



# The Forum Insider

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## GFO Opens Doors to PMUG

GFO members who use Apple computers have a new resource. The Portland Mac Users Group will hold its monthly PMUG College classes on the second Wednesday of each month at the GFO Library.

On January 9th, the class will cover Apple's Free Apps: Pages, Numbers, & Keynote.

On February 13th, the class will look at iOS for iPad, iTouch, and iPhone.

Classes will run from 6 to 8 p.m. Lessons are FREE for GFO and PMUG members. The cost is \$10 for non-members. For more information visit the PMUG website (<https://www.pmug.org/blog/>).



## See Your Name in Print!!

"How???" you ask. Oh, so simple! GFO's monthly newsletter *The Forum Insider* is looking for genealogy and history articles, research tips, resources, serendipity stories, and event notices that your organization has coming soon. Email our editors, at [Insider@gfo.org](mailto:Insider@gfo.org).



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## GFO Needs Your Support Please Give to Annual Appeal

*Vince Patton, GFO President*

When I joined the GFO board, one statistic really stunned me: Membership dues cover just 24 percent of GFO's budget. How can a library that's open every day pay its bills when so much of the budget is up in the air?

The answer: You! Your donations make the difference. Once a year, we ask for your monetary support.

Our commercial databases now cost nearly \$5,000. Our rent goes up \$1,200 each year. In other words, we cannot preserve heritage, share history, and offer educational opportunities without your donations.

Please make a tax-deductible donation now at <https://gfo.org/appeal/>.

GFO is an all-volunteer organization. Every donation funds GFO's direct operations. We have an ambitious goal to raise \$25,000, and we're already two-thirds of the way there! We're confident you can help make our total goal.

**Thank you for your continued support!**

## GFO Star David Blair



This month we are pleased to honor new GFO member David Blair as our GFO Star.

He interrupted his own research on his paternal grandfather to help another member who needed help. This patron had trouble saving research from <http://newspapers.com/> to a flash drive. David not only helped to show him how to successfully save his research, he spent nearly an hour and a half giving the patron an impromptu class in computer skills.

David says, "I'm glad to have been some help which doesn't even start to repay the amount of help I've been given by the GFO research volunteers."



### Save the Dates! March 23 - 31

### GFO's Open House—it's right around the corner.

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#### Library Hours

Mon, Tues, & Thurs..... 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 9:30 a.m.–8 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday..... 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.  
Sunday..... 12 noon–5 p.m.

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the GFO desk, 503-963-1932. Provide  
submissions two months ahead of time  
for inclusion in the next publication's  
issue. More information about how to  
see your articles or genealogical tips in  
print on page one!

Every year, GFO opens its doors to everyone for an unprecedented **nine days of free classes**. If there is another free event of this magnitude out there, we have not heard of it.

The agenda is still being developed, and more speakers are needed.

Opening **Saturday, March 23rd**, is “Finding your Irish Roots” and **Sunday, March 24th**, will be “Beginning Genealogy.” **Wednesday, March 27th**, will focus on finding biological family with a special presentation by Leslie Lawson about tools and techniques for finding living people. The closing weekend, **Saturday and Sunday, March 30th, and March 31st**, will end with a bang planned by GFO's DNA experts led by Emily Aulicino.

Here are some of the great sessions planned during the week:

Monday, March 25th

**Genealogy and the Law**  
**Pennsylvania Research**  
**PERSI**  
**JSTOR**

Dale Deatherage  
Elise Deatherage  
Kristin Parks  
Kristin Parks

Tuesday, March 26th

**Evernote for Genealogy**  
**They Were Religious Radicals**

Dale Deatherage  
Darrell Gulstrom

Thursday, March 28th

**Preparing for a Research Trip**  
**Scanning Photos and Documents**  
**Introduction to InDesign**  
**Write It Up!**

Lori Washburn  
Lori Washburn  
Jay Fraser  
Marti Dell

Friday, March 29th

**Citing your Sources**  
**Mexican Roots**  
**Ohio River**

Janice Sellers  
Vince Ramirez  
Lynn Rossing

Can you provide a class by speaking 45 minutes to an hour for this annual event? Classes are geared toward beginners, as we are trying to bring new visitors (and members) to the GFO.

If you are willing to help, please consult the current calendar (<https://gfo.org/who-we-are/calendar.html>) to pick a time (times are adjustable) and send a message to [Laurel.Smith@gfo.org](mailto:Laurel.Smith@gfo.org).

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# FOLLOWING AMERICAN MIGRATIONS THE FIRST 100 YEARS

MARCH 16 • 2:15 P.M.

**GENTALK**  
@ GFO

## PRESENTER: TRICIA OBERNDORF

From the end of the Revolutionary War through the 19th century, Americans and immigrants moved westward from the eastern seaboard to the interior and ultimately to the far west coast. This presentation will discuss who moved westward, the reasons why they moved, the routes they may have taken, and the things you may discover for them along the way.

Tricia Oberndorf has been engaged in genealogy research for 30 years, the last six years professionally. Her research has spanned most of the United States, from the colonial period to the 20th century. Her ancestors were not ones to stay in one place very long, prompting her to learn about U.S. migration. Living in Columbia County, Oregon, she has also become engaged in local history and research there, volunteering with the Columbia County Historical Museum.



