

Genealogy

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NGSQ Study Group

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.

Interested in furthering your genealogical research skills? Then the NGSQ Study Group is for you! Each month we will select one article from the National Genealogical Society Quarterly to study and discuss. The conversation will focus on research techniques presented in article as well as the logic patterns that were used to find a solution to the genealogical problem. The NGSQ is available in the library's collection at the West Oaks Branch Library and Genealogy Center. May's article will be Karen Stanbary, "Rafael Arriaga, a Mexican Father in Michigan: Autosomal DNA Helps Identify Paternity," National Genealogical Society Quarterly 104 (June 2016): 85–98.

Maximizing Your Ancestry Search Results

West Oaks Branch

Thursday, May 11, 11 a.m.

Feeling frustrated because you can't find what you need on Ancestry? Learn to navigate Ancestry in a whole new way that will have you discovering all kinds of information on your family!

The Paperless Genealogist: How to Go Paperless with Your Family History Research

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.

Feeling bogged down with too much paper from years of genealogical research? Explore options for going paperless and see how digital versions can actually enhance your research experience.

Diggin' It!: A Genealogy Research Open Forum & Book Club

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, May 20, 10:30 a.m.–Noon

Join us for monthly club meetings where we support and encourage each other for continued progress in our genealogy research, enjoy guest speakers, discuss assigned readings and progress toward publication of your genealogy. Our club motto: "Only a genealogist regards a step backwards as progress."

Genealogy for Beginners

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, May 20, 3 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. Learn 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.

Be a Star at the Genealogy Center Roadshow

West Oaks Branch

Thursday, May 24, 1–8 p.m.

Get individualized attention to your genealogy research at our Genealogy Center Roadshow. Share your research brick walls and dilemmas. Staff will help you get started on what to do next, recommending the best resources to use and research strategies to try. Space is limited. Registration required. Submitting

your question in advance is recommended. To register, email genealogy@ocls.info or call 407.835.7651. Be sure to bring your research notes to your consultation.

Discovering U.S. Census Records

West Oaks Branch

Friday, May 25, 11 a.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.