



CLASSES AND EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Event details are subject to change. Check our website for the latest information. If registration is not available on the website, please check back.

Friday, September 8, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Crater Lake Chapter of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution)

This meeting is being held in person at the RVGS library and everyone is welcome to attend.

Friday, September 8, 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 the second Friday of the month.

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

Saturday, September 9, 10:30 AM - Noon, Brick Wall Roundtable

This discussion is open to all. Bring your questions, your puzzles, your brick walls, and we will put our heads together to see if we can find a way to get you closer to your goal. You don't even have to have a "wall" to join us. We welcome you anyway and who knows? You may have a nugget that would help someone else.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all

Monday, September 11, 9:30 AM - Noon, RVGS Board meeting

All members are welcome. Come to the library side door and ring the doorbell.

In person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Monday, September 11, 2:00 - 3:30 PM, Colonial America Interest Group

Jeanne Hoadley will be focusing on the original 13 colonies in this interest group. Join her and bring your stories and research experiences. The group meets the second Monday of the month.

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

Tuesday, September 12, 11:00 - Noon, German Interest Group

This interest group concentrates on German history and research. They meet the Second Tuesday of the month.

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

Tuesday, September 12, 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, September 13, 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.

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

Thursday, September 14, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Genealogy Newbies Interest Group

Barbara Northrop facilitates this group that meets the second Thursday of the month and is for new genealogists who want a small group setting to ask questions. The interest group will start with the first 45 minutes for topical structured content and the last half of the session will be open for general questions.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Genealogy week – September 15 through September 22.

All classes are Free and will be held in the RVGS library as well as on Zoom.

Saturday, September 16, 10:30 AM – Noon, Your Genealogy Toolbox Part 1

In the first of a two-part class, Katie Haugse will show the tools you can use while doing genealogy.

Saturday, September 16, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Introduction to Genealogy

Anne Billeter will provide an Introduction to Genealogy for beginners: how to start, forms to use, documentation to seek, helpful clues, FamilySearch.org and subscription websites, online library catalogs, and why deduction is important. She will give a tour of the Genealogy Library after the class.

Monday, September 18, 10:30 AM – Noon, Organizing Paper Files

Barbara Northrop will lead a discussion around various methods of organizing paper files to save time and keep you organized.

Monday, September 18, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Organizing Digital Files

Rich Miles will demonstrate tips and strategies for organizing your digital files for easy access, including making folders, moving, and copying files, and naming conventions. Focus is on Windows/PC computers, but concepts apply to Apple computers as well.

Tuesday, September 19, 10:30 AM – Noon, Researching Census Records

Barbara Northrop will dig into the U.S. Census Records and explore tips and tricks for your research.

Tuesday, September 19, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Public Program and Member Meeting - 175th Anniversary of the 48ers Migration

Mary Robsman will present information on the German migration of 1848.

Wednesday, September 20, 10:30 AM - Noon, Researching with Ancestry

Rich Miles will teach strategies, tips, and tricks for researching your ancestors using Ancestry.com Library Edition. RVGS members can utilize Ancestry at the RVGS Library at no extra cost.

Wednesday, September 20, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Your Genealogy Toolbox Part 2

In the second part of a two-part class, Katie Haugse will show more tools to use when doing your genealogy.

Thursday, September 21, 10:30 AM – Noon, Using Excel for Genealogy

Cheryl Azevedo Johnson will teach how to use Excel when doing your genealogy.

Thursday, September 21, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Researching Jackson County People

Anne Billeter will demonstrate how to get the most out of the RVGS searchable database of Jackson County indexes and information. She will also share where additional Jackson (and some Josephine) County information can be found.

Friday, September 22, 10:30 AM – Noon, Using the News to Discover Family Events

Kim Thurman will demonstrate newspaper research techniques to locate key events and activities in your family history. Learn to go beyond births, marriages, and deaths to bring your ancestors to life!

Friday, September 22, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Researching with FamilySearch

FamilySearch is the largest FREE repository of genealogical records. Barbara Northrop will show how to effectively search their records, catalog, and the FamilySearch Research Wiki.