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How to Archive Family Photos: A Step-by-Step Guide to Organize and Share Your Photos Digitally
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by Joseph Auguste Merasty, 2015
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by Jennifer S. Uglow, 2015
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by Richard Benson, 2014
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Europe

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Europe: A Country-by-Country Atlas of European History, 1700s-1900s
by Allison Dolan, 2015
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Gallipoli: The Dardanelles Disaster in Soldiers’ Words and Photographs
by Richard Van Emden, 2015
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Of Living Valour: The Story of the Soldiers of Waterloo
by Barney White-Spunner, 2015
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by Elena Gorokhova, 2015
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Swansong 1945: A Collective Diary of the Last Days of the Third Reich
compiled by Walter Kempowski, 2015
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Went the Day Well?: Witnessing Waterloo
by David Crane, 2015
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Asia

Ye: Bai Nian Dong Dang Zhong De Yi Ge Zhongguo Jia Ting
by Joseph Esherick, 2014
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Genealogy Programs at the Vancouver Public Library

To see a complete list of upcoming programs and events at the Vancouver Public Library visit vpl.bibliocommons.com/events/search/index. Be sure to check back as new entries are added all the time!

Vancouver Genealogy Show
Saturday, October 3, 2015
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Alice MacKay Room
Lower Level, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Members of the British Columbia Genealogical Society offer advice to individuals and family members researching their family history. Participants are encouraged to bring details on their research to date. Beginners receive advice on where to begin their research, based on their knowledge and family documents.

A primary goal of the BCGS is to teach individuals and families how to do their own research. Individual sessions will last 20 minutes. Mini workshops related to general research techniques, local and overseas resources, and organizing materials are offered for those waiting. Registration is recommended.

In partnership with the B.C. Genealogical Society.

For more information contact: Programming and Learning Services at info@vpl.ca at 604 331-3603
Genealogy: Trace Your Ancestors with Ancestry Library Edition  
Sunday, October 18, 2015  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Computer Training Lab  
Level 7, Central Branch  
350 West Georgia Street

Learn about Ancestry Library Edition, an exciting resource for family research, at this hands-on genealogy workshop.

Excited to start exploring? See our Genealogy subject guide online. guides.vpl.ca/genealogy

Registration required.

For more information contact: Programming and Learning Services at info@vpl.ca at 604 331-3603

Genealogy Workshop  
Wednesday, November 4, 2015  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Computer Training Lab  
Level 7, Central Branch  
350 West Georgia Street

Learn about Ancestry Library Edition, an exciting resource for family research, at this hands-on genealogy workshop.

Eager to start exploring? See our Genealogy subject guide online. guides.vpl.ca/genealogy

Registration required.

For more information please contact: Programming and Learning Services at info@vpl.ca at 604 331-3603

Genealogy: Trace Your Ancestors with FamilySearch and Library and Archives Canada  
Sunday, October 25, 2015  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Computer Training Lab  
Level 7, Central Branch  
350 West Georgia Street

Learn about exciting online resources for family research available on the internet at this hands-on genealogy workshop.

Eager to start exploring? See our Genealogy subject guide online. guides.vpl.ca/genealogy

Registration required.

For more information please contact: Programming and Learning Services at info@vpl.ca at 604 331-3603

Genealogy Workshop  
Wednesday, November 18, 2015  
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Alma VanDusen & Peter Kaye Rooms  
Lower Level, Central Branch  
350 West Georgia Street

For more details and up to date information on this workshop, please check our Events Calendar on the Vancouver Public Library website as the date for the workshop approaches or contact the British Columbia Genealogical Society at 604-502-9119 or bcgs@bcgs.ca.

Genealogy: Trace Your Ancestors with FamilySearch and Library and Archives Canada  
Wednesday, November 25, 2015  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Computer Training Lab  
Level 7, Central Branch  
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Other Vancouver Public Library Programs of Interest

BCGS Downtown Vancouver
Genealogy Group
Second Tuesday of each month
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Board Breakout Room
Level 7, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Genealogy Discussion – bring your ideas, questions and latest discoveries. It’s a friendly, helpful group – all interested in genealogy and family history are welcome.

Introduction to Audio Recording
Friday, October 2, 2015
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Inspiration Lab
Level 3, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Learn about the audio equipment in the Inspiration Lab. Try out our microphones, sound mixers, and audio software, and learn more about how all these components work together. Get hands-on practice for recording your own audio project!

