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# Library starts month-long genealogy series July 1

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Todd Cathey is browsing part of the Hardesty library's genealogy section on the civil war to write a book on Friday. The library is showcasing the genealogy section in the library for family history month in July. JACKIE DOBSON/Tulsa World



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Longtime genealogy librarian Kathy Huber has recently seen some increased interest in genealogy.

Huber, manager of the Tulsa City-County Library's Genealogy Center, attributes some of the increased interest to recent TV shows that have focused on genealogy. TLC's "Who Do You Think You Are" and PBS' "Genealogy Roadshow" come to mind.

But Huber said the rise of the Internet has also played a part in more people being interested in finding out their family history, simply because of the easier access to records.

In July, the library is hosting a series of programs for longtime genealogy enthusiasts and new researchers alike. The library's Family History Month began in 2000, and every year speakers share information about the library's resources, as well as various research methods.

"Basically, all month long we have a lot of programming and speakers and different types of things for the genealogy community," Huber said.

Part of Huber's goal this year is to bring more genealogy enthusiasts to the actual center,

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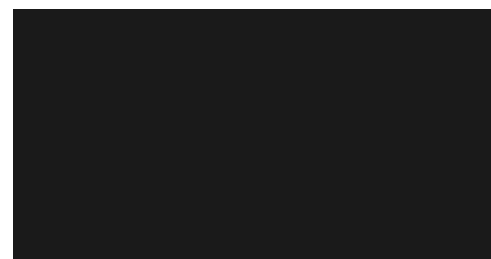
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## Family History Month series

The monthlong series at Hardesty Regional Library will include the following programs:

- "Start Your Research @ the Library," July 1, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Computer Lab. Registration required.
- "An Overview of the Civil War Records on Fold3," July 10, 6:30-8 p.m., Pecan Room.
- "Beginning Genealogy," July 12, 9:30 a.m.-

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noon, Frossard Auditorium.

- "Women Finding Their Way: Tulsa in the 1920s," July 12, 1:30-4 p.m., Frossard Auditorium.
- "Explore Ancestry's Collection," July 14, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Computer Lab. Registration required.
- "The Deep Web: Using the Library's Other Databases for Genealogy Research," July 16, 6:30-8 p.m., Computer Lab. Registration required.
- "Gold Nuggets: Those Overlooked Sources in the Genealogy Collection," July 19, 9:30-11 a.m., Frossard Auditorium.
- "Hidden Treasures: Genealogy Vertical Files," July 19, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Frossard Auditorium.
- "Preserving Family Records: From Expensive to Cheap Methods – You Decide," July 19, 2-3:30 p.m., Frossard Auditorium.
- "Solving Google Mysteries: Skills Training workshop for Family Research," July 22, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Computer Lab. Registration required.
- "Settling America: Her Historic Land Distribution," July 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Pecan Room.
- "Making Those Early Census Records Talk to You," July 26, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Frossard Auditorium.
- "Free Genealogy Websites," July 29, 6:30-8 p.m., Computer Lab. Registration required.

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- "Cemeteries as a Genealogical Resource," July 26, 10:45-11:45 a.m., Frossard Auditorium.
- "Over There and Back: World War I Records That Do Survive," July 26, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Frossard Auditorium.
- "Road Crews and Jury Selection: Finding an Ancestor Without a Census," July 26, 2:45-3:45 p.m., Frossard Auditorium.
- "Using State Archives and Libraries From Afar: Digging Deeper – Getting Records Away From Home," July 27, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Frossard Auditorium.
- "Using Library Resources to Find Ancestors," July 28, either 9:30 a.m.-noon, Frossard Auditorium, or 1:30-4 p.m., Maple

which is located on the second floor of the Hardesty Regional branch at 8316 E. 93rd St.

"I want to refocus on our collection and our services and people actually coming in to the Genealogy Center to do research versus thinking they can get everything online because they can't," she said.

The center has one of the biggest genealogy collections in the state, library officials say, including books, records on microfilm and microfiche, maps and online databases.

Huber said much of the library's collection focuses on Tulsa County, and on the common places that people emigrated from, mostly along the east coast and in the south.

"We focus on the records in the U.S. and trying to get them back to that immigrant ancestor," Huber said.

Cemetery records, marriage records and county histories are among the resources the center has.

For those who reach a point of needing access to international records, the library has some guidebooks about international depositories, as well as access to some material from Salt Lake City's Family History Center, which Huber said is the largest genealogy center in the world.

"We just like to help people with their brick walls and their research and try to help them solve their problems," Huber said.

Among the most popular programs during the Family History Month series is a series of workshops by renowned national speaker and certified genealogist Mark Lowe. He will share tips and resources on overcoming difficult research problems during his workshops July 26-28.

All programs will be held at Hardesty Regional Library. For more information about the series, including a full list of programs, visit [tulsalibrary.org/genealogy-center](http://tulsalibrary.org/genealogy-center) or call 918-549-7691.

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