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October 2016
Family History Month
Saturday October 1, 2016, 4:00 p.m.  \textit{An Afternoon of Storytelling} – Curt Witcher & Aaron Smith, Discovery Center.  
After a busy first Saturday in October, spend the waning hours of the afternoon enjoying short stories from a variety of individuals. Hear why storytelling is so important and how we all can help each other tell the stories of our lives. It may just inspire you to tell your stories!

Sunday October 2, 2016, 1:00 p.m.  \textit{Cemeteries Are Not Just for Ghosts: Lindenwood Cemetery} – Allison Singleton, Lindenwood Cemetery, 2324 W. Main St., Fort Wayne.  
This program designed for teens will take place in Lindenwood Cemetery. Come learn basic cemetery etiquette, participate in a scavenger hunt to search for unique gravestone carvings and symbolism, and learn how cemeteries can be helpful for family history research. We will also participate in a brief tour of the cemetery. Meet at the Lindenwood Parking Lot, 2324 W. Main St., Fort Wayne. \textbf{Please dress comfortable for walking outside.}

Monday October 3, 2016, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. \textit{Photoshop Elements Alternatives, Part I} - Kay Spears, Computer Classroom.  
Join us as we explore some FREE options to Adobe Photoshop. In this presentation we will look at a number of different free programs that may be used as an alternative to Adobe Photoshop Elements. We will explore both the pros and cons of each program. We have set aside two evenings to experiment with all the programs, so bring your images on a USB drive and let’s have some fun! First of two sessions; attend one or both! \textbf{Space is limited. Registration is required.}

Tuesday October 4, 2016, 6:30 p.m. \textit{Beginner’s Guide to Vital Records} – Delia Bourne, Discovery Center.  
Vital records are the Holy Grail of genealogical records, providing a legal document that records a date of birth and parents, marriage date and place, or evidence of a death, perhaps providing parent’s names or cause of death. However, birth and death records were not commonly recorded until the 20th Century, and even the availability of marriage records depends on the locale and culture. This session will explain what can be found in a vital record, and what other sources may be used when the official record is missing.

Wednesday October 5, 2016, 6:30 p.m. \textit{The Genealogy of Beer} – Allison Singleton, Discovery Center.  
Beer has been around for at least 3,900 years, the earliest known recording of brewing and beer. Breweries have a history in Fort Wayne almost as long as Indiana has been a state. With this rich and bubbly heritage, it is only natural to look at the history and genealogy of some of the well known breweries and brewers in this city. Come learn about beer and perhaps pick up a few tips on learning how to research the occupations of your own ancestors.

Thursday October 6, 2016, 6:30 p.m. \textit{DNA Interest Group Meeting}, Discovery Center.  
Have you done a DNA test for genealogical purposes? Do you completely understand the results you received? Do you need advice in interpreting your results? Are you interested and wonder what the best test is for you? Come to the DNA Interest Group Meeting to share and learn from each other!

Friday October 7, 2016, 10:00 a.m. \textit{RootsMagic Software} – Cynthia Theusch, Discovery Center.  
This presentation will demonstrate the basic features of RootsMagic. Learn about the “what’s new” features and tips to help you add family facts, photos and source citations. The presenter also will show how to search the Internet while in the RootsMagic program.

Saturday October 8, 2016. \textit{Beginners’ Day} – Discovery Center.  
Congratulations! You’re on the road of family discovery, wanting to learn more about those who came before you. Maybe you have already started by trying Ancestry.com, or talking to your relatives, or maybe you are just curious about the paths your research will take you. We want to help you navigate your journey with a day for beginners – or for those who want to make sure they have the process well in hand.  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. \textit{Starting a Family History Journey} – Delia Bourne.  
Discover the basics of gathering information from your living relatives and family sources, and the importance of organization in the research process. A brief overview will be provided on what records you may discover in your search, and how those records may be used to further your family story. An introduction will be provided to Ancestry.com’s census collection and how to use it as a springboard to other records. Finally, a tour of The Genealogy Center will be offered to familiarize you with what can be found.
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Beyond Just Starting – Delia Bourne
Learn how to verify the information you find, and the importance of documenting what you find as well as where you find it. Discover how to harvest as much information as possible from various records. You will see how to use the free FamilySearch website, and be provided with a virtual tour of The Genealogy Center’s licensed databases.

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Beyond Hatched, Matched & Dispatched: Methods for Finding Our Families’ Stories – Curt Witcher
There is so much more to learn about our ancestors and their families than can be discovered just through census and vital records. Methods for discovering other resources to find more information about our families and the stories of their lives will be shared.

Sunday October 9, 2016, 1:00 p.m. Legalese for Genealogists – David Singleton, Discovery Center.
Are you stumped on where to look for a birth certificate or divorce record? Are you confused by all of the legal jargon in your ancestor’s will? This presentation may help solve those mysteries. Attorney, David Singleton, will discuss many common legal terms with simple explanations as well as provide examples of where you might find records. He also will answer questions you may have on archaic legal terms you have discovered in your ancestors’ documents. Please submit these terms to Genealogy@ACPL.Info prior to the presentation.*

*Please note that there will be no legal advice given during this talk. The purpose of this presentation is solely to provide a general understanding of legal terms.