Registration required.

For more information please contact: 
Programming and Learning Services at info@vpl.ca at 604 331-3603

Self Publishing 100: Introduction to Ebooks
Monday, October 5, 2015
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Inspiration Lab
Level 3, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Want to share your story with the world? Learn how to get on the path toward creating your first ebook! This session will introduce you to what you need to know to get started, and how to begin to navigate the options for making your ebook available to readers. After participating in this session, you will be ready to take our hands-on session to create your own ebook in VPL’s Inspiration Lab. Session is 90 minutes.

Registration required.

For more information please contact: 
Programming and Learning Services at info@vpl.ca at 604 331-3603

Introduction to Audio Editing
Friday, October 9, 2015
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Inspiration Lab
Level 3, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Learn about how to turn recorded sound into a completed digital project. Learn and practice the basics of sound editing – splitting and joining clips, fading, labelling, and mixing multiple tracks. Learn best practices for saving and sharing your work.

Registration required.

For more information please contact: 
Programming and Learning Services at info@vpl.ca at 604 331-3603
Paul Yee – New Adult Novel ‘A Superior Man’
Wednesday, October 14, 2015
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Alice MacKay Room
Lower Level, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Paul Yee has written about his Chinese-Canadian heritage in award-winning books for young readers as well as adult non-fiction. Here, he writes a story of one of the Chinese coolies who help build the Canadian Pacific Railway.

After the 1885 completion of the railroad, Yang Hok embarks on a journey to find the mother of his son. Boldly frank and steeped in history, A SUPERIOR MAN portrays the Chinese-Canadian experience in the 19th century.

Conducted in Cantonese and English.

In partnership with Chinese Canadian Historical Society of British Columbia.

For more information please contact:
Programming and Learning Services at info@vpl.ca at 604 331-3603

Self Publishing 101: Create Your First Ebook
Monday, October 19, 2015
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Inspiration Lab
Level 3, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Pre-requisite: “Self Publishing 100: Introduction to Ebooks” or equivalent knowledge.

Want to share your story with the world? Learn how to create your own ebook in VPL's Inspiration Lab. This demonstration with hands-on practice time will explore how to format text, add images and turn a digital manuscript into a digital masterpiece. Session is 90 minutes.

Registration required.

For more information please contact:
Programming and Learning Services at info@vpl.ca at 604 331-3603

VPL Aboriginal Storyteller in Residence: Finding Your Storyteller Within (Part 1)
Tuesday, October 20, 2015
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Inspiration Lab
Level 3, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Have you ever wanted to share stories with your family and community? Join Sharon Shorty, VPL's Aboriginal Storyteller in Residence, to explore the craft of oral storytelling, find out about VPL resources, and record your own story in the Inspiration Lab.

In this first of three workshops, Sharon will tell traditional stories from the North and discuss the value of storytelling and how to identify stories you want to tell. VPL staff will
also provide an overview of related library resources, including the Inspiration Lab.

This is the first in a series of three weekly sessions taking participants through the process of realizing, performing and digitally recording stories. You must also register for and attend the second session on October 27th and the third session on either November 3rd or November 10th.

Registration required.

For more information please contact:
Programming and Learning Services at info@vpl.ca at 604 331-3603

Digital Photo Repair
Monday, October 26, 2015
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Inspiration Lab
Level 3, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Got ripped or damaged photos? With Photoshop you can make clean copies of your scanned photos. Let us get you started with the skills to fill in rips, tears and remove other unwanted things. We will supply practice images for the class.

Registration required.

For more information please contact:
Programming and Learning Services at info@vpl.ca at 604 331-3603

Exhilarating Indie: With Author Carol M. Cram
Wednesday, October 28, 2015
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Alma VanDusen and Peter Kaye Rooms
Lower Level, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Thanks to the Internet and technology, authors can choose how they get their work in front of readers.

Join author Carol M. Cram to learn how to:
- Create a book you’re proud to sell.
- Prepare your manuscript for publication online and in print.
- Develop a marketing plan.

This workshop includes a reading and resource list.

For more information about the author, please check out her website.
www.carolcram.com/

For more information please contact: Carol M. Cram at 604 947-9408, or email carolcram@gmail.com.

Book Design Made Simple: Fiona Raven and Glenna Collett
Monday, November 23, 2015
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Alma VanDusen and Peter Kaye Rooms
Lower Level, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Want to design your own book? Now you can! Come and find out how from two book design experts, Fiona Raven and Glenna Collett.

