Classes & Events November 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.

ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGY LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FROM NOVEMBER 25TH THROUGH 29TH, OPENING AGAIN ON NOVEMBER 30TH IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING.

Monday, November 9, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM, 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, November 10, 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, November 11, 10:30 AM - Noon, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group
Sue Acuff facilitates this interest group for everyone interested in genetic genealogy. The November topic will be: Our GGSIG Reference List: DNA testing sites, books, genealogists, websites, and podcasters.
Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Thursday, November 12, Genealogy 101: Marriage and Divorce Records
10:30 AM - Noon, In Person at the library only.
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, Zoom only.
Marriage and divorce records are an essential record group for establishing kinship. Many of these records are not available online. Barbara Northrop will give clues for obtaining these records. Whether you are new to research or looking for a fresh start, Barbara will assist you in getting off on the right foot.
Cost: Free for members; $10 for non-members.

Thursday, November 15, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM BottleDrop Holiday Give
This is the first day of the BottleDrop Holiday Give program. Read about this program elsewhere in the eNews.

Monday, November 16, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Transcription Mission Work Group Interest Group
This will be the **final meeting** of this interest group, as interest has waned and the year of the 250th anniversary celebrations is coming to an end. Join the group for this last chance to share unexpected discoveries in Revolutionary War pension files.
Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, November 17, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Program and Member Meeting, "From the Pioneer Files: The Lindsays of Lilyglen"

Ashland Pioneer Margaret Lindsay named her ranch Lilyglen after the mountain lilies growing in its meadows. Her son William was the only postmaster of the short-lived Lilyglen Post Office. Jeanne Hoadley will share what she has learned about this pioneer family to which she happens to be related by marriage.

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

Wednesday, November 18, 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. 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.

Thursday, November 19, 10:30 AM – Noon, Class: From Clues to Conclusions: Solving Genealogy's Toughest Questions

Finding a record is only the beginning. The real challenge is deciding what the information means, whether it can be trusted, and how it fits with everything else you have discovered. In this practical class, Kim Thurman will introduce the essential skills of genealogical evidence analysis. Learn how to evaluate sources, distinguish among different types of information and evidence, identify conflicts, and combine multiple clues to reach a sound conclusion. You'll leave with a clearer process for tackling difficult research questions and greater confidence in the accuracy of your family history.

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

Tuesday, December 1, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM - LAST Day of BottleDrop Holiday Give.

Last day to bring your full blue bags to the Library by 4 PM or deposit them at the BottleDrop facility to generate the 20% bonus for RVGS!

Friday, December 4, 11:00 AM – Noon, German Interest Group (Combined November/December meeting)

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.

December 13 - 27 RVGS Library will be CLOSED for inventory and holidays.

January 1 - 3 RVGS Library will be CLOSED for the New Year's holiday.