



Classes & Events June 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.

Thursday, June 4, 10:30 AM – Noon, Class: Writing Your Family History: Where to Begin

You've done all this research and collected a lot of information about your family history that you would like to share with others. But where do you begin? Jeanne Hoadley will offer some suggestions based on her experience writing her own family history. This class will be recorded and available for 30 days.

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

Monday, June 8, 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, June 9, 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 on the second Tuesday of the month.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, June 10, 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.

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

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

This Interest 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, June 11, 10:30 AM-Noon, Class: Genealogy 101 – Using the Bureau of Land Management Website

The BLM Website is a resource for locating land records, including patents, military warrants, and homesteads issued by the federal government in federal-land states. This class will be presented by Barbara Northrop.

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

Thursday, June 11, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Colonial America Interest Group

The Colonial America Interest group meets to discuss genealogy research in the original 13 colonies.

Connecticut will be the focus in June. Join facilitator Jeanne Hoadley and bring your stories and research experiences.

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

Thursday, June 11, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Class: Genealogy 101 – Using the Bureau of Land Management Website

The BLM Website is a resource for locating land records, including patents, military warrants, and homesteads issued by the federal government in federal-land states. This class will be presented by Barbara Northrop. Zoom only. Cost: \$10 for members; \$20 for non-members

Monday, June 15, 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, June 16, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Program and Member Meeting: Ancestor Hunting in the Nation's Capital

Celebrate America's 250th by exploring genealogy research in Washington, D.C. Kim Thurman shares insights from her visits to the National Archives, Library of Congress, and DAR Library, highlighting what makes each unique and why in-person research can lead to exciting discoveries. Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

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

Let's Talk Genealogy is a roundtable discussion, a chance to get together with others who share the same interests. We start with a focused topic and see where the conversation goes from there. Bring your successes (and not-so-successes), stumbling blocks, experiences to share with others, where your genealogical research has taken you. Need help with a brick wall? Not sure if you have a brick wall? Join us with a cup of coffee or glass of wine and "Let's Talk Genealogy." Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Monday, June 22, 10:30 AM – Noon, Class: Researching the People of Jackson County Oregon

The RVGS Library's strength lies in its extensive resources for researching people of Jackson County, Oregon, built through the efforts of dedicated volunteers since 1966. Early projects focused on obituaries and cemeteries, later expanding to include death certificates, marriage and birth records, and other indexed and sometimes published sources for Jackson and some Josephine County residents. Much of this information is now searchable at rvgslibrary.org under "Search," with additional resources also available. Anyone with ancestors in Jackson County—or an interest in Rogue Valley history—is invited to attend. Anne Billeter will teach a class from 10:30 AM to noon, followed by a bring-your-own lunch and a practice session from 1:00–3:00 PM. The SOHS Archivist will also offer a tour of the SOHS Research Library from 11 AM to noon on Thursday, June 25, and Tuesday, June 30. Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: \$10 members/\$20 non-members/Free for librarians including non-members from libraries in Jackson County. This class will be recorded.

Tuesday, June 23, 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.