



Q-and-A with Kathy Huber, genealogy librarian in Tulsa

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Kathy Huber is the director of the Tulsa City-County Library's Genealogy Center, which is hosting free workshops in July for the library's Family History Month. JACKIE DOBSON/Tulsa World



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The popularity of TV shows such as "Who Do You Think You Are?" and the ubiquitous ads for web services like Ancestry.com make it seem as if it takes just a few clicks on a computer to discover one's complete family history.

The truth, as Kathy Huber knows well, is that genealogical research can be a lot of work.

"Those shows and websites are great, and I'm glad they're out there to get people's interest," Huber said. "But the reality is this sort of research is a project that requires a lot of commitment and a whole lot of old-timey research skills.

"You have to page through books, work with archives and libraries in other states, write to courthouses to obtain marriage records and the like," she said. "That's because, even though there is a great deal of information you can find online, there is a whole lot more than isn't available on computer and probably never will be."

That is why the Tulsa City-County Library's Genealogy Center, for which Huber serves as manager and genealogy librarian, devotes the month of July to helping people get a

Family History Month programs

The Tulsa City-County Library's Genealogy Center is offering a month's worth of events to help those interested in exploring their families' pasts through genealogical research.

Some of the programs offered during July at the Genealogy Center, located on the second floor of the Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd St., are:

- Beginning Genealogy, 9:30 a.m. July 12

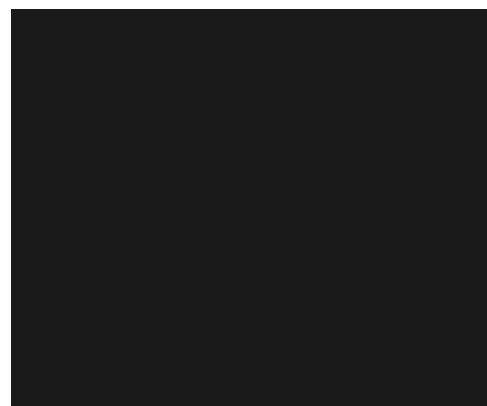
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- The Deep Web: Using the Library's Other Databases for Genealogy Research, 6:30 p.m. July 16
- Gold Nuggets: Those Overlooked Sources in the Genealogy Collection, 9:30 a.m. July 19
- Preserving Family Records: From Expensive to Cheap Methods – You Decide, 2 p.m. July 19
- Solving Google Mysteries: A Skills Training Workshop for Family Research, 9:30 a.m. July 22
- Road Crews and Jury Selection: Finding an Ancestor Without a Census, 2:45 p.m. July 26
- Using Library Resources to Find Ancestors, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. July 28
- Free Genealogy Websites, 6:30 p.m. July 29

For a complete list of Family History Month events, go to tulsalibrary.org/genealogy.

start in researching their family histories.

The Genealogy Center's Family History Month features more than a dozen workshops such as beginning genealogy research, searching for Civil War records, Tulsa in the 1920s and ways to get the most out of the library's genealogical collection and services.

"All the services and workshops we provide are free of charge," said Huber, who has been with the center since 1992. "During the Family History Month, we try to focus on that — on how people can augment the research they do on their own with what we can offer."

The Genealogy Center moved last year to the Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd St. Previously, the center was at the Rudisill Regional Library, then at a stand-alone facility at 29th Street and Harvard Avenue.

What are you ...

... recommending people do to get started in genealogical research?

The best thing to do is start at home by finding all the records you might already have: marriage records, birth certificates, death certificates, family Bible records, articles clipped from newspapers. Often, you can pull a lot of information from these to lead you to the next step in your search.

... reading for pleasure?



"Saving Italy: The Race to Rescue a Nation's Treasures from the Nazis," by Robert M. Edsel. It's a kind of follow-up to his book on the "Monuments Men." And yes, I checked it out of the library.

... looking forward to this summer?

I'm going to San Antonio later this summer for a national genealogy conference. I always enjoy these conferences, and San Antonio is a city I've visited many times and love.

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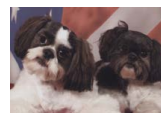
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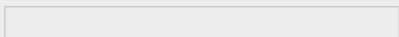
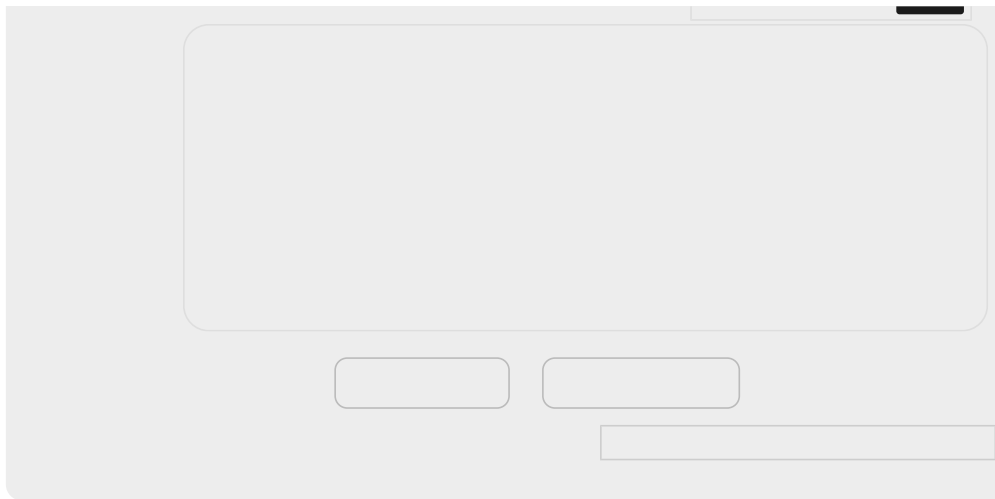
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BY JENNIFER L. HARRIS
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