

Genealogy Classes

Focus On

The Genealogy and Carlsbad History Division offers small group classes to *Focus On* an aspect of genealogical research. Each month's class is repeated on two to four separate dates. The classes cover materials in Georgina Cole Library's collection, online resources, research strategies and new technology. *Focus On* classes are held from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Computer Lab at the Carlsbad City Library Learning Center, unless otherwise noted.

Advance registration is required, as seating is limited. Sign up online via the Genealogy webpage at carlsbadlibrary.org or call 760-434-2931.

2019 Schedule January – April

Tuesday, January 15 & 29:

Genealogy Crash Course

Back by popular demand with all new family mysteries, myths and mayhem! Follow along with library staff as they employ various tips, tricks and strategies for utilizing the myriad resources available at the Library to answer tough family history questions.

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

Tuesday, February 5 & 19

Newspapers and Newspapers.com Library Edition

Learn how to mine newspapers for historical and genealogical information to add context and color to your family histories. This class will also include a deep-dive into Newspapers.com Library Edition, an amazing database containing over 4,000 newspapers dating from the 1700s to present, that is available from home with a Carlsbad City Library card and can connect to Ancestry.com accounts.

Tuesday, March 5 & 19

Finding Your "Criminal and Insane" Ancestors Presented in conjunction with Carlsbad Reads Together.

In *The Dark Descent of Elizabeth Frankenstein*, local and NY Times bestselling author Kiersten White offers a reimagining of the classic tale told from the point of view of Elizabeth Lavenza, Victor Frankenstein's friend and confidant. As Victor descends deeper into madness, Elizabeth is determined to stay alive at any cost, no matter how dreadful.

Inspired by this tale of devotion and depravity, genealogy staff will conduct experiments and unearth clues for finding your "criminal and insane" ancestors in the stacks of the library—a process that can elicit a range of emotions from horror to heartache.

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Tuesday, April 2, 16, 23 & 30

Ancestry Library Edition

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2019 Schedule May – November

Tuesday, May 7, 14, 21 & 28

FamilySearch: Finding Records

FamilySearch.org is one of the most heavily-used free genealogy sites on the Internet. Learn how to create an account, navigate the site, search for records, access their card catalog and use their wikis to focus your genealogy research.

Tuesday, June 4, 11, 18 & 25

FamilySearch: The Universal Family Tree

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

Tuesday, July 2, 16, 23 & 30

Finding your Revolutionary War Patriot

Discover how to access the myriad print and electronic resources available at the Library for documenting the military service and lives of our patriot ancestors.

Tuesday, August 6, 13, 20 & 27

What's New at the Library?

Check out the exciting new tools and resources available in the genealogy collection!

Tuesday, September 3, 10, 17 & 24

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Tuesday, October 1, 15, 22 & 29

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Tuesday, November 5, 12 & 26

FamilySearch: The Universal Family Tree

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