



Classes & Events February 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.

Wednesday, February 5, 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? 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. Come for the day and bring your lunch. The class will be from 10:30 AM – Noon, followed by an in-person help session from 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Members \$10; Non-Members \$20

Monday, February 10, 9:30 AM - Noon, RVGS Board meeting

All members are welcome. Come to the side library 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, February 11, 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 on the second Tuesday of the month.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, February 12, 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. Ron Naumann will present "**MyHeritage DNA: Key Features and Benefits to assist you in your genealogy research**" at the February meeting. Each meeting has a different topic.

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

Wednesday, February 12, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Great Lakes Interest Group

This group, facilitated by Kim Thurman, meets on the second Wednesday every other month on the even numbered months 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. The focus in 2025 will be on migration routes. At the February meeting Duane Funk will present railroad travel.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Thursday, February 13, 10:30 AM – Noon, Class series: Genealogy 101 – Wills and Probate

This class is taught by Barbara Northrop.

In-Person at the library only, Cost: \$5 for members; \$10 for non-members

Thursday, February 13, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Colonial America Interest Group

This group, facilitated by Jeanne Hoadley, meets on the Second Thursday of the even numbered months to discuss genealogy research in the original 13 colonies. The Episcopal Church was the colonial Dominion of Virginia's official church. Virginia's parish records will be the February discussion topic. Bring your stories and research experiences. Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost. Free to all.

Thursday, February 13, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Class Series: Genealogy 101 – Wills and Probate

This class is taught by Barbara Northrop.
Zoom only. Cost: \$5 for members; \$10 for non-members

Friday, February 14, 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.

Tuesday, February 18, 1:30 – 3:00 PM Program and Member Meeting: Is There a Patrick Henry in My Line?

Surprise! Loretta Barker found a Patrick Henry in her Henry family line. Could this be THE Patrick Henry? Find out how she researched this find and whether or not she is related to THE Patrick Henry.
Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, February 19, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Roundtable: Let's Talk Genealogy

Let's Talk Genealogy 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. Join us with a cup of coffee or glass of wine and let's talk genealogy.
Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Thursday, February 20, 10:30 -11:30 AM, Class: A.I. and Genealogy: Trouble Ahead?

While A.I. (artificial intelligence) might be the current "hot" buzz word, the fact is that many genealogy vendors and even genealogists have already been using this technology for years. The A.I. industry is at a crossroads and within the next five years it will permeate almost every aspect of business and society. In this class Thomas MacEntee will show us how A.I. is currently being used to improve the genealogy experience, and whether or not you should seek out other uses of artificial intelligence for your own genealogy research.
Hybrid – Zoom AND in-person watch party at the library.
Cost: Members \$10; non-members \$20.

Tuesday, February 25, 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, February 27, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, Deciphering the Arkansas Genealogy Quilt: A Quilts and Genealogy Program

In this program, Anne Billeter will tell us about the quilt that was in a bin of fabric scraps purchased at a 2010 White City estate sale and discovered a month later at the bottom of the bin. Each block has a name (or two), the date of a birth, marriage, or death, and sometimes a place. The cursive embroidery is difficult to read and raises many genealogical questions. Come see the quilt and find out if the mysteries have been solved.
In person only. Cost: Free to all.