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The Genealogy Center is offering a number of programs in October covering our digital resources, beginning family history, DNA, and much more. Short video tips will be published on social media throughout the month, weekly prompts for brick wall questions will appear on Facebook, a live brick wall panel session will take place on the last Sunday, and One-on-One Consultations will be offered daily. The month will come to a high point the last weekend with our **Midnight Madness Extended Research Hours on Friday, October 25th**, and the Allen County Genealogical Society’s “**A Day with Judy Russell**,” the Legal Genealogist, on Saturday, October 26th [https://www.acgsi.org/event.php]. Make plans to engage with us in October!

**Tuesday October 1, 2019**

*Genealogy Video Tip* - Find amazing resources through the use of the African American Gateway.

**Wednesday October 2, 2019, 7:00 p.m., Shawnee Branch - 5600 Noll Ave**

*Food For Thought: Recipes as Memoir* – Allison DePrey Singleton

We will offer ideas on how to collect and preserve family recipes for future generations and to inspire your family members with stories of loved ones.

*Genealogy Video Tip* – Discover what we have in our state and subject guides, and where you can get a copy of them.

**Thursday October 3, 2019, 6:30 & 7:30 p.m., Discovery Center**

*DNA & Family History Interest Group Meetings* – Sara Allen

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 & Family History Interest Group Meetings! Beginners meet from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., more advanced gather 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

*Genealogy Video Tip* – Find out what the Periodical Source Index (PERSI) is and how it is used.

**Friday October 4, 2019**

*Genealogy Video Tip* – Do you want to be a better genealogist? Take a look at some of the guidebooks we have listed on our Next Steps Pathfinder.

**Saturday October 5, 2019, 2:30 p.m., Discovery Center**

*Beginning Your Family History Journey* – Melissa Tennant

Have you ever wanted to learn more about your family and where you came from? Join us for an introduction on how to start your adventure in discovering your family history.

**Sunday October 6, 2019, 2:30 p.m., Discovery Center**

*I Seek Dead People: Using America’s GenealogyBank to Find Obituaries and More!* – Allison DePrey Singleton

America’s GenealogyBank is one of the new databases added to The Genealogy Center’s On-Site Databases this year. It contains database collections of Historical Newspapers (1690-1922), Historical Books (1749-1900), Historical Documents (1789-1994), and America's Obituaries (1977-current). The obituary components of this resource make it a particularly valuable tool for genealogy research.

**Monday October 7, 2019**

*Genealogy Video Tip* – Having trouble finding the church your family attended in Germany? Your problem may be geographical. Have a look at Kevan Hansen’s awesome map guides to German parish registers.

**Tuesday October 8, 2019**

*Genealogy Video Tip* – Discover the various types of records we have to help you as you begin researching your house’s history.

*Genealogy Video Tip* – Learn how to use DNA testing to identify an unknown grandparent.
Wednesday October 9, 2019, 7:00 p.m., Discovery Center
ACSJI Monthly Meeting: Tips for Interviewing Military Veterans – Kayleen Reusser
In this presentation, Kayleen Reusser will share her experiences of interviewing hundreds of veterans of all eras. An interview form will be provided with key questions for securing information about the veteran’s life and military service. Guidelines also will be provided for photographing the veteran, their medals and military souvenirs.

Genealogy Video Tip – Discover tools for finding African American materials in The Genealogy Center’s collection.

Thursday October 10, 2019
Genealogy Video Tip – Beginning your Native American/First Nations family history research.
Genealogy Video Tip – Discover how to find post 1819 passenger lists at The Genealogy Center.

Friday October 11, 2019
Genealogy Video Tip - Discover why Civil War battle site names are so confusing.

Saturday October 12, 2019, 1:30 p.m., Georgetown Branch - 6600 East State Blvd
Morbid Genealogy – Allison DePrey Singleton
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. Take part in an entertaining discussion on morbid genealogy with a Halloween flair. The guest speaker is Allison Singleton from the Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center.

Genealogy Video Tip – Explore the African American Newspapers databases available at The Genealogy Center.

Sunday October 13, 2019, 2:30 p.m., Discovery Center
Working with a Single Record – Cynthia Theusch
As you are searching through family papers and boxes, have you come across only one record or item for an individual? This program will show you how to search databases and other resources to learn more about that individual.

Genealogy Video Tip – What does an Ambrotype look like? Hints for spotting an Ambrotype.

Monday October 14, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center
Exploring MyHeritage Library Edition - Sara Allen
Explore one of the library’s newest on-site genealogical record databases – MyHeritage Library Edition. Learn tips and strategies for searching this valuable database, find out about the one-of-kind genealogical record collections available on MyHeritage, and more!

Tuesday October 15, 2019
Genealogy Video Tip – Discover the “dangers” of OCR and digital newspapers.

Wednesday October 16, 2019
Genealogy Video Tip - Explore Native American history and heritage with the Native American Gateway.

Thursday October 17, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center
PERSI Help Session – Adam Barrone
Unsure of how to use the Periodical Source Index (PERSI)? We’ll help you jump into PERSI to find resources you may have missed. Bring a laptop or tablet which you can connect to the library’s wireless internet along with a list of surnames and geographic locations of interest to you. (Don’t have a laptop or tablet? We will have a few computers to use on a first come, first serve basis.)

