



Classes & Events May 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, May 7, 10:30 AM – Noon, Class: Timelines: A Path to Your Next Research Steps

So, you've done all this research—now what? How do you figure out what you have and what to look for next? Organizing research results so we can determine the accuracy and reliability of evidence is a perennial problem for genealogists. In this class, Annette Burke Lyttle will show that timelines are a powerful tool, allowing us to see relationships between information items, enabling us to draw conclusions and see what research remains to be done. They can help us turn seemingly impossible research projects into manageable ones.

Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Presenter will be presenting remotely via Zoom. Cost: \$10 for members; \$20 for non-members.

Monday, May 11, 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, May 12, 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, May 13, 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. In May Ron Naumann will present: "A brief review of GEDmatch tools and why you should consider looking at it closer."

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

Thursday, May 14, 10:30 AM - Noon, Class: Genealogy 101 – Land Research in the USA

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Monday, May 18, 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, May 19, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Program and Member Meeting: The Search for My Italian Family

After discovering seven unmarked family graves, Diane Claypool embarked on a journey to find their identities and their stories. With flashbacks from her early childhood, she was compelled to search back through time to another country, another culture, and another language; where nothing is possible and everything is possible. Diane will tell the story of this Italian journey filled with locked doors, reluctant archivists, train strikes, and other barriers to discovery, which provided newfound friends who guided the way. Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, May 20, 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. Roundtables are free for everyone. We start with a focus topic and see where the conversation goes from there. The topic for May will be a follow up on searching for military members and the Federal censuses. My project was researching my uncle and the US military records and census information for service members. Since May is Memorial Day month, a look at Fold3 and the benefits of that site would be in order. (And of course genealogy DNA is always a great topic). So, bring successes (and not-so-successes), stumbling blocks, and 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.

Tuesday, May 26, 11:00 AM – Noon, German Interest Group

The emphasis of this group will be on tools and tips for finding and researching German ancestors and for Germans trying to find relatives who emigrated. In some months, the first part of the meeting may include a speaker, followed by 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.