Collections Tour
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn



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## SPEAKER BIOS

**James M. Beidler**, author of three books, including a new guide to newspapers, *The Family Tree Historical Newspapers Guide*, and two books on German genealogy. Beidler also writes the weekly newspaper column "Roots & Branches."

**Tim Gleisner**, Head of Special Collections at the Library of Michigan and previous head of special collections at the Grand Rapids Public Library.

**Michael D. Lacopo**, DVM, is a retired small-animal veterinarian involved in genealogical research since 1980. An "all-American mutt," his research focus includes Pennsylvania Germans, genetic genealogy, and social history.

**Tim Pinnick**, lecturer with thirty plus years of family history research experience, instructor IGHR's African American track, former board member APG and FGS.

**Julie Tabberer**, MLIS, is a librarian and head of the History and Special Collections department at the Grand Rapids Public Library.

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## FILBY AWARD

Each year ProQuest sponsors the Filby Award which honors a librarian with at least five years' experience whose primary focus is genealogy and local history and who is employed in a public, academic, or special library. The award includes a \$1,000 honorarium. The Filby Award is named for the late P. William Filby, former director of the Maryland Historical Society and author of many core genealogical reference tools that genealogists have relied on for decades.

Nominations are due 31 January 2018 for the 2018 Filby Award. For the award criteria and more information see [https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/awards\\_competitions/awards\\_competitions\\_awards\\_the\\_filby\\_award](https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/awards_competitions/awards_competitions_awards_the_filby_award).