

OLLI Genealogy and Family History Study Group

Spring 2021. Mondays 9:30-11:00 am – 4 sessions – March 29 – April 19

Barbara Meyer, Facilitator

Upcoming events

How to EXCEL at Genealogical Analysis

Tuesday, April 13 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Zoom/Virtual

Want to know how you can organize your genealogical research? Not quite sure how to create a timeline for your ancestor? Wonder if two people are really the same person? Using a spreadsheet like Microsoft Excel can help you organize and sort your data to streamline your research. This type of software can be a timesaver for any genealogist, beginner to advanced. Come join us on this night while Candace Wilmot walks us through (live) how she uses this tool to simplify her research process. Cosponsored by the Champaign County Genealogical Society

<https://urbanafreelibrary.libnet.info/event/4979103>

Illinois Newspaper Project: Find Your Ancestors in Illinois Newspapers

Tuesday, May 11 - 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Zoom Meeting/ Virtual

Finding your relatives in newspaper publications can be an exciting way to add depth to their stories and fill out their timelines. Join us this spring evening to explore the Illinois Newspaper Project's online digital collection with Celestina Savonius-Wroth, History, Philosophy, and Newspaper Library (HPNL) Head Librarian. This incredible resource is a project created by the HPNL and the Department of Preservation Services at the University of Illinois Library.

Registration details coming in April

Databases Available with your library card

Ancestry Library Edition has extended access from home through June 30th for all library cardholders! Access Ancestry by following this link and logging in with your library card number. Contact the Archives at 217-367-4025 or archives@urbanafree.org for help or questions.

<https://urbanafreelibrary.org/eresources/databases#hist>

The Archives is pleased to announce our newest genealogy database, **Find My**

Past! Find My Past is a UK-based genealogy database that features British and Irish parish records, censuses, passenger lists, birth, marriage, death, and military records. They also have extensive U.S. marriage and U.S. Catholic parish records. Find My Past provides access to the largest collection of British and Irish newspapers online and is home to PERSI (the PERiodical Source Index), the largest index to genealogy and local history magazines, newsletters, and journals. Use Find My Past to research your British or Irish ancestors, create a family tree, and keep track of family records. They also provide DNA testing and analysis of previous DNA tests. Access Find My Past from home with your library card through our Databasespage.

<https://urbanafreelibrary.org/eresources/databases>

<https://www.findmypast.com/>