Friday October 18, 2019
Genealogy Video Tip - Have Canadian roots? Check out the types of records we have available.
Saturday October 19, 2019, 10:30 a.m., Discovery Center  
**Allen County Genealogical Society Technology Group**  
All are welcome to the ACGSI Technology Group meeting!  
*Genealogy Video Tip – Learn about the extensive physical and digital collection of family histories at The Genealogy Center.*

Sunday October 20, 2019, 2:30 p.m., Discovery Center  
*What Doesn’t Kill Us: Historical Illnesses and Causes of Death* – Delia Cothrun Bourne  
This light-hearted overview of the medical conditions that plagued our ancestors will include where to find what some of those causes of death listed in newspapers and on death records really meant.  
*Genealogy Video Tip – Tips on using the book "Foreign Versions of English Names" to locate your hard-to-find immigrant ancestor in records under variations of the same name.*

Monday October 21, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center  
*Saving Digitally from Genealogy Center Resources* - Delia Cothrun Bourne  
So many great electronic resources are available through The Genealogy Center website, but the mechanics of actually saving what you find to your USB drive can be confusing. Discover how to preserve what you find from various databases, and how to adapt instructions for use on numerous sites.  
*Genealogy Video Tip – What does a Daguerreotype look like? Hints for spotting a Daguerreotype.*

Tuesday October 22, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center  
*Selected Midwestern Resources at The Genealogy Center* – Delia Cothrun Bourne  
Although The Genealogy Center prides itself on its extensive collection from all over the United States, the Midwestern collection in exceptional. Come and see a few of the more overlooked resources for the Midwest.

Wednesday October 23, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center  
*Ancestry DNA 101* – Sara Allen  
Have you taken the Ancestry.com DNA test? Come to this session and learn the basics about Ancestry.com's autosomal DNA test and how to read and interpret your results. We will discuss the ethnicity estimate, your match page, and other features of the Ancestry DNA experience.  
*Genealogy Video Tip - Some hints for storing photographs, journals, etc.*

Thursday October 24, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center  
*Railroad Pension Records: Their Value for Genealogical Answers* – Kim Harrison  
Kim will offer a review of pension records and the value of the information to tell a person’s story. This session is a must for those researching railroad workers after the 1930s.  
*Genealogy Video Tip - A richness of resources for Cherokee and Five Civilized Tribes family history in our snapshots.*

Friday October 25, 2019 – Midnight Madness Extended Research Hours, 6:00 p.m. – Midnight  
*6:30 p.m.: Finding & Using Catholic Church Records* – Pat Stamm  
Increasing numbers of Catholic records are available. Learn how to find them and use the data they contain.  
*7:30 p.m.: What's in the Collection? Tour and Introduction to The Genealogy Center Collection* – Allison DePrey Singleton  
Join us on a brief tour of The Genealogy Center where you will be introduced to our massive physical collection. This tour will give you a better idea of where to look for that fantastic book you located in our catalog. *Please be prepared to stand and walk for half an hour.*  
*8:30 p.m.: Biographical Works in Genealogical Research* - Curt Witcher  
There are numerous sources of biographical works in The Genealogy Center. Discover how to find them and how to use them in discovering and documenting your family stories.
Saturday October 26, 2019, 8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Theater

*A Day with Judy Russell (Paid Event)*

The Allen County Genealogical Society and The Genealogy Center join in proudly presenting this special day for genealogists. The Legal Genealogist Judy G. Russell is a genealogist with a law degree who writes and lectures on topics ranging from using court records in family history to understanding DNA testing. On the faculty of numerous genealogy institutes, she is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Board for Certification of Genealogists®, from which she holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and Certified Genealogical Lecturer℠.

Lectures include:


“No Person Shall … Gallop Horses in the Streets—Using Court Records to tell the Story of our Ancestors’ Lives”

“When Worlds Collide: Resolving Conflicts in Genealogical Records”

“2019: The Year of the Copyright.”

For a description of each presentation and information on the schedule, go to www.acgsi.org. This special event is sponsored by the Doug and Joni Lehman Charitable Foundation.

**Genealogy Video Tip** – Learn how The Genealogy Center is a great resource for South Africa records.

Sunday October 27, 2019, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Discovery Center

**Brick Wall Panel** – Sara Allen, John Beatty, Delia Cothrun Bourne

Genealogy Center staff members help solve family history brick walls every day. What are the techniques we use to tackle these quandaries? We will take three brick wall queries received through our Facebook “Brick Wall Question of the Week” to use as examples to show the methods we use to help you!

Monday October 28, 2019

**Genealogy Video Tip** - Do you know that our library has a great collection of Irish local histories? Have a look at some of the fabulous and hard-to-find books right here in our Irish aisles.

Tuesday October 29, 2019

**Genealogy Video Tip** – Suggestions for searching for a missing person.

**Genealogy Video Tip** - What does a Tintype look like? Hints for spotting a Tintype.

Wednesday October 30, 2019

**Genealogy Video Tip** - See what City Directories can do for you.

Thursday October 31, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center

**Find My Past: A Tool for British, Irish, and American Ancestry** – John Beatty

This talk will explore the use of Find My Past, a major website for researching Irish and British genealogy. We will look at some of the major components of the database, including the myriad of British census and parish register information, as well as some unique images of Irish sources, both newspapers and manuscripts. We will also explore use of the Periodical Source Index, which is part of this database.

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