Their new book, BOOK DESIGN MADE SIMPLE, gives authors, small presses, graphic designers, and YOU! – the power to design books using Adobe InDesign. Learn whether DIY book design is right for you and, if it is, how to get started.

For more information please contact:
Programming and Learning Services at info@vpl.ca at 604 331-3603
**Book Cover Design Workshop: Fiona Raven and Glenna Collett**  
**Tuesday, November 24, 2015**  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Inspiration Lab  
Level 3, Central Branch  
350 West Georgia Street

Want to design your own ebook cover? Fiona Raven and Glenna Collett, authors of *BOOK DESIGN MADE SIMPLE*, will show you how.

This demonstration with hands-on computer time will explore how to create an effective cover for your ebook using Adobe InDesign. You’ll choose a typeface for your book title, combine it with an image, and use colour and composition to create an effective cover.

*Please bring a USB stick (16 GB or larger) with one or more digital images for your book cover. Also bring other book covers that you admire or will be competing with in your genre.*

Registration required.

For more information please contact:  
Programming and Learning Services at  
info@vpl.ca at 604 331-3603

**Collections Orientations**  
**Saturdays, October 3, November 7 and December 5, 2015**  
10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.  
Surrey Public Library  
Cloverdale Library  
5642 – 176A Street, Surrey, B.C.  
No charge. Pre-registration recommended

Get familiar with the Family History Collection

Learn how to use one of the most extensive collections of Canadian genealogical materials in Western Canada! Our orientation will help you find online information, books and journals, and microfilm records available for research at the library.

Register in person at the Cloverdale Library,  
call 604-598-7327, or email  
familyhistory@surrey.ca.

**Programs Elsewhere in the Lower Mainland**

**Monthly British Columbia Genealogical Society Meetings**  
Second Wednesday of each month year round  
7:30 p.m.  
Danish Lutheran Church  
Downstairs Hall  
6010 Kincaid Street,  
Burnaby, B.C.

Visitors are always welcome.

**Finding Your Roots - Tri-Stake Seminar**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2015**  
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Surrey Family History Center  
6270 – 126 Street, Surrey, B.C.  
Free – Preregistration is required

The Finding Your Roots Seminar is a FREE family history workshop with well over 35 classes with excellent instructors to choose from. Come and enjoy learning how to research your family history.

For more information:  
www.findingyourroots.ca/
Finding Your Scottish Roots
Presenter: Lorraine Irving
Saturday, November 14, 2015
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Surrey Public Library
Cloverdale Library
5642 – 176A Street, Surrey, B.C.
Charge: $10

Discover more about your Scottish Roots

Part 2 of our very popular Scottish workshop! Aimed at the intermediate researcher, Lorraine Irving will continue discussing church and census records, cemetery records, wills, sasines, and Scottish military records. If you missed part 1, you can still register.

Register in person at the Cloverdale Library, call 604-598-7327, or email familyhistory@surrey.ca. Payment required at registration.

Family History Show & Tell
Saturday, November 28, 2015
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Surrey Public Library
Cloverdale Library
5642 – 176A Street, Surrey, B.C.
No charge, but donations welcome

Join us for the Annual Show & Tell

We continue the tradition by inviting people who document their family history to bring in their own creations or even an artifact belonging to an ancestor – anything that tells a story. This year will feature a “home movie” theme. So bring digitized home movies or digitized slides/photos and share with all! Any of the usual show and tell artifacts and stories can also be shared. There have been family quilts, scrapbooks, storyboards, an artificial limb, digital collages, a chamber pot, a WW2 diary, and much more.

You are welcome to share by describing your project or you may simply have a table and showcase your items. A laptop with internet and a projector will be available to demonstrate online projects such as family history websites or digital collections.

Visitors without stories are welcome to see and listen. You might discover a great Christmas gift idea, or be inspired. Light refreshments provided.

Note: Participants are strictly limited to a maximum of ten minutes talk time.

Register in person at the Cloverdale Library, call 604-598-7327, or email familyhistory@surrey.ca.

Programs Elsewhere in British Columbia

Voyages of Hope, The Saga of the Bride-Ships
Speaker: Peter Johnson
Monday, October 19, 2015
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Nanaimo Family History Society
2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo, B.C.

