

Genealogy

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Do It Yourself DNA Research

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, September 6, 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, September 13, 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. September's article will be Gayla S. Nieminen, "Indirect Evidence Connects Frances Shaffer to Her Grandfather, Michael Bossler of Blair County, Pennsylvania," National Genealogical Society Quarterly 104 (March 2016): 39–50.

DNA + Paper Trail = Case Solved!

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, September 20, 6:30 p.m.

Autosomal DNA is a common type of genetic testing that many TV commercials advertise, but it cannot stand alone and must be part of a traditional genealogy research in order to solve many brick-wall problems. Learn how autosomal DNA (atDNA) testing, combined with extensive paper research, revealed the birth parents of an African-American woman who was adopted in Pennsylvania in the 1920s.

Genealogy for Night Owls

West Oaks Branch

Friday, September 22, 5–9 p.m.

Join us for an after-hours genealogy event to research your family history! Meet, mingle and share with fellow researchers as you uncover details of your ancestry. Genealogy lectures and technology classes will be offered. Library staff and genealogy volunteers will also be available for research assistance. Registration required. Register at ocls.info, e-mail genealogy@ocls.info or call 407.835.7651.

Genealogy Book Highlights from the West Oaks Collection

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, September 27, 6:30 p.m.

Explore the key learning points from three new books in the Genealogy Center book collection. We will discuss *Mastering Genealogical Documentation* by Thomas W. Jones, *Mastering Genealogical Proof* by Thomas W. Jones and *Genetic Genealogy in Practice* by Blaine T. Bettinger and Debbie Parker Wayne.

DNA and Genealogy: An Introduction

Windermere Branch

Saturday, September 30, 2 p.m.

Learn 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 determine how to target your testing to

discover your desired connections. Discover how to find DNA projects that relate to your research and discuss which companies to consider for your testing purposes.

Branching Out to Find Your Roots

Branching Out to Find Your Roots: Discovering U.S. Census Records

Windermere Branch

Thursday, September 7, 6–7:30 p.m.

The United States Federal Census has been conducted every 10 years beginning in 1790. 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.

Branching Out to Find Your Roots: Using Vital Records

Windermere Branch

Thursday, September 14, 6–7:30 p.m.

Births, marriages and deaths are important pieces of information for your family history. Become familiar with the key sources for locating your ancestor's vital records and discover workarounds for when the records you need aren't available.

Branching Out to Find Your Roots: Estate, Wills and Probate Records

Windermere Branch

Thursday, September 21, 6–7:30 p.m.

Learn what these records are, where they are located and how to best utilize them in your family history research. Topics to be discussed will include wills, indexes, estate inventories, newspaper notices, bonds, settlements and guardianship.

Branching Out to Find Your Roots: Exploring Church and Cemetery Records

Windermere Branch

Thursday, September 28, 6–7:30 p.m.

Church and cemetery records are a strong source of information for births, marriages and deaths especially in the period before the civil registration of vital statistics. Discover what types of information are contained in these records, how to access them and how they can help enhance your family research.