

Genealogy

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Do It Yourself DNA Research

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, August 2, 6:30 p.m.

Spend an evening analyzing your DNA test results. Our Genealogy Specialist will be available to help guide you through roadblocks and assist with answering questions as you conduct your own DNA analysis. You will need to bring your own laptop or mobile device to access your results online.

NGSQ Study Group

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, August 9, 6:30 p.m.

Interested in furthering your genealogical research skills? Then the NGSQ Study Group is for you! Each month we will study and discuss one article from the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, focusing on the genealogical techniques presented. The NGSQ is available at the West Oaks Branch. August's article will be Darcie Hind Posz, "One George Deane or More: Determining an Identity Spanning Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri, but not Wisconsin," National Genealogical Society Quarterly 103 (September 2015): 201–207. Optional study, see Darcie Hind Posz, "Unfiled Collaterals and Copperheads: A Quad Study of a Midwestern Family," The Genealogist 29 (Spring 2015): 49–75.

Working with Census Records and Vital Records

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, August 16, 6 p.m.

Learn what information is contained in each of the censuses and discover how to use all of the various bits of information from the census as clues to further your research. Become familiar with the key sources for locating your ancestors' vital records and discover a few workarounds when the records you need aren't available.

Working with Land Records and Estate Records

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, August 16, 7:30 p.m.

Land records and estate records are often an underutilized resource for genealogy. Uncover how these records can help you jumpstart your research. Come learn about deeds, mortgages, wills, estate inventories and more.

DNA and Genealogy: An Introduction

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, August 23, 3 p.m.

Develop an understanding of the basics of genetic genealogy and how DNA testing can supplement your traditional genealogical research. Explore the different types of tests that are available and help you determine how to target your testing to uncover your desired connections. Discover how to find DNA projects that relate to your research and discuss which companies to consider for your testing purposes.

Exploring Autosomal DNA

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, August 23, 6 p.m.

So you had your DNA tested, now what do you do with your results? How do you know which matches are valid? How are chromosomes inherited and what is chromosome recombination? How is triangulation useful? What are centimorgans? How can X-DNA help me with my research? We'll teach you how to analyze and interpret your test results and leave armed with enough information to start making your DNA work for you.

Exploring DNA Websites

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, August 23, 7:30 p.m.

Come and explore three DNA testing company websites: Ancestry DNA, FamilyTreeDNA and 23andme. Find out what the differences are between the companies and how to navigate each company's website. We will also briefly explore **Gedmatch.com** for an overview of the tools that they provide to help you analyze your DNA test results.

Your History Through the Pages

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, August 26, 10:30 a.m.

Enhance your heritage knowledge through pictures and artifacts. Alberta Gibbs from Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS) will show you how to create your very own scrapbook to preserve your family history and heritage. Bring your own photos, artifacts and scrapbooks and learn to put it all together in scrapbook format.

Genealogy for Beginners

West Oaks Branch

Monday, August 28, 6:30 p.m.

Want to learn more about your family history but don't know where to begin? This program will introduce you to genealogical terms and techniques. Gain the skills to complete an ancestor chart and garner information from living relatives and household sources. Sources that can be used for family-history research will be discussed.

Genealogy Research Question Workshop

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, August 30, 6:30–8 p.m.

Sharpen your genealogy skills and learn about resources by sharing your research questions. Genealogy researchers, whether beginning or advanced, are invited to submit one specific research question in advance. Genealogy Center staff will lead the group discussion and will help direct you to possible answers, resources, types of records, databases and websites. Just think: a safe haven for all those family history queries! Registration is required and a submitted research question is recommended. To submit your question, email genealogy@ocls.info or call 407-835-7651.