

## **GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**

We've received a few calls lately at the Spirit Lake Public Library from people trying to find a specific gravesite at one of the area cemeteries. We have several resources to help with this.

We have four different resources on our website that can help with doing genealogical research. The first one is the Dickinson County Cemetery Records. When you go to [slpublib.com](http://slpublib.com), scroll down and click on the Dickinson County Cemetery Records icon. This will take you to a list of all the cemeteries in the county. Under the name of each cemetery, you can click on the cover page, map or records for that specific cemetery. This resource is provided by the Friends of the Spirit Lake Public Library group.

A digital resource that we provide a link to is the IAGenWeb Project. The IAGenWeb Project is one of the most active USGenWeb® state projects, providing free frequently added data to help you research your family history. All contributions are made by volunteers. There are many ways to do research on this site, so give yourself plenty of time to browse!

Find a Grave is another very useful resource linked on our website. You can search for graves from all around the world! It's interesting to see photos and additional information posted on the site as well. This site is also updated by volunteers.

And finally, there is the Dickinson County Newspaper Archive. This is composed of digitized newspapers from Dickinson County dating back to 1970.

All four of these resources are free to use via our website. You do not need a library card at the Spirit Lake Public Library to access them.