Monday October 10, 2016, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Photoshop Elements Alternatives, Part 2 – Kay Spears, Computer Classroom.
Join us as we explore some FREE options to Adobe Photoshop. In this presentation we will look at a number of different free programs that may be used as an alternative to Adobe Photoshop Elements. We will explore both the pros and cons of each program. We have set aside two evenings to experiment with all the programs, so bring your images on a USB drive and let’s have some fun! Second of two sessions; attend one or both! Space is limited. Registration is required.

Tuesday October 11, 2016, 6:30 p.m. Introduction to DNA for Genealogy – Sara Allen, Discovery Center.
Is DNA all Greek to you? Come and learn about the three major tests for genealogists - the Y-DNA, mtDNA, and autosomal tests. By the end of the session, you will know how to use DNA testing to enhance your traditional genealogical research.

Wednesday October 12, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Did It Really Happen That Way? Documenting Oral History – Delia Bourne, Meeting Room A.
Maybe you've grown up hearing “the legend,” or maybe it's a family tale you've just heard for the first time. The story sounds like a novel, but the person who told it wouldn't lie, right? Learn how to use the clues in a family anecdote to research its accuracy, and decide how to include it in your family history. Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana monthly meeting. All are welcome.

Thursday October 13, 2016. A Day with Jessica Trotter
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Scandalous Ancestors – Discovery Center.
This session provides ideas for tracing “scandalous” ancestors including a case study featuring an unreliable ancestor with a research story that begins in 1860s Detroit and ends in Logan County, Illinois.

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Tracking My Trotters: A Case Study in African American Research – Discovery Center.
Sorting out her father’s family has been a joy… and maddening. But it’s also offered great lessons in research and made our history as a country more real—from the Second Great Migration, to the Jim Crow South, to Slavery.

Friday October 14, 2016, 10:00 a.m. German Resources in The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library – John Beatty, Discovery Center.
While the bulk of The Genealogy Center’s holdings relate to North America, there are many research tools, guidebooks, maps, and genealogical works that can help researchers find their German ancestors. This talk provides an overview of these sources, many of which will point to other records at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City as well as in Germany itself.
Saturday October 15, 2016, 10:00 a.m. Discovering Confederate Pensions – Delia Bourne, Discovery Center.
Have you found your Confederate ancestor’s pension record? Don’t know where to look? Learn the history of pensions for former CSA soldiers and how to find them.

Sunday October 16, 2016, 1:00 p.m. Ontario Research: Finding Ontario’s Genealogical Information and Documents – Cynthia Theusch, Discovery Center.
Discover what records are available here in The Genealogy Center and on the Internet. Locate libraries, archives and government programs that house records and documents to add to your research.

Sunday October 16, 2016. A Day in Allen County
We invite you to take pictures of anything and everything that is happening in our county in the twenty-four hours of Sunday, October 16, 2016, and send them to us! What is your view of Allen County that day? These pictures are not limited to marquee events. We want to see what is going on throughout the entire community; so pictures can be of people at work, children at play, sporting events, weather and blooming flowers, homes and buildings, traffic scenes, hikers and bikers, and people just hanging out. Include a brief description you would like placed with the picture.

If it’s happening in the twenty-four hours of October 16th, it’s worth sharing!
Email pictures to Genealogy@ACPL.Info • Twitter #DayinAllenCo2016
Upload pictures at www.facebook.com/GenealogyCenter • Instagram @GenealogyCenter

Monday October 17, 2016, 2:30 p.m. Basics of Scanning Photographs – Kay Spears, Discovery Center.
Learn about one of the ways to save your family photographs. This session will cover the basics of scanning, from how to handle your photographs to the file format in which your photographs should be saved. There also will be time for a scanning demonstration, and you are invited to bring a few photographs to scan and save to your USB drive.

Tuesday October 18, 2016, 6:30 p.m. Using FamilySearch for Your Genealogy – Melissa Tennant, Discovery Center.
Learn the search techniques that can maximize your FamilySearch.org experience and discover the billions of records available on this free website.

Wednesday October 19, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Computer Interest Group Meeting – Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana, Meeting Room B.

Thursday October 20, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Family History Day for Homeschoolers – Allison Singleton, The Genealogy Center.
Many parents want their children to be interested in their family’s history but fostering that interest may be a challenge. The Genealogy Center can engage parents and children alike with a Family History Day. It is a day-long program with two classroom-style lessons and guided research time to explore the collection. Each child will receive a worksheet to complete, tailored to his or her age, experience, and grade level.

