STANLEY STEVENS, noted local educator and historian, will speak about researching local history that was his avocation during nearly thirty-years (1965-1993) as Map Librarian at the University Library, University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC). His research, writing, and indexing local history publications continues as his principal interest and daily activity.

In 1967, he was the founding-President of the Western Association of Map Libraries. He served WAML in various capacities, including Treasurer and Editor of its Information Bulletin. In 1997, he was awarded lifetime membership in WAML honoring his many contributions.

Since retirement, Stevens is the founder and has been the volunteer Coordinator of the Hihn-Younger Archive at the University Library’s Special Collections at UCSC. Frederick Augustus Hihn was a German Immigrant who came to California during the Gold Rush, and to Santa Cruz in 1851. He remained here until he died in 1913, amassing a fortune from his vast holdings of real estate and timberlands. Hihn created the first railroad between Santa Cruz and Watsonville, among other railroad interests. Hihn’s locomotive engine, the Jupiter, is now on exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution’s Museum of American History. Hihn was the founder of Capitola.

Stanley’s notable publications include *Index to the Great register* [1882], containing the names and registration of the domiciled inhabitants of the County of Santa Cruz.

He will discuss the process of research leading to creative writing and paths for publication that will be presented in an interesting style.

These programs are informal coffee hours where local authors discuss their works, answer questions, and autograph their books. They are free of charge and open to the public. Coffee will be provided by The Ugly Mug. For further information call 475-3326.

The library is located at 3050 Porter Street, Soquel. Parking is available behind the library. Enter from Soquel Drive into the Bagelry parking lot and drive through to the left.

Library Hours Monday-Friday 12 – 4 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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