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## Genealogy resources at the library part of larger regional circuit

The Western Counties Regional Library's genealogy resources offer a wide array of information. But these resources are also part of a much larger genealogy circuit.

The South West Nova Scotia Genealogy Circuit is the broad partnership of 14 research centres to market the genealogy research services available in the Annapolis, Digby, Yarmouth and Shelburne counties. It is being promoted through a variety of

media and has a Web portal located at [www.swnsroots.com](http://www.swnsroots.com). The portal has information on the partners and links to their Web sites. It also provides links to other sites with all the necessary information required by a visitor to the region.

Peter Crowell, Municipal Archivist for the Municipality of Argyle, said genealogy tourists are a "different breed" of tourist because they stay longer, understand the volunteer effort needed to maintain research services of museums, libraries and other centres and are very generous towards that effort.

Equally significant is the partnership of the various organizations, said Wally Buchanan of the Shelburne County Archives and Genealogical Society. He lauded the efforts of Trudy Amirault of the Western Counties Regional Library, who managed to unite the 12 organizations from the four counties.

The partnership also assists smaller centres, said Dorothy Outhouse of the Islands' Archives in Freeport on Digby Neck.

The small centre now has a Web presence and far-reaching marketing materials and strategies, things that "could not have been accomplished" without the partnership, she said.

"We can present to the world what we are and what we have to offer," she said.

