

**MCMLS Genealogy Programs: September - December 2019**

The Genealogy Department at the Central Library in Conroe is pleased to announce the following workshops and presentations for the Fall of 2019:

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**UNCOVERING THE GENEALOGICAL  
TREASURE FROM LAND RECORDS**



**Tuesday September 17th, 2019 - 1— 2:30 PM**

**Local History and Genealogy Room— Central Library, Conroe**



Avast ye mateys! Come join the Dread Pirate-Genealogist Carl for an overview of using Land records in your research. Topics will include: types of land records and where to find them, state-land states versus public land states records, Texas land records, and more. Yargh!

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# Researching Your New England Roots



Thursday September 26, 2019

2 PM - 3:30 PM

Genealogy & Local History Room—Central Library—Conroe

The New England area was one of the first areas in North America to be settled by Western Civilization. Those original settlers have descendants that spread out across the rest of America, and as a result, many people in the USA today can claim New England Roots.

Join the genealogy department for a special workshop on researching your New England Roots. We'll cover research methodology and history of the area from the colonial times to the mid-1800s, as well as talk about major migrant groups who left the New England area for elsewhere.

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# Beyond the Basics : Ancestry.com



Tuesday October 8th, 2019

10:30 AM—12PM

Genealogy & Local History Room—Central Library—Conroe



Come join Genealogy Librarian Carl Smith for a class on getting the most out of your Ancestry.com subscription.

We'll cover aspects unique to a paid subscription account like building a tree in ancestry, managing tree settings, using hints to find additional records, as well as extra tools available to paid Ancestry.com subscribers.

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## **State-Wide 2019 Genealogy Lock-In Program of Events (October 18, 2019)**

Sponsored by the Genealogy Center of the Waco-McLennan County Library and the Central Texas Genealogical Society



MCMLS Genealogy will be participating in the 2019 Genealogy lock-in, What is the Genealogy Lock- In? It is a day of genealogy programs that is put on by the

Genealogy Network of Texas. Individuals in dozens of libraries across the state will all tune into a series of programs broadcasted over the Internet by experts in the genealogy field. The MCMLS Genealogy department will be providing live-streaming of several programs, with the Genealogy Basics class being taught live for our patrons by Genealogy librarian Carl Smith, while also being live streamed out to other participating libraries.

Please contact the Genealogy department to register your spot of one or all of the lock in programs by calling us at 936-788-8363 x6249 stopping by in person.

## **Schedule of Programs available for viewing at the Central Library- Genealogy Department in Conroe:**

### **10:00 - 10:50 am – Technology Enabled Collaborations for Genealogists**

*Tony Hanson, Family Historian*

This presentation will examine three relatively new capabilities that are enabling collaborative family research: The Family Search Family Tree, Ancestry.com's ThruLines DNA tool, and self-publishing family history using a blog or a website. Attendees will learn the benefits provided by each and will learn how to effectively incorporate them into their own personal research methodology.

### **11:00 - 11:50 am – Finding Elusive Records on FamilySearch.org**

*John Huff, FamilySearch Experience Manager*

Learn the search skills and features of FamilySearch.org to take you to a new level of access of this 2 billion image database. This tutorial will take you step-by-step through the process of how to utilize the FamilySearch catalog, unindexed image collections and more.

### **Noon - 1:30 pm – Genealogy Basics: Getting Started on Your Family Tree**

*Carl Smith, Genealogy Librarian, Montgomery County Memorial Library System*

Budding researchers will learn the basics they need to get started researching their family tree. We'll cover the first steps to take to begin your research, starting with home sources. We'll also cover the types of records that are useful for genealogical research and where they can be found. We'll also cover ways to stay organized by utilizing paper charts and forms or computer software.

### **1:40 - 2:40 pm – Probate: More Than a Will**

*Kelvin Meyers, Ancestry ProGenealogists, Researcher*

Most persons in America, who lived to adulthood, left some type of an estate to be administered. Some left wills, some did not; either way if there was land or large amounts of personal property, their estate had to be disposed of. The records of probate can be some of the most fruitful for the genealogist.

**2:50 - 3:50 pm – Roll Call: New Sites and Sources for Military Records and Research**

*Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA, IGSF Manager, [The Genealogy Center](#) Senior Manager, Special Collections, Allen County Public Library*

This presentation explores the growing number of consequential websites for the researcher interested in military history and military ancestors. From bibliographic databases to sites that provide copies of first-hand accounts and images of actual records, this talk provides one with key sites and strategies for locating increasing amounts of meaningful military data on the Internet.

**4:00 – 4:50 pm\* – Introduction to GEDmatch**

*Sara Allen, Librarian, Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library*

Once you have taken a DNA test, you may be urged to upload your results to GEDmatch. What is GEDmatch and why should you use it? GEDmatch is a free third party website that you can use to compare your DNA results with people who have taken the autosomal DNA test from all the major testing companies. You can also use a variety of tools and utilities (some free, and some subscription only) that help analyze your DNA results. Learn more about GEDmatch at this session.

