



Classes & Events September 2024

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 Genealogical Society library will be closed Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day

Friday, September 6, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Crater Lake Chapter of DAR

Daughters of the American Revolution promotes education, historical preservation, and patriotism. DAR meetings and programs are non-political. Interested members of the public are welcome to attend. Anne Billeter, RVGS President, will present a brief overview of the RVGS quilt collection and future book about the quilts.

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

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

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

Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all. Members: log in to rvgslibrary.org > Membership menu > Member Resources > Zoom Links > Zoom Link to Board Meetings.

Tuesday, September 10, 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 11, 10:30 AM - Noon, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

Barbara Halvorsen facilitates this interest group for everyone interested in genetic genealogy. September’s topic will be **Basics of chromosome painting and using DNA painter**. They meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

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

Friday, September 13, 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. Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, September 17, 1:30-3:00 PM, Program and Member Meeting, Finding a Family for Lydia Smith

Jeanne Hoadley will report on breaking down a few brick walls in her family tree, including surmounting the challenge of finding the parents of a 4th great grandmother with the surname of Smith. Jeanne will lead us step by step through the multiyear process of hammering away at this brick wall. She will also explore how changing technology has made our hunt for ancestors so much easier and why we need to revisit those brick walls periodically as new information comes on-line.

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

GENEALOGY WEEK – SEPTEMBER 23 – SEPTEMBER 27
Hybrid – Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: FREE to all

Monday, September 23, 10:30 AM – 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. **Class from 10:30 AM – Noon, followed by a help session and tour of the library from 1:00 – 3:00 PM**

Tuesday, September 24, 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.

Tuesday, September 24, 1:30 – 2:30 PM, Quilts and Genealogy Program, Nine Eleven Memorial

In this program, Sue Waldron will present her Nine-Eleven Memorial quilt. She will describe the process that led to the creation of the variety of images she incorporated into a "red work" quilt, including embroidered replications of six editorial cartoons that appeared in the immediate aftermath of the attacks, of the sense of chaos that followed the attacks, and of the feelings of unity that Americans embraced.
In person at the library only. Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, September 25, 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM, 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!
Class from 10:30 AM – Noon, followed by a help session from 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

Thursday, September 26, 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM, Researching with Family Search

FamilySearch is the largest FREE repository of genealogical records. Barbara Northrop will show how to effectively search their records, their catalog, and the FamilySearch Research Wiki.
Class from 10:30 AM – Noon, followed by a help session from 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

Friday, September 27, 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM, Researching with Ancestry

In this class, Jeanne Hoadley will explore using the library edition of Ancestry.com to unearth information about your ancestors. We will start with simple searches and look at pinpointing specific record groups using the catalog. We will also cover capturing what you find as a digital file or printed page.
Class from 10:30 AM – Noon, followed by a help session from 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

EARLY OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 2, 10:30 - 1:30, File Organization Drop-In Help Session

In person at the library. Cost: Free to all