Peter Johnson’s enthusiastic research and imaginative writing have produced Voyages of Hope, the first book-length account of four bride-ships which were sent out from England to the West Coast in the 1860’s and 1870’s. Peter answers the question of why these women left everything behind in England to
come to the colonies of the West Coast. The answers lie in the horrible disruptions of industrial Britain, the conflicting aims of earnest Christians and early feminists, and the lusty turmoil of a gold-rush frontier. All three elements shaped this complex and intriguing true story. The hardships and happiness of Louisa and Charlotte Townsend, Isabel Curtis, Jane Saunders, Emma Tammadge, Minnie Gillan – and other who left no records – are brought to life in Voyages of Hope.

For more information see:
www.nanaimofamilyhistory.ca/index.php?p=1_4_Upcoming-Events

Creating Connections Through DNA: Genetic Genealogy in the Digital Age
Saturday, October 24, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Victoria Genealogical Society
St. Aidan’s Church Hall
3703 St Aidan’s Street, Victoria, B.C.
Fees:
EARLY BIRD – On or before Sept 26, 2015
VGS Members $80; Non-Members $90
STANDARD – On or before Sept 27, 2015
VGS Members $90; Non-Members $100

Have you seen the commercials about DNA testing and family history and wondered what it’s all about? Researching your family tree and wondering how DNA results can help you? Interested in DNA and genealogy but baffled by the science behind it and how to interpret results?

If so, then this seminar is for you! Join us as our expert speakers share their experience and knowledge of this increasingly popular genealogical tool, and answer your questions in terms we can all understand.

Registration fee provides admission to the day-long seminar including five sessions by three speakers, unlimited coffee, tea and water, lunch (vegetarian and gluten free options offered), two coffee/tea breaks, and handout materials. We will also have a variety of tables representing various societies, and a resource table with information on DNA and genealogy research.

Register early to take advantage of our Early Bird discount.

For more information see:
www.victoriags.org/seminar.php

“The De Cosmos Enigma”
Speaker: Gordon Hawkins
Sunday, January 17, 2016
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Friends of the B.C. Archives
Newcombe Hall
675 Belleville Street, Victoria, B.C.
Cost: $5

Gordon Hawkins’s new biography brings B.C.’s second premier into focus by exploring the eccentric life of a bombastic visionary who arrived in Victoria in 1858, founded the British Colonist and battled for responsible government against Governor James Douglas. He championed BC’s entry into confederation, playing a crucial role in the creation of present-day Canada. Yet at his death, and even today, he is hardly remembered.

Gordon Hawkins has degrees from the London School of Economics and the University of Toronto. After his service in WWII in naval intelligence, he was presenter of the CBC’s TV and radio discussion program, Citizen’s Forum. He has spent many years researching De Cosmos’s life story.

For more information see:
royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/events/friends-of-the-b-c-archives-the-de-cosmos-enigma/
Road to Ruin: James Douglas and the Obfuscation of the Cariboo Wagon Road  
Speaker: Dr. Frank Leonard  
Sunday, February 21, 2016  
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Friends of the B.C. Archives  
Newcombe Hall  
675 Belleville Street, Victoria, B.C.

Dr. Frank Leonard will explore the finance, construction, and early operation of the Cariboo Wagon Road. His research rests largely on a review of Governor James Douglas’s dispatches to the Colonial Office in London, along with the private comments that officials attached to them. Its conclusions challenge the traditional, celebratory view of Douglas’s government of the mainland colony.

Frank Leonard is an adjunct associate professor in the Department of History of the University of Victoria. His book, A Thousand Blunders: The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and Northern British Columbia (1996), was awarded the CHA Clio Prize for British Columbia. For his research he had access to a wealth of original documents, among them the GTP legal department files, providing him with insights into the decisions that formed the basis for policies in townsites and on Indian reserves.

For more information see:  

Also Noted...

