



Classes & Events January 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, January 8, 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. Each month will have a different topic. This month's topic will be, "Around the table: sharing recent successes, struggles, tips, or tools."

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

Thursday, January 9, 10:30 AM – Noon, Class series: Genealogy 101 – Research Strategies for Immigration Records

This class is taught by Barbara Northrop

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

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Friday, January 10, 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, January 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, January 14, 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, January 15, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Brick Wall Roundtable

Brick Wall Roundtable, facilitated by Rich Cunningham, meets on odd numbered months. Bring your stumbling blocks and find answers with others to what is keeping you facing a "brick wall" in your genealogical research. Roundtables are free for everyone. You don't even have to have a "wall" to join us. We welcome everyone and who knows? You may have a nugget that would help someone else make a breakthrough.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Thursday, January 16, 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM, Class: Using Google Maps to Trace Ancestral Paths

Google Maps is a powerful application that complements genealogical research. Kim Thurman will show you how to use this free tool which allows you to map your ancestors, neighborhoods, and migration routes, construct graphics for your writing, and even share your work with others. This class will demonstrate the basics so you can get started mapping today. Come for the day and bring your lunch. The class will be from 10:00 AM – Noon, followed by an in-person practice session from 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

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

Tuesday, January 21, 1:30 – 3:00 PM Program and Member Meeting, NEHGS's Million Names Project

What is the NEHGS 10 Million Names Project? Join RVGS Education Director Jeanne Hoadley for an overview of this ambitious and important initiative to recover the names and stories of the estimated 10 million men, women, and children of African descent who were enslaved in America between the 1500s and 1865. How is this being undertaken and how might we contribute information we have?

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

Tuesday, January 28, 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, January 30, 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM, Class: Researching with the U.S. Census Records

Barbara Northrop will share tips and tricks for finding your ancestors in the U.S. Census. From the earliest 1790 census with tick marks, to the 1950 recently-released every name census, more can be found than you would dream possible. Come for the day and bring your lunch. The class will be from 10:30 AM – Noon, followed by an in-person practice session from 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

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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 1:30 AM – Noon, followed by an in-person help session from 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

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