

Genealogy Classes

Focus On

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Advance registration is required as seating is limited. To sign up, please contact the Genealogy and Carlsbad History Desk, 760-434-2931.

2018 Schedule January through May

Tuesday, January 16 & 30

Genealogy crash course

If you're looking to jumpstart your genealogical research or breathe new life into an ancestor's history, this is a class for you! Follow library staff as they employ various tips, tricks and strategies to utilize and bring together the many resources available at the Carlsbad City Library to document their family members' lives.

This lecture-style class will be held in Room 14 at the Library Learning Center.

Tuesday, February 6 & 20

Telling your ancestors' stories

Presented in conjunction with Carlsbad Reads Together.

In his book *A Whole New Mind*, Carlsbad Reads Together author Daniel Pink includes a chapter on "Story" in which he stresses the importance of a narrative sense in the modern age. Explore the various tools and methods available to genealogists for telling ancestors' stories and creating a family history narrative augmented with genealogy and local history resources.

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Tuesday, March 6 & 20

Ancestry Library Edition

Hands-on lessons for navigating the Ancestry Library Edition database, a review of the types of records available and tips on searching for records—including how to use Ancestry's card catalog.

Tuesday, April 3 & 17

Ancestry.com

Small group session focused on using Ancestry.com, including creating trees, accessing Ancestry DNA and answering users' questions.

This class is most beneficial for users with a personal Ancestry.com account.

Tuesday, May 1 & 15

FamilySearch.org—Beginner

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2018 Schedule June through November

Tuesday, June 5 & 19

FamilySearch.org-Advanced

Learn how to start a tree on FamilySearch.org and add records, photos and memories to document the lives of your ancestors. The class will also cover merging profiles, editing records, advanced search techniques and answering users' questions.

A free personal FamilySearch.org account is required.

Tuesday, July 3 & 17

Maps

Visualize the trails of your ancestors, access the Library's extensive collection of maps and discover how to document the migration and settling of your family with online mapping resources.

Tuesday, August 7 & 21

Scandinavian Research

Millions of Americans have ancestors from Sweden, Norway or Denmark, yet the thought of doing research on them can be daunting. With patience, determination and the tools needed to access available databases, dictionaries, maps and guidebooks available through the Library, tracing your amazing Scandinavians is easier than ever.

Tuesday, September 4 & 18

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Tuesday, October 2 & 16

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Tuesday, November 6 & 20

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