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**RASD plans preconference on reference service for genealogists**

"Reference Service for Genealogists: A Mini-Course for Librarians" will be held on Friday, June 25, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., as a preconference to the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in New Orleans. **The deadline for registration is May 25.**

The six-hour preconference, sponsored by the Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD) History Section Genealogy Committee, will be preented by Janet G. and J. Carlyle Parker.

It will cover such topics as the effective reference interview, genealogical research, basic research methods of genealogical research, research strategies, collection development, referrals, interlibrary loan, research sources for genealogical research for Americans and basic reference books needed in all libraries. There will be an opportunity for questions on each topic.

A syllabus will be provided which will include citations for all titles discussed and basic lists of genealogical reference books for all collections.

J. Carlyle Parker is the author of "Library Service for Genealogists" (Detroit: Gale, 1981) and "Going to Salt Lake City to Do Family History Research," 2d ed., rev., and exp. (Turlock, Calif: Marietta, 1993)

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Janet Parker is a joint compiler with J. Carlyle of "Nevada Biographical and Genealogical Sketch Index" (Turlock, Calif.: Marietta, 1986).

The preconference registration fee is \$95 for RASD members, \$130 for ALA members and \$165 for nonmembers.

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