\*Due to library closing at 5 pm attendees at the central library will miss the last portion of the lecture, as well as the two additional evening lectures.

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# Preserving Your Old Media With the Library's Preservation Pad

Wednesday Oct 23, 2019

1 PM—2:30 PM

Genealogy & Local History Room—Central Library—Conroe

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Do you have shoeboxes of old pictures? Old home videos on VHS? Super8 or 8mm video reels from last decade? Are some of your old pictures starting to fade? Do you want your hours of genealogy work and your treasured findings to last for future generations, but aren't sure where to start?

Join us for a special presentation on preserving your home sources. Come learn what to do (and not do) to preserve your pictures, documents, memorabilia, and media so they last more than just a lifetime! We'll also include a demonstration of our new Preservation Pad equipment that can help you better preserve and share these memories for years to come.

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# Graveyard Genealogy Gala

## **Death Records, Cemetery Records, & More**



Thursday October 31, 2018

1 PM—2:30 PM

Central Library—Genealogy and Local History Room

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Come help us end the month in style: Halloween Style.

Attendees are invited to dress up in your Halloween costumes and join the Genealogy department to learn about utilizing death records, cemetery records, funeral home records, and more into their research.

Prizes and candy will be awarded for the best costumes.

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# Getting Started With DNA For Genealogy



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Thursday November 14, 2019

1 PM—2:30 PM

Heritage Central Library—Genealogy and Local History Room

Are you interested but not quite sure? Come to a special presentation by Genealogy Librarian Carl Smith that covers jumping into the new and wild world of Genetic Genealogy.

Come learn about the different DNA tests to choose from, how to compare between DNA testing companies, and what DNA can (and can't) do to help you with your tricky genealogy problems.

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# Mining Newspapers For Genealogy Gems



Tuesday November 19th, 2019

10:30 AM – 12 PM

Genealogy & Local History Room—Central Library—Conroe

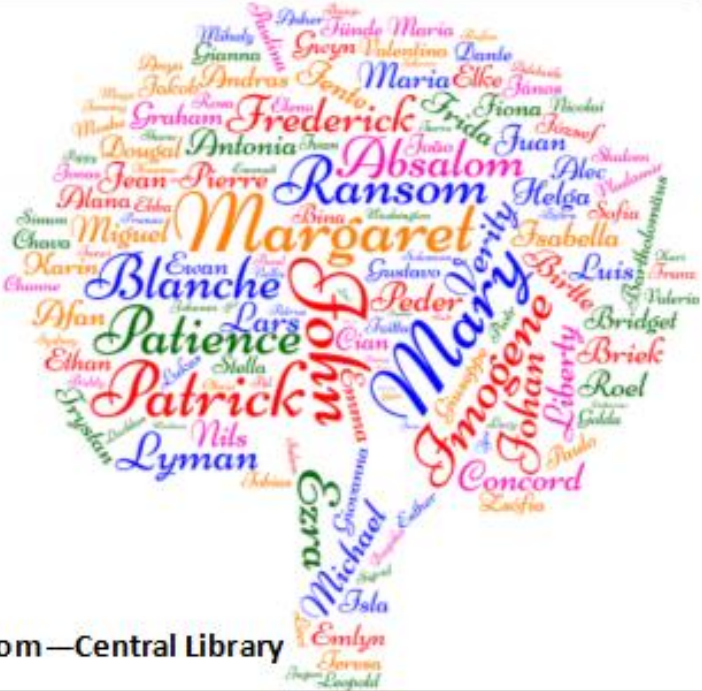
Newspapers can be a treasure trove of genealogical information. From the American Revolution to the mid 1900s, newspapers were the media of choice for Americans to distribute information and ideas, and to persuade one another; with many details of our ancestor's lives getting caught in the furor and foray of the press.

Come join us for a special presentation on how to local newspapers, both in both digital and physical formats, as well as the types of genealogical gems that can be gleaned from newspaper research.

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# What's in a Name?

## Naming Practices and Family History



Thursday December 5, 2019

1 PM - 2:30 PM

Genealogy & Local History Room—Central Library

Join the Genealogy Department for a workshop all about names. We'll cover naming practices for different regions and cultures across the United States, as well as those utilized by major immigrant groups. Come learn how you can use the naming practices of your ancestors to as clues and evidence to help you solve your genealogical research problems.

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# Researching Your Italian Roots



Monday December 16, 2019

10:30 AM - 12 PM

Genealogy & Local History Room—Central Library—Conroe

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Between 1820 and 2004 more than 5.5 million Italians immigrated to the United States. Today there are over 18 million Americans who can claim Italian heritage.

Join the genealogy department for a special workshop on researching your Italian roots. We'll cover methodologies and sources to use to trace back your immigrant ancestor, and then cover the major sources to use to trace your family lines back in Italy.

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To register for any of the above programs please contact the Genealogy Department at 936-788-8363 x6249, stop by in person, or go online ([www.countylibrary.org](http://www.countylibrary.org) or <https://bit.ly/2VoymOg>) to register!