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Monthly Program Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library at 1515 SW 10th Street.

TGS Library Hours:
Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. &
Saturday 9:00 - 4:00 p.m.

CALL FIRST IN BAD
WEATHER – CHECK FOR HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Does your family tree

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COMING UP AT TGS

This Thursday, July 27, is our regular monthly program, open to all.

This month, Bill Ripahn, historian for the Shawnee County Parks and Recreation Department, will share his love of Topeka’s parks and their development using old photographs and stories.
The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library.
Hope to see you there!

July 27, 7:00 -- Monthly Program, "The History of Shawnee County Parks," TSCPL

August 1, 9:30 -- Brick Wall Session, TGS
August 4, 9:30 -- Family History Writers’ Group, TGS
August 5, 12:00 noon -- Annual Picnic and Membership Meeting, Brookwood Covenant Church
August 7, 9:30 -- Intermediate DIG (DNA Interest Group), TGS
August 10, 9:30 -- Family Tree Maker Computer Genealogy Group, TGS
August 10, 1:00 -- TGS Board Meeting, TGS
August 17, 12:00 - Beginner DIG, TGS
August 24, 7:00 -- Monthly Program, "The Children of Nicodemus," TSCPL

September 1, 9:30 - Family History Writers’ Group, TGS
September 5, 9:30 - Brick Wall Session, TGS
September 11, 9:30 - Intermediate DIG (DNA Interest Group), TGS
September 14, 9:30 – Family Tree Maker Computer Genealogy Group, TGS
September 14, 1:00 - TGS Board Meeting, TGS
September 17, 2:00 – PAF/Ancestral Quest Group, TGS
September 21, 12:00 - Beginner DIG, TGS
September 23, 9:00 - Intermediate Genealogy Class, TGS - register online here
September 28, 7:00 - Monthly Program, "Researching Your Elusive Irish Ancestors," TSCPL

NEWS FROM THE PREZ

The Genealogy world has been hopping this past month. Family Tree Maker has released its newest 2017 edition. The roll-out added photo editing and color to mark ancestors’ descendants to keep lines clear. Family Sync is back. Of course, most of us just wanted the ability to sync those trees to Ancestry, but they did add the ability to sync to Family Search too. Roots Magic upgraded their software with the ability to merge with Ancestry and Family Search with a very smooth process. The roll out was so smooth and trouble free and I love the new tools. Legacy did an upgrade to Legacy 9. If you want to write a book on your family this is the software to do just that. I transferred one of my trees to Legacy 9 and have really enjoyed all the new gadgets. DNA has experienced upgrades on all the sites. The push to find our ethnicity has the companies competing. YEAH! This is a good thing. A couple of other companies are starting to move into the main stream, My Heritage and Living DNA. Living DNA is for deep ancestry and not to find cousins. My Heritage is much like Ancestry with Smart Matches but using DNA. It does require an annual fee. The site
SO, WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR WORLD? We have a wonderful updated outside sign at the library thanks to a very special donation from Jewell Welch. You must drive by and see the sign. Our public Facebook page is up to 1000 likes. Are you sharing our page with friends to like? Let's get the likes to 2000. Our closed Facebook Group page shares everyday hints and links to find and break through those brick walls. This is one of the benefits of a TGS membership. Every member can join as it is only for members. Updated Policy and Procedures documents have been posted on our web page. The Building Committee is reviewing the surveys returned to them. They will review for the Board our needs going forward. It is an exciting time at the library. Is it time for you to get involved? I hope so.

Here are volunteer possibilities: President, Recording Secretary, Director at Large, 3 or 4 needed for Volunteer Librarians (right now), Indexers, Researchers, Building Committee, Education Committee, Membership Committee, Publicity Committee, Library Committee, Web Committee, Volunteer Librarians, and special committees, Annual Picnic, Open House, Nominating, and Conference. We have about 60 very dedicated volunteers who do these jobs, but in reality, we need about 100. It is your way to insure the ongoing viability of our organization. Contact me at marty.flanagan@outlook.com if you are interested in volunteering.

