



GENEALOGY BOOT CAMP WITH AMY JOHNSON CROW July 18, 2020

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The Genealogy Boot Camp will be held in the downtown Allen County Public Library located at 900 Library Plaza also known as 900 Webster Street in downtown Fort Wayne, Indiana.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

- 8:45 Early Registration Begins – Enter through the designated door on east end of library
- 9:00 Library opens main doors
- 9:00 Welcome
- 9:15 Lecture One: “The Research Plan: Your Road Map to Success”
- 10:30 Break (see note below)
- 11:00 Lecture Two: “Timelines: The Swiss Army Knife of Genealogical Research”
- 12:15 Lunch (see note below)
- 1:30 Lecture Three: “5 Search Strategies Every Genealogist Should Know”
- 2:45 Break (see note below)
- 3:15 Session Four: Case Study
- 4:00 Closing (This leaves two hours for research in The Genealogy Center)

BRICK WALL RESEARCH PROBLEMS

Those registered for this Genealogy Boot Camp are invited to submit one research problem that they have. These will be reviewed by our speaker and one will be selected to be discussed in our fourth session case study. To have your research problem discussed by our speaker, the registered attendee must submit a one-page typed description of the problem with a statement granting permission that it be used in our Boot Camp, signed and dated by June 30, 2020. Directions on how to submit your brick wall will be provided with your registration confirmation.

REGISTRATION TABLE

The Registration Table will be located at the east end of the Great Hall in the main library near the Plaza entrance. The registration Table will open at 8:45am. Please note that the library does not open until 9:00am. Early entrance is through the designated door on the East side of the library by the plaza. For early admission to the registration table, please have this form available to show the security person.

PARKING

PARKING GARAGE:

There is a parking garage under the library that opens at 8:45am. The entrance to the parking garage is on West Wayne Street across from the First Presbyterian Church. A ticket is issued at the time of entrance. To pay for the parking, go to the kiosk in the Great Hall of the library as you are ready to leave.

PARKING LOTS:

There is a library parking lot across the street on the south side of the library with entrance on Webster Street. A ticket is issued at the time of entrance. To pay for the parking, go to the kiosk in the Great

Hall of the library as you are ready to leave. There are other parking lots available in the area, but check with attendant about payments.

ON-STREET PARKING:

There is limited on-street parking which is free on Saturday.

MAP OF DOWNTOWN FORT WAYNE

A map of downtown Fort Wayne is available in a separate attachment in this mailing.

LODGING

There are three hotels within two blocks of the library. This is a safe and easy walking distance. Ask if they have a “Genealogy Discount” available. The hotels are as follows:

Courtyard by Marriott	1150 South Harrison Street, Fort Wayne	260-490-3629
Hampton Inn & Suites	223 West Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne	866-925-7881
Hilton Hotel	1020 South Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne	260-420-1100

LUNCH

Lunch is an opportunity to experience the many eateries within walking distance of the library. A Restaurant Guide is included as an attachment.

BREAKS

There will be a 30-minute break in the morning and in the afternoon. Each registrant is invited to bring their own snacks.

BEVERAGES

Each registrant is invited to bring their own water and soft drinks for the lectures in the meeting room. Remember, food and beverages are not permitted in The Genealogy Center.

THE GENEALOGY CENTER

The Genealogy Center is located on the second floor of the downtown Allen County Public Library. To learn about The Genealogy Center, go to www.genealogycenter.org. There is an introductory video and other information provided. The Genealogy Center hours are as follows:

Sunday	12 Noon – 5:00pm
Monday-Thursday	9:00am – 9:00pm
Friday & Saturday	9:00am – 6:00pm

ABOUT THE GENEALOGY CENTER

The Genealogy Center is a remarkable family history destination located in the Allen County Public Library in downtown Fort Wayne, Indiana. Truly a world-renowned research collection The Genealogy Center is the largest public library genealogy collection in the country, sporting an extensive collection of more than 490,000 printed volumes and 661,000 microtext items. More than 67,000 compiled family histories. All the serials indexed in the Periodical Source Index—and many more. Large collection of directories and yearbooks, including more than 60,000 R. L. Polk Directories. Access to the largest genealogy websites, including American Ancestors, Ancestry, FindMyPast, Fold3, and Newspapers.com. Growing collection of free databases at GenealogyCenter.org. Large collection of published military histories and records. Expert staff interested in engaging you in discovering your family story. For more information, contact The Genealogy Center with any questions at genealogy@acpl.info or 260-421-1225

EXPERIENCE FORT WAYNE

While in Fort Wayne, we invite you to experience our city including:

- Three Rivers Festival with its many venues including International Village on Friday & Saturday and Fireworks at 10:00pm on Saturday within one block of the library
- Tin Caps have games both Friday and Saturday evenings in Parkview Field (voted #1 MiLB Stadium in United States) located one block from the library
- Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo voted in the top ten best zoos in the United States