Seattle Genealogical Society Seminars  
October 17 – 18, 2015  
Seattle, Washington  
For more information:  
seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/content/seminars

National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair  
October 21 – 22, 2015  
via YouTube  
For more information:  
www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair/

RootsTech 2016  
February 3 – 6, 2016  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
For more information:  
rootstech.org/?lang=eng

Who Do You Think You Are?  
April 7 – 9, 2016  
Birmingham, England  
For more information:  
www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com/
Recent and Updated Additions to the LAC Website

Blog and news postings of recent additions and updated information on the Library and Archives Canada website include:

- Latest digitized microfilms on the Heritage Portal
  thediscoverblog.com/2015/08/05/latest-digitized-microfilms-on-the-heritage-portal/

- Project Naming
  www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/aboriginal-heritage/project-naming/Pages/introduction.aspx

Library and Archives Canada has added new images on Flickr to their website. These new images include:

- Canada at Ypres
- Canada in the Netherlands
- Children of Topley
- Early 20th Century Railway
- Images of Cottages, Cabins and Camps
- Images of National Parks
- Images of the Somme
- In Flanders Fields: A Century of Poppies
- North West Mounted Police in Yukon
- Nursing Images
- Photography of Yousuf Karsh
- Road Trip – Summer of ‘54
- Second World War Propaganda Posters

www.flickr.com/photos/lac-bac/albums

Updated and New Canadian Databases

- Canada and U.S., Dutch Emigrants, 1946-1963
- Canada, Imperial War Service Gratuities, 1919-1921
- Canada, Selected School Yearbooks, 1908-2010
- Canada, WWII Service Files of War Dead, 1939-1947
- Web: Alberta, Index to Cemeteries, 1823-2013
- Web: Alberta, Newspaper BMD Index, 1889-2012
- Web: Montreal, Canada, non-Catholic Baptism Index, 1766-1835 (in French)
- Web: Montreal, Canada, non-Catholic Burial Index, 1767-1899 (in French)
- Web: Quebec, Canada, Marriage Contract Index, 1761-1941 (in French)

Updated and New United Kingdom Databases

- Bexley, Kent, England, Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1558-1812
- Bexley, Kent, England, Births and Baptisms, 1813-1925
- Bexley, Kent, England, Cemetery Registers, 1879-1985
New United States Wills and Probates Collection Added

A huge United States Wills and Probates collection covering all 50 states has been added to Ancestry. This collection comprises some 30 million records, 170 million images and spans the years from 1668 to 2005. More than 100 million people can be gleaned from these records, including the deceased, their relatives and possibly that of friends, acquaintances and neighbours.

A research guide, Finding Your Family in Wills and Probate Records, has been created to help genealogists in their family history search.


News from FamilySearch

Updated and New Canadian Collections

- Canada Passenger Lists, 1881-1922
- Newfoundland, Vital Records, 1840-1949
- Newfoundland, Vital Statistics, 1753-1893
- Nova Scotia Births, 1864-1877
- Nova Scotia Deaths, 1890-1955
- Nova Scotia Deaths, 1956-1957
- Nova Scotia Marriages, 1864-1918
- Ontario Births, 1869-1912
- Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
- Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927
- Prince Edward Island Death Card Index, 1721-1905
Quebec, Index to Civil Copy of Church Records, 1642-1902
Quebec, Quebec Federation of Genealogical Societies, Family Origins, 1621-1865
Saskatchewan, Catholic Church Records, 1846-1957
Saskatchewan Cemetery Transcripts, ca. 1850-1994

United Kingdom and Ireland Collections Recently Added or Updated

- England and Wales Census, 1841
- England and Wales Census, 1871
- England and Wales Census, 1901
- England, Cornwall and Devon Parish Registers, 1538-2010
- England, London Electoral Registers, 1847-1913
- England, Warwickshire Parish Registers, 1535-1984
- Ireland, Petty Sessions Court Registers, 1828-1912
- Wales, Anglesey, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Brecknockshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Caernarvonshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Cardiganshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Carmarthenshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Denbighshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Flintshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Glamorganshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Merionethshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Monmouthshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Montgomeryshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912

FamilySearch has added millions of records online from around the world. Check out the new and updated collections that have been added to Caribbean and Central America, Continental Europe and the United States. Click on Last Updated to get the latest additions to the collections.

Caribbean and Central America
familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&region=CARIBBEAN_CENTRAL_AMERICA

Continental Europe
familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&region=EUROPE

United States of America
familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&region=UNITED_STATES

The Family History Guide

The Family History Guide is a new website aimed at helping beginning and more experienced genealogists research their family history. Features of the website to aid in this pursuit include:

- Family history basics
- Computer basics
- Setting goals
- Step-by-step instructions for easier learning
- Links to videos and documents
- Links to additional resources and websites
- Projects and choices
- Classroom and instruction materials

Explore this eLearning website at: www.thefhguide.com/
New at the Vancouver Public Library

The library has added a new database to our Online Resources Collection to help with online learning or eLearning. This database will also be of interest for patrons of VPL’s Inspiration Lab.

