



## Classes & Events April 2025

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

### **Tuesday, April 8, 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 9, 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. April topic will include recent updates to the DNA test sites.

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

### **Wednesday, April 9, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Great Lakes Interest Group**

Kim Thruman 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 lakes are welcome as well.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

### **Thursday, April 10, 10:30 AM – Noon, Class series: Genealogy 101 – Manuscripts, Genealogies and Periodicals**

This class is taught by Barbara Northrop.

In-Person at the library only, Cost: \$5 for members; \$10 for non-members. This class will NOT be recorded.

### **Thursday, April 10, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Colonial America Interest Group**

Jeanne Hoadley facilitates this interest group to discuss genealogy research in the original 13 colonies. In April Chan Billeter will introduce land records research in colonial New England with a focus on colonial Massachusetts land records.

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

### **Thursday, April 10, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Class Series: Genealogy 101 – Manuscripts, Genealogies and Periodicals**

This class is taught by Barbara Northrop.

Zoom only. Cost: \$5 for members; \$10 for non-members. This class will Not be recorded.

### **Friday, April 11, 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 on the second Friday of the month.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

**Monday, April 14, 9:30 AM - Noon, RVGS Board Meeting**

All members are welcome. Come to the library side door and ring the doorbell or join us via zoom. The zoom link is located on our website: [rvgslibrary.org](http://rvgslibrary.org) > **Membership** > **Member Resources**.

Cost: Free to all.

**Tuesday, April 15, 1:30 – 3:00 PM Program and Member Meeting: “Raising the Dead: An Overview of Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy”**

Are you interested in how DNA is being used in criminal investigations and what is next? Wendi Babst will give an overview of the process of Forensic Genetic Genealogy (FIGG). She will discuss some examples of where this process has been used to solve long cold cases. She will also cover legal and ethical considerations surrounding the use of FIGG and some of the recent advances in this exciting field.

Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all. This program will NOT be recorded.

**Wednesday, April 16, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Roundtable: Let’s Talk Genealogy**

This is a chance to get together with others who share the same interests as you. We will start with a focus and see where it goes from there.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

**Thursday, April 17, 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM, Class: Creating Genetic Networks from DNA Matches**

You've had your DNA tested and received a list of matches, now what? In order to apply your DNA results to genealogy you must first understand how a match is related to you. The first step in doing this is to organize your matches into genetic networks which will show you which branch of your family tree they belong to. Jeanne Hoadley will demonstrate step by step how to use the Leeds method and the Ancestry.com dot system to group your matches into genetic networks.

The class is from 10:30 AM – Noon. There will be an in-person practice session from 1:00 – 3:00 following the class.

Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. This class will be recorded.

Cost: \$10 for members; \$20 for non-members.

**Tuesday, April 22, 11:00 AM – Noon, German Interest Group**

The German Interest Group meets regularly on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The emphasis will be on tools and tips for finding and researching German ancestors and also for Germans trying to find relatives who emigrated. In some months, the first part of the meeting may include a speaker. This will be followed with an unstructured time for questions and mutual support. Jon Wolfe, the facilitator for this group, is an American who lives in Germany.

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

**Thursday, April 24, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, Quilts and Genealogy Program: Maryum’s Yellow Rose**

Maryum McKee nurtured yellow rose shoots on the long journey from Missouri to the Rogue Valley in 1853. The Jacksonville Museum Quilters handcrafted a quilt in 1984 that tells the tale of the McKee family, their journey west, and their life in Jackson County and the Applegate Valley. The quilt was gifted to the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society in 2015. RVGS President Anne Billeter will share the quilt and the John and Maryum McKee pioneer family story.

In person at the library only. Cost: Free to all. This program will be recorded.