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## Northwest libraries Local History plan Tacoma meet

History, with an accent on the here and now, is the general theme of the 61st conference of the Pacific Northwest Library Association in session through Friday at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma.

Attending from the Yakima Valley Regional Library are Valney Shirk, assistant library; Dolores Plath, reference librarian; Adele Suzuki, bookmobile librarian; Mrs. Emma de la Cruz and Robert Pankl from the technical services department.

They have set up one of the conference exhibits, a display of sample materials from the recently acquired Relander collection of local and western history.

These include original letters of Father James H. Wilbur, Indian agent at Fort Simcoe from 1864-1882, and two letters from Ben Snipes, Oregon Territory cattle baron who had enterprises at The Dalles, Yakima, Ellensburg and Roslyn.

The 500 librarians, library trustees and friends of the

library from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia also will see two books from the collection: the first American edition of Ross Cox's "Adventures on the Columbia River" and Princess Sarah Winnemucca's "Sad Plight of the Piute Indians."

"The conference program is cued to alerting librarians to living history in their own communities," said Mrs. Ruth Hamilton, Olympia, chairman of the planning committee. "We are demonstrating through lectures and workshops what history really is, how it can be collected, preserved and used. We must be aware that what people say, do, wear, photograph and even sing are part of the 'now' scene which will be history tomorrow."

Conference keynoters are Dr. Giovanni Costigan, University of Washington history professor, and Russell Shank, Smithsonian Institutions director of libraries, Washington, D.C.