Lynda.com

Online education database offering over 3,000 video courses by top experts in the fields of web design, business/marketing, software development, photography, video/music/audio editing, 3D animation, graphic design and more.

Registration with a valid email is required. Access from home is only available to Vancouver residents.

www.vpl.ca/electronic_databases/alpha/l

Learn about the Inspiration Lab at:
www.vpl.ca/programs/cat/C1051/

Check out our Teach Yourself Inspiration Lab subject guides at:
www.vpl.ca/programs/details/inspiration_lab_getting_help

Learn more about eLearning with our Online Education and Training subject guide at:
guides.vpl.ca/elearning

Canadian Public Libraries

Besides archives, museums and universities, public libraries are also repositories of unique historical holdings and genealogical materials, especially items on local histories, families, directories, photographs and maps. Check out these digital initiatives and collections from several Canadian public libraries.

Calgary Public Library
Community Heritage and Family History Digital Library
Digital collections mainly of images and maps are made available online.
calgarylibrary.ca/community-heritage-and-family-history-digital-library/

Kingston Frontenac Public Library
Digital Kingston
Your Stories, Our History
Ancestors from Kingston, Ontario? Explore the following key features, plus the other online resources, about the history and heritage of Kingston and Frontenac County.

Some key features include:
- Historical Newspapers (1810 – 1900)
- City Directories (1855-1923)
- Maps and Fire Insurance Plans
- Local History Books to read online
www.digitalkingston.ca/

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library
Nova Story Digital Collections
With the partnership of Nova Scotia public libraries, Nova Story is a digital initiative to bring the stories of Nova Scotia to light. Digital collections include books, documents, pamphlets, photographs, and maps.
www.novastory.ca/cdm/

Squamish Public Library
Squamish History Archives
Browse or search the online digital collections on Squamish comprised of photographs, newspapers, documents and audio recordings.
squamishlibrary.digitalcollections.ca/
Toronto Public Library
Virtual Reference Library
The Toronto Public Library, in partnership with library systems across Ontario, has provided through their Virtual Reference Library a vast array of digital resources on the history of Toronto, Ontario and Canada.
www.virtualreferencelibrary.ca/vrl/

West Vancouver Memorial Library
Digital.westvanlibrary.ca
Learn about the history of West Vancouver through West Vancouver Memorial Library’s digital collections which contain photographs, audio-visual materials and documents.
digital.westvanlibrary.ca/search

U.K. National Archives

England & Wales, Crime, Prisons & Punishment, 1770-1935
The National Archives, in partnership with FindMyPast®, have digitized and made available over 1.9 million historic criminal records which span the years from 1779 to 1935.

Prisoners of War, 1715-1945
Coinciding with the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War II, the National Archives in association with FindMyPast® have published for the first time one million records of servicemen, servicewomen and civilians who were taken prisoner during the war. These records are comprised mainly of Britons, Dutch, Americans and Australians and contain the names, ranks, nationalities and locations of prisoners of war.

Archives of Ontario

Legacy Vital Statistics Now on Family Search Website
Historical microfilmed Ontario vital statistics records are now available for free online through the FamilySearch website. This includes records for 1869-1910 births, 1869-1927 marriages and 1869-1937 deaths.
For more information see:

Research Guides and Tools
Here are some recently updated guides from the Archives of Ontario
- Finding York County Divorce Files
- How to Find a Will in Court Records
- Researching Crown Land Records
- Sources of Family History
Also, included in the Prisoners of War, 1715-1945 collection to mark the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, newly released records of Napoleonic prisoners of war comprising over 71,000 entries.

search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/prisoners-of-war-1715-1945

Learn more about what information the National Archives has on prisoners of war through their online guides.

Select and click on ‘prisoners of war’ at:
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides-keywords/?show=keywords&keyword=letter=p&keyword=prisoners-of-war-1#step-three

Search Merchant Navy 1915 Crew Lists

In partnership with The National Archives, The National Maritime Museum and the Crew List Index Project, volunteers have transcribed 39,000 crew lists which contain the particulars for 36,000 voyages. These lists include the names and personal details of 750,000 seamen who served in the British Merchant Navy in 1915.

