

Genealogy

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Genealogy for Beginners

West Oaks Branch

Friday, June 2, 11 a.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.

Understanding More About Your DNA Research

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, June 7, 6:30 p.m.

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

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

West Oaks Branch

Thursday, June 8, 12:30 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 enhance your research experience.

Celebrate Your Heritage: African-American Family History Festival

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, June 10, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Celebrate your history and heritage at our African-American Family History Festival. Library staff, EPOCH, the African-American Historical & Genealogical Society and Wells Built Museum will share resources and services to help you learn more about your heritage. ocls.info/familyhistoryfest

NGSQ Study Group

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, June 14, 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 one article as well as the logic patterns that were used to find a solution to the genealogical problem. Issues of the NGSQ are available in the library's collection at the West Oaks Branch Library and Genealogy Center. June's article will be Ronald A. Hill, "Middle Names from 1792 and 1793 Help Reconstruct Ancestry of John Rodda Jr., Butcher at Helston, Cornwall," National Genealogical Society Quarterly 103 (December 2015): 263–279.

Make Your Ancestors Come Alive with Newspaper Research

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, June 21, 6:30 p.m.

Newspapers often functioned as the day-to-day diaries of community events and happenings. They can provide a kaleidoscope of information on the lives of our ancestors. Join us as we explore how you can use this rich source to expand your family history research.

20 Unique Websites for Your Genealogy Research

West Oaks Branch

Thursday, June 22, 12:30 p.m.

New websites and features appear on the Internet almost daily. Explore these 20 unique websites that are indispensable for both beginning and experienced researchers. This presentation is guaranteed to enhance your genealogical research.