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Beginning Genealogy Program: Online Sources – Discovery Center
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Break – Research on own
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Beginning Genealogy Program: Printed Sources – Discovery Center
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Lunch on own
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Research on own with assistance from librarians when needed – The Genealogy Center
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Coolest Discoveries—Sharing and Prizes – Discovery Center

Friday October 21, 2016, 10:00 a.m. Using U.S. Records to Find Your Immigrant’s Link to the Old Country – Sara Allen, Discovery Center.
Don’t skip important steps in finding your ancestor’s home village. Before crossing the pond and searching in European records, fully investigate American records about the immigrant and his family. Topics in this presentation will include starting with U.S. records and moving back in time to the immigrant, finding records of the journey to America, and finally, identifying the village of origin in Europe.

Saturday October 22, 2016

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. A Dozen Ways to Jumpstart Your Research, Discovery Center.
We all need a little inspiration from time to time. What do you do when your research is in a rut? Juliana has a
dozen ways for you to get it back on track.

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Coming to America: Finding Arrival Records and Stories on Ancestry, Discovery Center.
Immigration is an important part of our nation’s history and of your personal family history. Passenger arrival
records are much more than lists of names. Learn how to locate and use these records effectively and discover the
story of your ancestor’s immigration to America.

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Lunch on own

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Are you getting all you can from the records and tools on Ancestry.com or are you just scratching the surface?
Juliana will guide you through the resources and tools available on the site, sharing strategies that will help you
find the best route to your ancestors.

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Question and Answer Session, Discovery Center.
What have you always wanted to ask an expert from Ancestry.com? This is your opportunity!

Sunday October 23, 2016

1:00 p.m. Finding James Beavers and Other Misplaced Modern-day People – Sara Allen, Discovery Center.
Have you lost track of a friend or relative? Are you seeking your birth family? Tracing people in modern times with
privacy laws and less record accessibility can be challenging. Through the account of the speaker’s search for
deceased Vietnam veteran James Beavers’ family, you will learn tips and strategies for finding more recent ancestors
and living persons.

Monday October 24, 2016

2:30 p.m. Visiting The Genealogy Center from Home – Melissa Tennant, Discovery Center.
Discover the treasure trove of more than three million searchable items accessible online from The Genealogy Center
at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Join us for a virtual tour of The Genealogy Center’s
digital collections.

Tuesday October 25, 2016

6:30 p.m. Maps & Atlases for the Family Historian – Delia Bourne, Discovery Center.
Maps and atlases provide an illustrative background for our ancestors, their paths and trails, and physical
surroundings as well as land ownership and usage. Learn the basics of what’s available and how to use these
fascinating sources.

Wednesday October 26, 2016

6:30 p.m. Indiana Genealogy: The Crossroads to America – Melissa Tennant, Discovery Center.
This presentation is for those seeking Indiana ancestors or family members who may have migrated through the state
on their way farther west. The methods and sources for discovering your Hoosier roots will be explained along with a
demonstration of the resources available for anyone seeking Indiana family history.

Thursday October 27, 2016

6:30 p.m. Beginning Genealogical Research in Virginia – John Beatty, Discovery Center.
Virginia, the Old Dominion, was the first successful American colony, and for many genealogists, it remains a pivotal
state in their research. This talk offers a beginning overview of the sources for Virginia research and will provide
some strategies for overcoming its many challenges, including the problem of burned courthouses.

Friday October 28, 2016

Midnight Madness – extended research hours from 6:00 PM to Midnight,
Mini-Programs (30 minutes each of quick tips), Discovery Center.

6:30 p.m., Digital Organization – Melissa Tennant.
Learn how to create a personal digital collection, where your genealogical records and files can be readily
organized, updated, and available at your fingertips.
Friday October 28, 2016. *Midnight Madness*

7:30 p.m., *Fabulous Free Websites* – Delia Bourne.
Free is great, right? Get introduced to ten fabulous free websites to use in your research.

8:30 p.m., *Diggin’ DPLA: Some Tips on Accessing this Growing Resource* – Curt Witcher.
Discover some tips for successfully using this growing database of links to important historical material.

Saturday October 29, 2016, 10:00 a.m. *Locating the Records of Your Michigan Ancestors* – Cynthia Theusch, Discovery Center.
This class will explain where to find birth, marriage, death, probate, and land records. Discover what records are available here in The Genealogy Center and on the Internet. Discover various facilities that house records and documents to add to your research.

Sunday October 30, 2016, 1:00 p.m. *The Salem Witchcraft Trials of 1692: History and Sources* – John Beatty, Discovery Center.
The trials and executions of the men and women charged with witchcraft at Salem, Massachusetts, in 1692 has become an iconic event in American history. Many genealogists today are descendants of one of these unfortunates or one or more of their accusers. This talk provides an overview of the event and discusses some of the historical and genealogical sources for researching this event.

Monday October 31, 2016, 2:30 p.m. *Morbid Genealogy* – Allison Singleton, Discovery Center.
It is the season for ghosts, vampires, and witches. While these are not typically part of the genealogical world, we can still discuss the macabre and morbid aspects of genealogy. Come and take part in an entertaining discussion on morbid genealogy with a Halloween flair.

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