

Godfrey Memorial Library - Events Calendar

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January 2020

NOTICE The library will be closed on Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

GENEALOGY CLUB

January 04, Sat **9:30 - 11:00 am**
"New Year's Resolution: Get Organized"

Resolve to start 2020 off right by getting your genealogy in order. This is a Work & Share session. If you have a great system for organizing your digital or paper files, share it with the rest of us! After the group discussion, you can spend time actually organizing your stuff. Bring that pile of disorganized papers, folders, and binders, and get to work clearing the clutter. Bring your laptop loaded with a genealogy software program, and start using it to full advantage to organize your digital files.

Free to Godfrey Premium members. \$10 per session for all others. Open to the general public. Attendees will have time after the meeting to do research at the library.

RESEARCH HELP

January 04, Sat **11:00 am - 1:00 pm** (after Genealogy Club)
January 07, Tue **9:30 am - 10:30 am**
January 15, Wed **9:30 am - 10:30 am / 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm**
January 24, Fri **9:30 am - 10:30 am**

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BU GROUP

January 15, Wed **6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

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CLC GENEALOGY ROUNDTABLE

NOTE: The library is open only for this event.

Jan 23, Thurs 9:30 am - 11:00 am

"Keeping Up with the Genealogists"

How do you keep up with genealogy podcasts, newsletters, conference calendar notification programs, and apps? Also, if you can, bring an item or resource and share how it's used for genealogy research or how you've used it for programs in your library.

Open to librarians who provide genealogy and local history support, as well as staffs of historical societies and museums that do the same. Your organization needn't be a member of the Connecticut Library Consortium to attend! To register, click here: <https://www.ctlibrarians.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1254934&group=>

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February 2020

GENEALOGY CLUB

February 01, Sat **9:30 - 11:00 am**

***“Channeling Your Inner Columbo: Going Beyond Vital Records to Expand Your Family Tree”
with Dorena Wasik***

What does Columbo have to do with genealogy? On the series, he always found a small detail – overlooked by everyone else – that solved the case. In this presentation, we will learn to look for those small details to find unknown family and bring our family trees to life. There are many useful documents to be found beyond birth, marriage, or death certificates (BMD). They include ship arrival records, naturalization papers, and obituaries, among many other items. Just because you think you know all the information you need, take another look to find some valuable clues.

Dorena Wasik has been doing Polish genealogy research for over 10 years. She has spoken at several genealogy conferences in Poland, helping Polish genealogists to find their American family. She is member of the Polish American Foundation of Connecticut, heading the program “Welcome Home” that reconnects Americans with their Polish roots.

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February 12, Wed **9:30 am - 10:30 am**

February 19, Wed **5:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

February 28, Fri **9:30 am - 10:30 am**

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March 2020

Change of Topic

GENEALOGY CLUB

March 7, Sat 9:30 - 11:00 am

***“How to Research Early American Ancestors (17th and 18th Century)”
with Al Fiacre, Chair of the Godfrey Board of Trustees***

We all know the story. You're researching your family line, proceeding backwards through time. You're going along great guns, using the U.S. Census, vital records, maybe Civil War records, wills – but as you approach the early 1800s these resources seem to thin out and become less helpful. You're thinking: *“What, no family members listed in the pre-1850 census!? Now what?”*

Don't despair! Resources do exist, but you may not be as familiar with them. Al Fiacre will share some of the most useful 17th and early 18th century resources to help you track your ancestors from that time period. Brick walls be gone! We hope you can join us, and we think you'll be glad you did.

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March 10, Tue 9:30 am - 10:30 am

March 18, Wed 9:30 am - 10:30 am / 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

March 27, Fri 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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April 2020

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April 04, Sat 9:30 - 11:00 am
"How to Do Research in Connecticut Town Halls"
with Joseph Camposeo, Town Clerk of Manchester

With a Godfrey Library card in hand, our members can access the many different records found at town halls across Connecticut. Our presenter will talk about how to do just that: how to gain access to do research at a town hall, what records are typically available, what costs are associated with getting certified copies of records, and much, much more. Come learn from an expert who knows the ropes!

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