



Classes & Events April 2026

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 8, 10:30 AM - Noon, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

Sue Acuff facilitates this interest group for everyone interested in genetic genealogy. Each month will have a different topic. This month the topic will be "*OrDiNary Jane: Balancing Science and Sensitivity in Genetic Genealogy*," presented by GGSIG member, Wendi Babst.

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

Wednesday, April 8, 1:30 – 3:00 PM – Great Lakes Interest Group

This group meets 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. Join facilitator Kim Thurman and bring your stories and research experiences.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Thursday, April 9, 10:30 AM – Noon, Class: Genealogy 101 – Manuscripts, Genealogies, and Periodicals with Barbara Northrop

Manuscripts, genealogies, and periodicals can be a valuable record group that is often overlooked. While some are available online, many others are not. What information can be gleaned may answer your brick wall.

In person at the library only. Cost: \$10 for members; \$20 for non-members.

Thursday, April 9, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Colonial America Interest Group

This interest group meets to discuss genealogy research in the original 13 colonies. The topic will be: "A Deep Dive into William Dollarhide's *A Genealogist's Guide to Colonial America, Parts I, II, and III*. Join facilitator Jeanne Hoadley and bring your stories and research experiences.

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

Thursday, April 9, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Class: Genealogy 101 – Manuscripts, Genealogies, and Periodicals with Barbara Northrop

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Monday, April 13, 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 > **Membership** > **Member Resources**".

Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, April 14, 2:30 - 4:00 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 15, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Roundtable: Let's Talk Genealogy

This 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. Have a brick wall? Share it so we can brainstorm.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Monday, April 20, 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM – Class and Help Session: Using NARA Records

If your ancestor had any interactions with the U.S. government, there is a good chance a record was kept which may have ended up in the National Archives. Kim Thurman will walk us through the types of records to be found under the jurisdiction of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), how to find them online, and how to order a copy for your files. This class will NOT be recorded.

Class: 10:30 AM – Noon; Help Session: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library.

Cost: \$10 members, \$20 non-members

Monday, April 20, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Transcription Mission Work Group Interest Group

Help celebrate America's 250th anniversary of Independence in 2026 by joining the citizen archivist mission. We are transcribing Revolutionary War pension files for the NARA/NPS citizen archivist mission. Learn how to join this effort. Tell us who you're transcribing. Let us know your transcription problems and solutions.

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

Tuesday, April 21, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Program and Member Meeting: The Colleen Eccleston Project

When long time member Colleen Eccleston passed away, her research records were donated to RVGS. A team of volunteers got together to organize and scan the records. The project is now complete and the records are available online. Mary Tsui and the project team will share with us their process and show examples of the types of records that can be accessed on the website.

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

Tuesday, April 28, 11:00 AM – Noon, German Interest Group

The emphasis on this group 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.

NOTE: From **April 10 through May 15, Fridays from 11:30 - 1:30**, the RVGS Library may be extra busy. RVGS instructors will be teaching an OLLI course with a class in the morning and a lab component using the computers each afternoon (and a library tour on April 10).