If you have a suggestion for a programs, classes, or sigs please contact me at marty.flanagan@outlook.com.

THE BEGINNER AND INTERMEDIATE DIG[DNA] SIG IS MEETING ON AUGUST 14, 2017 AT 9:30 AM TO 12:00 PM. THE BRICK WALL CLASS WILL MEET ON AUGUST 14, 2017 AT 1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM. THIS IS A JOINT MEETING FOR THESE THREE GROUPS. WATCH FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT COMING IN SEPTEMBER FOR CHANGES OR BETTER YET COME TO THE MEETING AND BE A PART OF THE DISCUSSION.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING PICNIC ON AUGUST 5, 2017 AT 11:00 AM. I will have an update on our financial health and update on what is going on behind the scene. Please stay safe with the heat and check on your neighbors.

Marty Flanagan

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM FAMILYSEARCH!

FamilySearch is discontinuing their microfilm lending service on September 1, 2017.

The site announced that "the change is the result of significant progress in FamilySearch's microfilm digitization efforts and the obsolescence of microfilm technology. Digital imaging has made it easier to find ancestors through the internet, mobile, and other technologies."

This means the clock is now counting down your ability to borrow microfilmed genealogical records from the Family History Library. The last day you can place an order for delivery to your local Family History Center is August 31, 2017.

TGS LIBRARY PROJECT

The Library Guide Project is progressing rapidly because many people have volunteered. Thanks to all participants—including those not mentioned in this article. TGS librarian, Lyn Hutchinson, has numbered the bookcases for use on the new map. Ed Grey and Ed Nakoneczny have taken measurements of the building for Frank and Barb LaClair to use on the map. The participants who met in June are writing summaries for the collections and some have been completed.

The next meeting for the library project will be Tuesday, August 8, 9:30-11:30. Additional volunteers are
welcome. Please contact Terry Stahl or Lyn Hutchinson if you have questions.

SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC!

TGS Annual Picnic August 5, 2017
Brookwood Covenant Church
3601 SW 33rd Street
12:00 (noon)

Barbequed meatballs, drink and table service will be furnished.
Bring your favorite vegetable, salad or dessert to share.

**ENTERTAINMENT**
Homefront in World War II
Duane and Joan Shufelberger

Come learn what life was like on the homefront while the soldiers went off to war. You may OR may not remember what took place during this period of time. Duane and Joan were both educators in USD #501. This program takes the place of the Saturday Skill Builder for August.

RSVP: appreciated but not mandatory
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ROOTSMAGIC NOW LINKS TO ANCESTRY

Recently the creators of RootsMagic genealogy software announced the release of RootsMagic 7.5, a free update to RootsMagic 7 that adds two amazing new features: TreeShare™ for Ancestry and the addition of Ancestry Hints to RootsMagic’s WebHints™ feature.

RootsMagic’s TreeShare for Ancestry lets users move data between RootsMagic files on their computers and their personal Ancestry online trees. Users can transfer people, events, notes, source citations, and even pictures between the two systems.

RootsMagic 7.5 leverages the Ancestry Hints capability, and as possible matches are found, users may conveniently review them from within the software. RootsMagic then lets you add new information and media from matching records into your file.

SUMMER GENEALOGY ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Would you like to inspire interest in their family history in your children or grandchildren? Maybe there is an idea or two that you can use in this article from Lisa Louise Cooke’s blog. In it, she suggests such activities as ancestor birthday parties, shareable art on social media, etc.

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THESE OTHER EVENTS


Johnson County Genealogical Seminar, October 28 -- Featured speaker is Thomas MacEntee. More information here.
TGS and the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library are planning a DNA symposium featuring local presenters on Friday, November 17 and Kathleen Brandt on Saturday, November 18. Watch for more details in later newsletters.

Don't forget the free online webinars on the 4th Wednesday of every month, sponsored by the Georgia Genealogy Society. The Society’s website can be found here: www.gagensociety.org