Check it out at:
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/first-world-war/search-merchant-navy-1915-crew-lists/

Discover more digitized Merchant Navy Seamen records from 1835-1857 and 1918-1941 which have been published through FindMyPast*

search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/merchant-navy-seamen

*NOTE: Access to the records is by subscription

FindMyPast

More New and Updated Additions to the FindMyPast Collections

Britain, Directories & Almanacs
search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/britain-directories-and-almanacs

Dublin Poor Law Unions Board of Guardians Minute Books
search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/dublin-poor-law-unions-board-of-guardians-minute-books

Dublin Workhouse Admissions & Discharge Registers 1840-1919

England & Wales, Society of Friends (Quaker) Births 1578-1841

England & Wales, Society of Friends (Quaker) Burials 1578-1841

England & Wales, Society of Friends (Quaker) Marriages 1578-1841

Ireland National School Registers
search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/ireland-national-school-registers

Irish Newspapers
search.findmypast.com/search/irish-newspapers
Kent Baptisms
search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/kent-baptisms

Kent Burials
search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/kent-burials

National School Admission Registers & Log-Books 1870-1914

New South Wales Government Gazette Indexes 1832-1863

Queensland Wills Index 1857-1940
search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/queensland-wills-index-1857-1940

NOTE: Access to the records is by subscription

Endangered Archives

The British Library, together with funding partners, launched an Endangered Archives programme in 2004 to help preserve rare vulnerable archival materials from around the world. These materials were endangered due to neglect, physical deterioration or destruction. The programme to date has funded approximately 270 projects with 144 projects currently available online, encompassing nearly 5 million images.

Here are some historical collections of the Americas which may be of interest for genealogical research.

Collecting and preserving parish archives in an Andean diocese
eap.bl.uk/database/results.a4d?projID=EAP333

Digital preservation of newspapers of the first half of the twentieth century in Nicaragua
eap.bl.uk/database/results.a4d?projID=EAP571

Digitisation of endangered African diaspora collections at the major archives of the province of Matanzas, Cuba
eap.bl.uk/database/results.a4d?projID=EAP184

Digitising parish record collections at the major archives of the province of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil
eap.bl.uk/database/results.a4d?projID=EAP505

Digitising the endangered archives of Grenada
eap.bl.uk/database/results.a4d?projID=EAP295

Learn more about the programme and view the digital collections from Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania at:
eap.bl.uk/database/collections.a4d

Caribbean Digital Resources

Researching your Caribbean ancestors?
Explore the following digital initiatives and collections which provide a wealth of information on the history and heritage of this area.
Digital Library of the Caribbean
Cooperative digital library for Caribbean historical, cultural and research materials held in various archives, libraries and private collections.
dloc.com/

Florida International University
Enrique Hurtado de Mendoza Collection of Cuban Genealogy
This is an extensive online resource with civil records, family trees, out-of-print publications and periodicals, and 17th and 18th century books to help families with their Cuban family research.
dloc.com/ifiuhurstado

University of Miami Libraries
Cuban Heritage Collection – Digital Collections
The Cuban Heritage Collection is comprised of digital books, manuscripts, letters, maps, photographs and other resources.
merrick.library.miami.edu/digitalprojects/chc.php

Jewish Digital Resources
Check out and explore the following digital portals and resources which feature materials on the Jewish experience, including books, personal letters, maps, newspapers, scrapbooks, photographs, oral histories, memoirs, and much more.

Center for Jewish History
Digital Collections
Check out their vast digital collections featuring photographs, archival materials, manuscripts, memoirs and biographies, oral histories, genealogical tables and much more.
access.cjh.org/

Judaica Europeana
Incredible digital resources from the foremost libraries, archives and museums on the Jewish heritage in Europe are available through this central repository.
www.judaica-europeana.eu/

National Library of Israel
Digital Library
Discover the digital resources found at the National Library of Israel
web.nli.org.il/sites/NLI/English/digitallibrary/Pages/default.aspx

Best Genealogy Websites

Family Tree Magazine has posted their 16th annual installment of 101 Best Websites 2015. There are many great sites to help you explore your family history. Some may be familiar to you, and some of those may have new content you might want to consider, while others are new to you.

The four websites listed under Best Canadian Genealogy 2015 were also chosen best in 2014. These are:

Canadiana
www.canadiana.ca/en/home

Library and Archives Canada
www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Pages/home.aspx

Nova Scotia Historical Vital Statistics
www.novascotiagenealogy.com/

Programme de Recherche en Demographie Historique
www.genealogy.umontreal.ca/en/home

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