

## **Increase Your Library Patrons' Use of Your Genealogy Databases Beginning Genealogy**

Would you like to increase your genealogy databases usage? As a profession genealogist and experienced speaker, I have a series of programs specifically targeting the use of your library's databases by your patrons. The four programs work in either a presentation or a workshop format. Two programs can be held in tandem on one day or each held separately.

### **1. Genealogy Research: What is it? How do I begin?**

Would you like to begin researching your family history? Your public library is the place to start. Suz Bates, a local, genealogist will present the basics of genealogy research so you can begin today. You will learn how to keep track of what you find and discover hints for continuing your research at home and in the library.

- Novice Level - This program works well as a hands-on workshop of less than 25 patrons or can be presented to a larger audience. We will walk through trees to pedigrees narrowing down to family group sheets and finally location timelines. I will also cover logging in to your ancestry.com library edition and finish with how to record information using the genealogy tools presented. There will be plenty of time for questions.

### **2. Use Your Public Library's Genealogy Databases for Online Research**

Improve your family history research by learning how to login and use your Public Library's the online databases. Suz Bates, a local, genealogist will present step-by-step specific directions to guide you through logging in and how to use the database search engines. What can you find? How can you build your family tree?

- Novice Level - This program works well as a hands-on workshop of less than 25 patrons or can be presented to a larger audience. Every participant will be given colorfully written step-by-step login instructions for your specific library. I will work with your tech person to be sure the instructions are accurate. The sheets can then be made available at your computer desk for patrons. There will be plenty of time for questions.

### **3. Censuses – The Backbone of US Research**

Keeping track of your research leads you to hints about your next steps. Using census to glean information to create a location timeline is key to moving forward and helping to fill in the gaps. Suz Bates, a local, genealogist will present step-by-step specific directions for “doing the censuses” for your family history research.

- Novice Level - This program works well as a hands-on workshop of less than 25 patrons or can be presented to a larger audience. Every participant will be given colorfully written step-by-step instructions for finding census records online. The sheets can then be available at your computer desk for walk-in patrons. There will be plenty of time for questions.

### **4. Genealogy Research: Optimize Your Time and Effort**

You indulge in a few minutes of family research in between a busy life so let's make the most of it. Suz Bates, a genealogist with over 40 years of experience, will share her tried and true tips for genealogy research using the big two databases – Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. There will be plenty of time for questions and responses.

- Novice Level to Intermediate - This program works well as a hands-on workshop of less than 25 patrons or can be presented to a larger audience. We will focus on specific, useful ways to search on the big two databases more effectively and efficiently. For family historians who have done some research and have many questions, this is the right program to get responses to their specific questions and glean hints for moving forward with research.

Thank you for your time today. For more information please visit my website and/or email me or give me a call.

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