



Genealogy Day at the Library
Program Schedule and Description
Saturday, April 26, 2014
Louisville Free Public Library

- 9:30 – 9:45 Welcome, introductory remarks and announcements*
- 9:45 – 10:30 Keynote: **Kentucky Libraries: Where Family History Meets Kentucky History.** Wayne Onkst, State Librarian and Commissioner of Kentucky (***Auditorium - First Floor, South Wing***)
- 10:30 – 10:45 Break: Enjoy browsing the book collection and meeting new friends!
- 10:45 – 12:00 **The Spirits of Your Ancestors: The role of the Bourbon industry in Kentucky.** Mike Veach, (***Job Shop classroom - Second Floor, South Wing***)
Program Description: The making of bourbon helped many Kentucky families survive during times of hardship. Learn how your ancestors contributed to this important Kentucky industry.
- Research at the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives,** Walter Bowman, Research Room Supervisor (***Auditorium - First Floor, South Wing***)
Program Description: The Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives is the official repository of record for over 100,000 cubic feet of documents and 65,000 rolls of microfilm pertaining to all aspects of life for Kentuckians – not to mention digital records. Want to learn more? Attend this seminar.
- Introduction to Genealogy Research** by Joe Hardesty, MLS, PLCGS, Kentucky History and Genealogy Librarian, LFPL, (***Centennial Room - Basement, North Wing***)
Program Description: New and experienced genealogists alike will learn the fundamentals necessary for making family history research fun and rewarding.

Dancing With Your Family Skeletons by Susan Covey, (**Computer Learning Center, Second Floor, North Wing**)

Program Description: Cases of divorce, suicide, illegitimacy, insanity, and criminal activity do shake the ancestral tree! Stories about black sheep kin add color, intrigue, and interest to your family history. Learn how to research skeletons hiding in the genealogy closet by using common and unique sources.

12:00 – 1:30

Lunch / Research Time! – A number of restaurants (\$-\$\$) can be found within easy walking distance of the Library - heading North on Fourth or East on Broadway. (Please, no food or drink is allowed in the Library). Not hungry? Dig into your family history on the Second Floor, North Wing!

1:30 - 2:30PM

Using DNA in Genealogy: Three Approaches by Mel Arnold (*JobShop Classroom, Second Floor, South Wing*)

Program Description: The use of DNA as a research tool in genealogy has grown rapidly since it's commercial introduction by Family Tree in 1999. Through DNA, many have been able to confirm their previous findings; discover relatives or find a more productive approach for doing their family research. This session will help you understand the pro's and con's of using this "new" science.

FamilySearch.org I, Nancy Roberson, President of the Louisville Genealogical Society, Louisville, Kentucky. (*Computer Learning Center - Second Floor, North Wing*)

Program Description: FamilySearch.org is the name of a website where you can search for records and discover how to be a better researcher. It was created by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and is available free of cost to users around the world. Learn to navigate this site to enhance your research.

Migration Routes into Kentucky, Don Rightmyer (**Centennial Room - Basement, North Wing**)

Program Description: Learn about the migration routes (Ohio River and the Wilderness Trail) and the settlement patterns into Kentucky.

2:30 – 2:45

Break: continue browsing the book collection, make family connections or get a library card!

2:45 - 3:45PM

Researching Your Northern Kentucky Ancestors by Elaine Kuhn, Kenton County Public Library (*JobShop Classroom, Second Floor, South Wing*)

Program Description: Learn about the many Northern Kentucky genealogical and local history resources available for searching.

FamilySearch.org II, Nancy Roberson, President of the Louisville Genealogical Society, Louisville, Kentucky. (*Computer Learning Center - Second Floor, North Wing*)

Program Description: Now that you know how to navigate FamilySearch.org attend this session to learn how to search and find original records, how to search the FamilySearch.org catalog and order films and how to access and download books and periodicals.

Anatomy of a Fire: the Beverly Hills Supper Club by Ron Elliott, (*Centennial Room - Basement, North Wing*)

Program Description: Author of *Inside the Beverly Hills Supper Club Fire* Ron Elliott presents the history of the fabulous night club located on the south bank of the Ohio River in Southgate, Kentucky from its days as an illegal gambling spot through the transition to a glamour spot and the catastrophic fire that took 167 lives on May 28, 1977.

3:45 – 4:00 Break: visit the check-desk and drop by the Library Foundation table to show your support for the library.

4:00 - ?? **Have a genealogy question?** We have an answer. Have your questions answered by the Genealogy Day Panel: Joe Hardesty and other volunteer presenters. (*Centennial Room - Basement, North Wing*)

Special Programs for Children and their Families!

Location: Children's Department, First Floor, South Wing

10:45 – 11:45AM **Family Ties:** Join us for a special story- time celebrating families. Craft activity included. For children ages 3 to 8 and their families.

1:30 – 2:30PM **Make Your Own Family Crest**, by Colleen Wilson and Rae Ann Sauer, NSSAR,
Program Description: This workshop will explore the history of family crests as well as design their own family crest based on symbolism and their personal interests. Attendees will get to take home their own family crest bookmark at the end!



Program Notes:

- As with all programs held at your library, Genealogy Day is **FREE** and no registration is required.
- Directions: We are located at [301 York Street](#), Louisville, KY. 40203. One block South of Broadway between Third Street and Fourth Street. See [the floor plan of the library](#) for lecture locations.
- Parking – Ample parking can be found in lots on Third Street or at meters that ring the library. Sorry, parking is **NOT** Free on Saturday's.
- Out of town attendees wanting to see and do more in Louisville may make overnight reservations by visiting the [Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau](#). (www.gotolouisville.com) or call 1-888-LOUISVILLE.