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| 10:00 - 10:50 a.m. East Wall, 8 th Floor | Technology Enabled Collaborations for Genealogists - <i>Tony Hanson, Family Historian</i> This presentation will examine three relatively new capabilities that are enabling collaborative family research: The Family Search Family Tree, Ancestry.com's ThruLines DNA tool, and self-publishing family history using a blog or a website. *This session will be live at the Dallas Public Library and livestreamed to participating libraries. |
| 11:00 - 11:50 a.m. East Wall, 8 th Floor | Finding Elusive Records on FamilySearch.org - <i>John Huff, FamilySearch Experience Manager</i> Learn the search skills and features of FamilySearch.org to take you to a new level of access of this 2 billion image database. |
| 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. McDermott Rooms, 8 th Floor | Become a Mapaholic – <i>Tresa Tatyrek, Magnolia Manor Genealogy, Family Historian</i> Maps are important in finding ancestors! Do you know why? Do you know where to find them? How to use them? *This session is a brown bag lunch session. |
| 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. East Wall, 8 th Floor | Genealogy Basics: Getting Started on Your Family Tree - <i>Carl Smith, Genealogy Librarian, Montgomery County Memorial Library</i> 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. |
| 1:30-2:30 p.m. McDermott Rooms, 8 th Floor | The Beatitudes of a Genealogist – <i>Patti Huff Smith, Family Historian and Volunteer Coordinator of the Dallas Genealogical Society</i> Patti shares her family history research story with new tips and tools of genealogy research. Attendees will leave equipped, motivated, and ready to tackle roadblocks as they chase their genealogy pursuits. *This session is a brown bag lunch session. |
| 1:40 - 2:40 p.m. East Wall, 8 th Floor | Probate: More Than a Will - <i>Kelvin Meyers, Ancestry ProGenealogists, Researcher</i> Most persons in America, who lived to adulthood, left some type of an estate to be administered. Some left wills, some did not; either way if there was land or large amounts of personal property, their estate had to be disposed of. The probate records can be some of the most fruitful information. |
| 2:50 - 3:50 p.m. East Wall, 8 th Floor | Roll Call: New Sites and Sources for Military Records and Research - <i>Curt B. Witcher, Genealogy Center Senior Manager Allen County Public Library</i> This presentation explores the growing number of consequential websites for the researcher interested in military history and military ancestors. This talk provides one with key sites and strategies for locating increasing amounts of meaningful military data on the Internet. |
| 4:00 - 5:15 p.m. East Wall, 8 th Floor | Introduction to GEDmatch - <i>Sara Allen, Librarian, Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library</i> GEDmatch is a free third-party website that you can use to compare your DNA results with people who have taken the autosomal DNA test from all the major testing companies. Learn more about GEDmatch at this session. |
| 5:15-6:15 p.m. McDermott Rooms, 8 th Floor | Mysterious Relatives – <i>Ari Wilkins, Library Associate, Dallas Public Library</i> Learn how to analyze and connect mysterious relatives to one's family history. *This session is a brown bag dinner session. |
| 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. East Wall, 8 th Floor | Finding Your Ancestors in Mexico – <i>Esther Camacho, South Texas Librarian, Genealogist, and Historical Researcher</i> This program will demonstrate the types of records used to trace ancestors from the United States into Mexico. There is a breadth of information available for researchers including census, border crossing records, immigration, civil records, and church records. |
| 7:25 - 8:30 p.m. East Wall, 8 th Floor | Dating Family Photos by Photo Process, Apparel, Hair Styles and More - <i>David Coleman, Director, the Wittliff Collections, Texas State University</i> Do you possess photos that you wish you could at least date? Learn what to evaluate and the resources available to help you. Follow David's process as he takes us through samples and learn how to apply his technique to your own photos. |

