



Classes & Events April 2024

Event details are subject to change. Check our website for the latest information. If registration is not available on the website, please check back.

Wednesday, April 3, 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM, File Organization Drop-in Help Session

Do you need help with your genealogy paper file organization? Perhaps you have a box of inherited family ephemera you need help organizing. Barbara Northrop will be on hand to share her organizational tips. Bring your files/boxes with you. You may attend for a short time or stay the entire session.

In person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Thursday, April 4, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, FREE Class: MyHeritage Library Edition & Practice Session

“Researching Family History at Your Library with MyHeritage Library Edition,” featuring MyHeritage Genealogy Expert Daniel Horowitz. This class is being offered by Legacy Family Tree Webinars. RVGS will host a watch party at the RVGS Library for those interested in attending. **No pre-registration on our website is necessary.** If you prefer to watch from home, you may register directly through the Legacy Family Tree Webinars website [HERE](#). You do not need to be a subscriber to Legacy Family Tree Webinars to register for this free session. Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all

1:00 - 3:00 PM MyHeritage Practice Session. Take the FREE MyHeritage class in the morning, bring your lunch, and stay to practice what you learned!

Friday, April 5, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, German Research Help Session

Need assistance with your German research? Join Ann Baracker and volunteers from the German Interest Group to help answer questions you might have.

In person at the library. Cost: Free to all. No registration necessary.

Saturday, April 6, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Class, Homesteading: Land for All

Homestead application papers are good sources of genealogical information. Application papers often mention family members or neighbors, and previous residence as shown in dozens of papers which may include land application forms, citizenship applications, family Bible pages, marriage, or death certificates. Christine Cohen will talk about how to use these valuable papers.

Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: \$10 for members; \$20 for non-members

Monday, April 8, 9:30 AM - Noon, RVGS Board meeting

All members are welcome. Come to the library side door and ring the doorbell.

In person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Monday, April 8, 2:00 – 3:30 PM, Colonial America Interest Group

Jeanne Hoadley facilitates this Interest group every other month, to discuss genealogy research in the original 13 colonies.

Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, April 9, 11:00 AM - Noon, German Interest Group

This interest group concentrates on German history and research. They meet the Second Tuesday of the month.

Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, April 9, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker Interest Group

This group is facilitated by Barbara MacMillen. Come with any questions about using “Family Tree Maker” software. They meet the second Tuesday of the month.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, April 10, 10:30 AM - Noon, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

Barbara Halvorsen facilitates this interest group for everyone interested in genetic genealogy. They meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, April 10, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Great Lakes Interest Group

Kim Thurman facilitates this group to discuss genealogy research in the Great Lakes region. Primary focus will be the states of Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, but researchers to the north and east along the great lakes are welcome as well.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Thursday, April 11, 10:30 AM - Noon, Genealogy Newbies Interest Group IN PERSON

Barbara Northrop facilitates this group that meets the second Thursday of the month and is for new genealogists who want a small group setting to ask questions. The interest group will start with the first 45 minutes for topical structured content and the last half of the session will be open for general questions.

In person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Thursday, April 11, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Genealogy Newbies Interest Group VIA ZOOM

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Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Friday, April 12, 10:00 AM – Noon, OLLI Class & Lab: Ancestry

This class is only available to those who have registered through the SOU OLLI program. The class will be from 10:00 – 11:00 AM with a help session following 11:00 - Noon, using the lab computers.

Friday, April 12, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Irish Interest Group

Barbara Halvorsen facilitates this interest group concentrating on Irish history, culture and researching Irish ancestors. The group meets the second Friday of the month. Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, April 16, 1:30-3:00 PM, Program and Member Meeting, Transcontinental Railroad

In this talk on the history of the Transcontinental Railroad construction, Robert Hirning will highlight how post-Civil War was important for opening up the American West. He will also show the later progression from railroad to automobiles and then to aviation.

Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, April 17, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Roundtable: Let's Talk Genealogy

This meeting is a chance to get together with others who share your same interest. We will start with a focus and see where it goes from there.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Friday, April 19, 10:00 AM – Noon, OLLI Class & Lab: FamilySearch

This class is only available to those who have registered through the SOU OLLI program. The class will be from 10:00 – 11:00 AM with a help session following 11:00 - Noon, using the lab computers.

Friday, May 3, 10:00 AM – Noon, OLLI Class & Lab: U.S. Census

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