

## MCMLS Genealogy Programs: May - August 2019



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

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# Preserving Your Home Sources Thru the Library's Preservation Pad



Thursday May 9, 2019

10 AM—11:30 AM

**Genealogy & Local History Room—Central Library—Conroe**

Do you have shoeboxes, file folders, and attics full of old genealogy sources? 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 documents, memorabilia, and pictures to last more than just a lifetime! We'll also include a demonstration of our **new** Preservation Pad equipment that can help you preserve many of these home sources for free

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# What Can I Find In The Genealogy Department?



**Wednesday May 15, 2019**

**11 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Genealogy & Local History Room- Central Library, Conroe**

Did you know that MCMLS has the fourth largest genealogy collection in the State of Texas? With such a large collection, there are many tiny treasures to be found in the stacks and in the shelves. Join Genealogy Library Carl Smith for an exciting afternoon of discovery, where you can get an in-depth tour of many exciting and unique resources the Genealogy department has to offer!

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# Fold3:

United States  
Military Records & More



**Friday May 31st, 2019**

**2 - 3:30 pm**

**Genealogy & Local History Room**



Join Genealogy Librarian Carl Smith for a special presentation on using Fold3.com: the premier database for US Military records available for free through your county library!

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# Researching Your British Roots



**Wednesday June 12, 2019**

**10 AM - 11:30 AM**

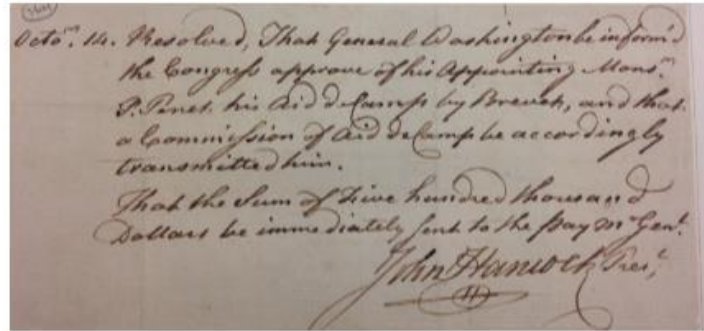
**Genealogy & Local History Room—Central Library—Conroe**

Do you have ancestors from England, Scotland, or Wales? Don't know how to go about researching your ancestors from across the Atlantic Ocean?

Join Genealogy Librarian Carl Smith for a special workshop on conducting British genealogy research. Come learn about the methodology and records that will help you hunt and trace your British family lines.

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# Handwriting Help: Early Colonial American Handwriting



Thursday June 27, 2019

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Genealogy & Local History Room—Central Library—Conroe

Have you even been researching and you find that long-lost will for your ancestor? You're elated to finally find this document, except you can't read a single word on it besides your ancestor's name.

Come join the genealogy department for a special workshop of Early Colonial American Handwriting. We'll go over common handwriting strokes for the time, formatting and words used on contemporary legal documents, and provide you some additional tips to help take your handwriting deciphering skills up a notch.

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*Researching  
Your  
French  
Roots*



**Friday July 12th, 2019**

**12:00 PM - 1:30 PM**

**Genealogy & Local History Room—Central Library—Conroe**

Do you have ancestors from France? From the Huguenots to the Acadians, the Cajuns to the Louisiana Creoles there have been many different groups who claim France as their common heritage.

Join Genealogy Librarian Carl Smith for a special workshop on French genealogy research. Come learn about the methodology and records that will help you hunt and trace your French family lines.

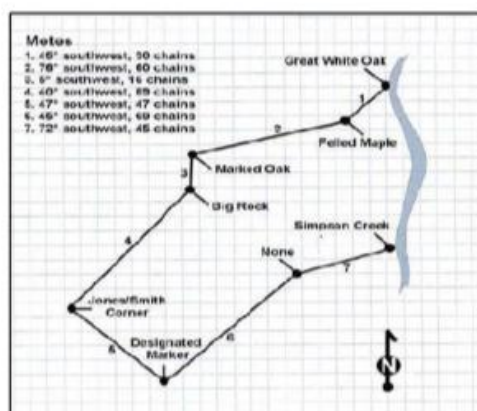
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# Land Records : Deciphering Metes and Bounds

Wednesday July 17, 2019

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Genealogy & Local History Room—Central Library—Conroe



The Thirteen Original Colonies and the states created from them all relied on the metes and bounds system for surveying and dispensing of land records: a system that often causes confusions and headaches for genealogists.

Come join the genealogy department for a special workshop on Deciphering Metes and bounds from old land records. We'll cover where to go to locate these older land records, and cover some tools to help you sort and plot ancestor's old land records in their place on the map.

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# ANYTHING YOU CAN DO I CAN DO META

METADATA & DIGITAL ARCHIVING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

**Monday July 22, 2018**

**10:30 AM—Noon**

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

In the exciting era of 21st century Genealogy, the need to stay organized has never been greater. This class provides an opportunity for attendees to begin to leverage the power of Metadata in organizing their family history photos and documents on their personal computer.

Come learn the basic principles behind metadata, some common tags to use to stay organized, as well as software solutions to help organize photos and documents digitally.

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# Adoptees In The Family Tree



**Thursday August 8th, 2019**

**2 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Genealogy & Local History Room—Central Library—Conroe**

Family History research can be difficult for many individuals who know who their biological parents are. For adoptees, it can be even more difficult.

Join the MCMLS Genealogy department for a special program gear towards adoptees or researchers who suspect or know they have adoptees back in their family tree. We will cover some of the legal hurdles to overcome to discover records for recent adoptees. We'll also cover the history of adoption and the orphanage system in the United States, as well as provide some tips and resources you can use to help discover the records for the adoptees in your Family Tree.

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# Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors

**Tuesday August 13, 2019**

**10 AM - 11:30 AM**

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

Every American's family tree has one thing in common: we are all descendants of immigrants. Whether it's one generation back or fifteen, every researcher will be faced with the dilemma of tracing their immigrant ancestor to their country of origin!

Join the genealogy department for a workshop covering tips, tricks, and methods of tracing the footsteps and paper trails of your immigrant ancestors.

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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!