MCMLS Genealogy Programs :

September – December 2018

The Genealogy Department at the Central Library in Conroe is pleased to announce the following workshops and presentations:

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GRASSROOTS GENEALOGY:

Using USGenWeb, RootsWeb, PERSI & More

Wednesday September 12, 2018

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

While large genealogy databases like Ancestry.com and FamilySearch often take the spotlight, they aren't the only place to find useful one-of-a-kind genealogy information online. Come join the MCMLS Genealogy Department for a special presentation on Grassroots Genealogy, and learn about the thousands of free sites, hosted by the local little guys, that can provide the missing information that you've been hunting for!

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METADATA & DIGITAL ARCHIVING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Wednesday September 26th, 2018

1 PM – 2:30 PM

Genealogy & Local History Room—Central Library—Conroe

In the exciting era of 21st century Genealogy, the need to stay organized has never been greater. This class provides an opportunity for attendees to begin to leverage the power of Metadata in organizing their family history photos and documents on their personal computer. Come learn the basic principles behind metadata, some common tags to use to stay organized, as well as software solutions to help organize photos and documents digitally.

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Kin Killers:

Epidemics & Diseases

in Your Family Tree

Monday October 15th, 2018

10:30 AM – 12 PM

Genealogy & Local History Room—Central Library—Conroe

In the era before vaccines and modern medicine, disease was a grim and ever-present reality for individuals and societies. Join Genealogy Librarian Carl Smith for a special presentation on some of the major epidemics in US and World history, the common diseases that touched the lives of your ancestors, and how this knowledge provides additional context and insights into the stories of your ancestors.

2018 Genealogy Lock-In
Friday October 19, 2018
10 am – 5 PM

MCMLS Genealogy will be participating in the 2018 Genealogy lock-in. What is the Genealogy Lock- In? It is a day of genealogy programs that is put on by the Genealogy Network of Texas. Individuals in dozens of libraries across the state will all tune into a series of programs broadcasted over the Internet by experts in the genealogy field. The MCMLS Genealogy department will be providing live-streaming of several programs, with the Genealogy Basics class being taught live for our patrons by Genealogy librarian Carl Smith, while also being live streamed out to other participating libraries.

Please contact the Genealogy department to register your spot of one or all of the lock in programs by calling us at 936-788-8363 x6249 stopping by in person.

2018 Genealogy Lock-In Program of Events (October 19, 2018)

10:00 - 10:50 am – Don't Forget the Ladies: A Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law

Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL, The Legal Genealogist

In early America, women were all too often the people who just weren't there: not in the records, not in the censuses, not on juries, not in the voting booth. The common law relegated women to "protected" – second-class – status and understanding how they were treated under the law provides clues to finding their identities today.

11:00 - 11:50 am – Discovering Your Ancestors Land Holdings in the Texas GLO.

Kevin Klaus, Information Specialist Texas General Land Office (GLO) Archives and Records

Learn how maps can be used in genealogical research. This will be an overview of how to use the archival maps, the GIS mapping system, and the original land grant records to find your ancestors. Learn how to use the Land Grant Database and search strategies to locate the survey in a particular county. Lecture will include a case study using the original GLO maps, GIS mapping system, and county records in determining the location of the heinous 1872 murder of Benjamin McKeever in Burnet County Texas.

Noon - 1:30 pm – Genealogy Basics: Getting Started on Your Family Tree

Carl Smith, Genealogy Librarian – Montgomery County Memorial Library System

Budding researchers will learn the basics they need to get started researching their family tree. We'll cover the first steps to take to begin your research, starting with home sources. We'll also cover the types of records that are useful for genealogical research and where they can be found. We'll also cover ways to stay organized by utilizing paper charts and forms or computer software.

1:40 - 2:40 pm – Organizing and Preserving Photograph Collections

Ari Wilkins, Library Associate at Dallas Public Library

We all have mounds of old unidentified family photos sitting in boxes. This lecture will offer step-by-step direction in organizing, preserving and cataloging these precious collections for future generations. Learn how to identify, digitize and share collections using family trees and social media.

2:50 - 3:50 pm – Locating Ancestors on the Dawes Roll

Kathy Huber, Manager, Genealogy Center, Tulsa City County Library

The Dawes Roll, created between 1898-1906 enrolled members of the Five Civilized Tribes living in Indian Territory. Learn why the roll was taken, how the process worked, and the steps to locating an ancestor who enrolled.

4:00 - 5:15 pm – Using Autosomal DNA Testing to Solve Genealogy Brick Walls

Drew Smith, Assistant Librarian, Academic Services, USF Tampa Library, co-host Genealogy Guys Podcast

Examine several case studies that will demonstrate how autosomal DNA testing can be used to solve genealogy brick walls. Examples will focus on AncestryDNA, but may also include other testing companies and services

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Graveyard Genealogy Gala

Wednesday October 31, 2018

2 PM—3 :30 PM

Central Library– Genealogy and Local History Room

Come help us end the month is style: Halloween Style. Attendees are invited to dress up in your Halloween costumes and join the Genealogy department to learn about useful cemetery records that can be found in print and online.

Presentation will cover the websites Billiongraves.com and Findagrave.com as well as Smartphone apps. Prizes and candy will be awarded for the best costumes.

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Where to Get What in Montgomery County TX?

Thursday November 8, 2018

2 PM—3 :30 PM

Central Library– Genealogy and Local History Room

The MCMLS genealogy department isn't the only place to find important genealogy records in the area.
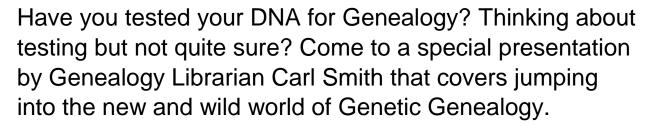
Come join Genealogy Librarian Carl Smith an overview of which local history and genealogy records for the county can be found in the library and which agencies and organizations around the county contain genealogical records in their holdings, and what kinds or records are out there to add in your research.

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Getting Started With DNA For Genealogy

Wednesday November 28, 2018

2 PM—3 :30 PM

Central Library– Genealogy and Local History Room

Have you tested your DNA for Genealogy? Thinking about testing but not quite sure? Come to a special presentation by Genealogy Librarian Carl Smith that covers jumping into the new and wild world of Genetic Genealogy.

Come learn about the different DNA tests to choose from, how to compare between DNA testing companies, and what DNA can (and can't) do to help you with your tricky genealogy problems.

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Researching Your French Roots

Monday December 10th, 2018

10:30 AM - 12 PM

Genealogy & Local History Room—Central Library—Conroe

Do you have ancestors from France? From the Hugueonts to the Acadians, the Cajuns to the Louisiana Creoles there have been many different groups who claim France as their common heritage.

Join Genealogy Librarian Carl Smith for a special workshop on French genealogy research. Come learn about the methodology and records that will help you hunt down and trace your French family lines.

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Heraldry & Researching Your Royal Ancestors

Tuesday December 18th, 2018

1 PM – 2:30 PM

Genealogy & Local History Room—Central Library—Conroe

Are you a descendant of royalty? Do you descend from a knight or baron who received his own coat of arms?

Join the Genealogy department as we delve into the world of Heraldry (reading and granting coats of arms) and Royal ancestors. This class will cover some important resources located online and in the genealogy department that can help you connect back to your royal ancestors.

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To register for any of the above programs please ask at the Genealogy Reference Desk or visit our website www.countylibrary.org/genealogy.htm