

Help for researching family history

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Tulsans can share their family's heritage with future generations by researching their roots and creating a family tree.

The Tulsa City-County Library's Genealogy Center in July will present an annual Family History Month series featuring free programs for new genealogy researchers as well as lifetime enthusiasts.

On the second floor of the Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd St., the Genealogy Center has one of the largest genealogical collections in Oklahoma.

Plus, it is designated as an official FamilySearch Center, enabling it to borrow resources from the largest genealogy collection in the world – the Family History Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Family History Month series kicks off July 6 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Nathan Hale Library, 6038 E. 23rd St., with the program "Start Your Research @ the Library."

On July 7, the Bixby Library, 20 E. Breckinridge, will host the program “An Overview of the Genealogy Center” from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The following programs will be at the Hardesty Regional Library.

Beginning Genealogy Workshop

July 9 • 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Pecan Room

Kathy Huber, Genealogy Center manager, will guide patrons through the process and explain the records and sources that will help them get started.

Exploring Genealogy Software

July 9 • 2:30-4 p.m.

Pecan Room

Nancy Shively, IT training coordinator, Tulsa City-County Library, will show how to choose the correct software and explain how to transfer files from an old program to a new one.

DNA 101

July 16 • 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Frossard Auditorium

Liz Walker, Genealogy Center library associate, will give an overview of the different kinds of DNA tests and what results to expect from each one.

Tulsa Genealogical Society Library

July 16 • 10:45-11:45 a.m.

Frossard Auditorium

The Tulsa Genealogical Society (TGS) recently donated its library collection to Northeastern State University’s Broken Arrow campus. The collection is now available and open to the public. Join Dorothy Becknell, TGS president, as she shares updates on accessing and using this research collection.

Genealogy Writers Workshop: Documenting Our Families

July 16 • 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Frossard Auditorium

Join a panel of genealogists who have written and published their families' stories and history. Genealogy Center manager Kathy Huber will share resources available at the center that will aid writers in creating their own family book.

Genealogy Workshop With Mark Lowe

July 23 • 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Frossard Auditorium

Professional genealogist, speaker and researcher, Mark Lowe will show how maps, atlases and gazetteers can be used to locate family farms and residences. He will follow a case through court, explaining the basic records of the legal system. He will discuss private claims made by civilian families requesting payment for services or damages. Learn how and when these requests were honored, ignored or lost, and what information might be found in them. We will end the day with a behind-the-scenes look at the research and preparation done before those genealogical TV programs are aired. Using clips and actual research problems, Lowe will show us how the story is told.

Testing Outrageous Family Stories

July 24 • 1:30-4 p.m.

Frossard Auditorium

Genealogist Mark Lowe will take a lighthearted look at some outrageous family stories. Using these examples, Lowe will share some strategies and suggestions that can be used to test the stories and determine their likely truths.

The National Archives at Your Fingertips

July 30 • 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Frossard Auditorium

Meg Hacker, archives director, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Fort Worth, will provide an overview of NARA's genealogical information available online, highlighting an array of

military, naturalization and federal population census records. Learn where to find these important records on NARA's online website.

National Archives' Online Resources Relating to American Indians

July 30 • 10:45-11:45 a.m.

Frossard Auditorium

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is creating Web pages full of information and resources for researching American Indian ancestors. With a focus on the American Indian tribes in Oklahoma, Meg Hacker, archives director at NARA at Fort Worth, will demonstrate how to use these online guides which make this vast collection of records easily accessible to family history researchers.

Honoring the Survivors

July 30 • 2-2:45 p.m.

Frossard Auditorium

The Oklahoma Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association is locating and marking the graves of survivors of the forced removal of the Five Civilized Tribes, which occurred in the 1830s. Join chapter representative David Hampton as he describes the efforts taken to determine who is eligible, the research conducted on the individual and their descendants, and how this research is used during a ceremony conducted at the gravesite.

American Indian Resources at the Genealogy Center

July 30 • 3-4 p.m.

Frossard Auditorium

The Genealogy Center maintains a large collection of resources for researching American Indian ancestors. Kathy Huber, Genealogy Center manager, will give an overview of these materials.

For information, go to <http://guides.tulsalibrary.org/genealogy/> or call 918-549-7691.

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