



# 2025–2026 GENEALOGY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

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Our Free Educational Programs are presented at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month September through May. Programs are hybrid, presented in person at the Genealogy Center or virtual via Zoom. Registration for virtual attendance is required at [www.acgsi.org](http://www.acgsi.org).

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**September 10, 2025.....*****Mein Feld ist die Welt: A Guide to Hamburg Passenger Lists 1850 – 1934***  
**with Logan Knight**

Genealogists are more than familiar with passenger lists. Innumerable hours have been devoted to studying immigrant arrivals in cities like New York City, Boston, and Baltimore. However, that is only half of the puzzle. What about where they left from? What about those lists? Well, you may be in luck! Senior Librarian Logan Knight will explore the large collection of passenger lists from the port of Hamburg, Germany. If your ancestors came from Central or Eastern Europe, they may very well have come through Hamburg. Please join us to learn some tricks of the trade to navigate this invaluable resource and learn more about the immigrant experience of the time.

**October 8, 2025.....*****Myaamiaki neehi Myaamionki: Miami People and Miami Land***  
**with Logan York**

Logan York is the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma and a citizen of the Tribe. He has a bachelor's degree in Anthropology from Miami University with minors in History and Archaeology. Logan serves as a representative on the Ohio Historic Preservation Advisory Board and over a dozen other boards and leadership teams. Logan came to work for the Tribe in April of 2022 after previously working for Rebecca Hawkins, the consulting archaeologist for the Miami Tribe. As THPO, he is part of the Cultural Resources Office team in Miami's ancestral homeland.

**November 12, 2025.....*****DNA Misconceptions***  
**with Kelli Bergheimer**

Often our misconceptions can lead us astray. In DNA analysis, sometimes we fall into surname traps, wrong assumptions, and confirmation bias. Learn how to recognize your misconceptions and address them. Presented by Kelli Bergheimer, writer, teacher, editor, author and international genealogical speaker. Kelli is the Director of Curriculum and Assessments for Blue Kayak, a K-12 textbook company. She also works as the Director of Education for Your DNA Guide. Kelli runs a small business—Mess on the Desk, a genealogical organization company with a YouTube channel. Kelli is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

**December 10, 2025.....*****Who Walked These Streets?***  
***How to Build an Online Platform for Historic Neighborhood Research***  
**with Elizabeth Hodges**

Discover how to build a free, interactive online platform using Google Drive, interactive maps, and Google Sites to showcase the story of a historic neighborhood through records, photographs, maps, and oral history. Presented by Elizabeth Hodges, MA, MSLIS, an Irish historian, former museum educator, and the Assistant Manager of Genealogy Services at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

**January 14, 2026 ..... *Research Reports for Ourselves*  
with Paula Stuart Warren**

If you hired someone to do research, wouldn't you want to know exactly what they checked? Was it books, volumes, files, or microfilm and was it at the courthouse, library, or elsewhere? Did they search an index or view the records page by page? Now think about your own research ventures. Are you noting the same details about your quest? Reporting to yourself on the analysis and research is not as daunting a task as some researchers think. As an added benefit, this self-reporting makes it easier when you eventually write your award-winning family history. Join us as Paula Stuart-Warren, CG<sup>SM</sup>, FMGS, FUGA presents this inspirational methodology lecture.

**February 11, 2026 ..... *Why We Still Don't Miss the 1890 Census. Much*  
with Sara Cochran**

Presented by professional genealogist, "The Skeleton Whisperer," Sara Cochran, this follow-up presentation to "Who Needed it Anyway?" will explore even more resources to help us find our families between 1880-1900 and complete the case study.

**March 11, 2026 ..... *Tracing Your Irish Roots: Intro to Irish Genealogy*  
with Elizabeth Hodges**

Discover the fundamentals of Irish genealogy research in this beginner-friendly session. Learn about key record types, such as church registers, civil records, and Griffith's Valuation, and gain insights into navigating online resources to uncover your Irish family history. Whether you are just starting or hitting roadblocks, this presentation will provide the tools you need to begin tracing your ancestors from Ireland. Presented by Elizabeth Hodges, Assistant Manager of Genealogy Services at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

**April 8, 2026 ..... *5 Types of German Genealogy Documents – and What You Can Find in Each*  
with Katherine Schober**

What kind of documents are available for your German ancestors? What should you be looking for in your research? And most importantly, where can you find these documents? Learn the answers to these questions and more in this popular webinar presented by Katherine Schober of Germanology Unlocked, a genealogy education and translation service.

**May 13, 2026 ..... *Aunt Martha, Tell Me About....Tips for Interviewing the Elderly*  
with Kayleen Reusser**

Local author Kayleen Reusser has more than two decades of professional writing experience. Her portfolio includes thousands of articles and posts written for dozens of magazines, blogs, newspapers and books, Reusser's passion for our country's military has spurred her to interview and write the stories of more than 200 World War II veterans during the last six years.

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**Join Us on the Third Wednesday of each month for The Family History and Genealogy Workshop. Held in the Genealogy Center of ACPL at 1:30 pm, these gatherings are open to everyone who enjoys genealogy and is interested in learning in an informal setting.**