

# Genealogy

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## **Genealogy, The Very Basics**

West Oaks Branch

*Wednesday, July 5, 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. 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.

## **Make your Ancestors Come Alive with Newspaper Research**

West Oaks Branch

*Thursday, July 6, 11 a.m.–Noon*

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.

## **NGSQ Study Group**

West Oaks Branch

*Wednesday, July 12, 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. July's article is by Julie Miller, "Who was Mariah, wife of Jacob Lasher (1773–1857) of Germantown, Columbia County, New York?" National Genealogical Society Quarterly 104 (September 2016): 191–210.

## **Exploring Autosomal DNA**

West Oaks Branch

*Thursday, July 13, 11 a.m.–Noon*

So you had your DNA tested, 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? Learn to analyze and interpret your test results and leave armed with enough information to start making your DNA work for you.

## **DNA Concepts: Triangulation and Mirror Trees**

West Oaks Branch

*Wednesday, July 26, 6:30 p.m.*

Interested in learning DNA techniques that will help you connect with cousins to find your most recent common ancestor? Then join us for this enlightening session that will demonstrate the practice of triangulation and will show you how to use mirror trees when researching those with an unknown parentage.

## **Using Vital Records**

West Oaks Branch

*Thursday, July 27, 11 a.m.*

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

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

West Oaks Branch

*Saturday, July 29, 10:30 a.m.*

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."