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## FamilySearch Affiliate Library: What That Means for You

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon (GFO) recently became a FamilySearch affiliate library, gaining access to over 400 million records not available for viewing at home. These records are part of the growing number of scanned images that FamilySearch is posting as it strives to digitally preserve the world's genealogical records through new camera operations and converting its microfilm (see FamilySearch website titled UPDATE: FamilySearch Digital Access Replacing Microfilm at <https://media.familysearch.org/update-familysearch-digital-records-access-replacing-microfilm/>). In August 2018, FamilySearch announced it had digitized over 2 billion images. The website adds over 300 million new records each year.

These free genealogy records include censuses, immigration records, church records, civil registrations, court records, and much more. They have been gathered from countries around the world. However, many of the newly digitized records are being published directly to the FamilySearch Catalog for patrons to view before they are indexed. (Indexing allows you to search for an ancestor by name and other indexed variables.)

Finding these records is more of a challenge than putting a name into a box and hitting search. The best way to access digital image only collections is to search by location. There are several ways to do this on the FamilySearch website:

- Go to FamilySearch's website and click "Search" (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/hr/search>), click on the map, click on the country or state, then scroll down to the record collections. The first set of results are indexed, the second has online images that are not indexed, and the third set of records is the largest, growing set of digital images (over 1 billion) searchable in the catalog.
- Next, go to the catalog by clicking "Catalog" (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/search>), and enter your location into "place" search box. After looking at these results, do the search again and enter the location into the "keyword" search box. You will get different, and probably more, results. The "keyword" search will pull up results for villages and parishes not found in the broader search. You can narrow your search to online availability.

- Sometimes you find indexes on other websites that lead back to images on FamilySearch. An Ancestry search found an index for the birth of Andreas Göttl, but no image. The source information stated that the original data was from Hungary Catholic Church Records, 1636-1895, on FamilySearch. Copying that information into the "keyword" search led to the images.
- Go to Books (<https://books.familysearch.org/>). FamilySearch is teaming with the top libraries in the country to digitally preserve and publish their historical and genealogical collections online for free access. These digitized books are every word searchable and can easily fill in missing clues and provide rich information about your ancestors.

When you find records you want to read, click on the title. For some, you will need to scroll down to "Film/Digital Notes." You will see a description of the records that are on the film and an icon that lets you know the availability. For most digital images, you will see a camera or a camera and a magnifying glass (which indicates the records have been indexed).

However, sometimes you see a camera with a key above it. These images are locked.



Now comes the part where the GFO can help your research. FamilySearch has four levels of viewing and what you see is based on the contractual agreements with the original record custodians who have allowed their records to be digitized. The levels are:

- What you can see at home online at FamilySearch.
- Material available at affiliate locations.
- Material available at FamilySearch family history centers.
- Material that is only available for individual viewing at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

If you click on the icon with the key, you will get a pop-up box. Often, the message states:

**Images Available**

To view these images you must do one of the following:

- Access the site at a **family history center**.
- Access the site at a **FamilySearch affiliate library**.

**OK**



This means the record custodian has imposed some level of restricted access to the digital images of their records. If you get this box, write down the film number and come view it at the GFO. If affiliate library is not an option, you will need to go to another page at <https://www.familysearch.org/locations/> to view the record.

Two quick examples:

1) A catalog search for Telgte, Germany led to *Kirchenbuch, 1617-1871*. The notes state “Parish register of baptisms, marriages, deaths and list of parish members (by family) for the city (Stadt) and rural (Land) parishes of Telgte.” The icon has a key over the camera, and the popup box states the film can be viewed at an affiliate library.

2) *New York, New York City Births, 1846-1909*, a record set indexed by the Italian Genealogical Group (<http://www.italianguen.org/records-search/births.php>), now has images available at FamilySearch. The popup box states that they must be viewed at a Family History Center.

It is free to access the FamilySearch records at the GFO. You do not need to be a GFO member. You do not need to pay the day use fee if that is the only research you are doing at the library. However, you do need to set up a free personal account with FamilySearch.

GFO has two computers designated for FamilySearch. If other patrons are waiting, there is a one-hour time limit. GFO membership or payment of day-use fees will be required to use the additional resources available throughout the GFO library. The GFO library is open every day, so check the hours and stop by to grow your research.

Resources:

- For more information about searching the FamilySearch website, including an explanation of all of the icons, see this website: <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/whats-search-records-home/>.
- For examples of finding digital records on FamilySearch, go to this link: [http://broadcast.lds.org/fhd/FH\\_Find\\_Digital\\_Records\\_A4\\_WEB.pdf](http://broadcast.lds.org/fhd/FH_Find_Digital_Records_A4_WEB.pdf).

## New Books at GFO

As always, thank you to all our donors, both for your monetary gifts and your book donations!

### From the Ogden Family History Center

- *The Lancashire Hollands*
- *History or Indiana County, Pennsylvania*
- *Combination Atlas Map of Medina County, Ohio*
- *Atlas of the State of Ohio 1868*
- *An Illustrated Atlas of Mason County, Kentucky*
- *The White's [sic] and Related Families*
- *Svensk Ortförteckning 1965*
- *Genealogy and Biography of the Descendants of Walter Stewart of Scotland and of John Stewart*

### Purchased (new) by GFO

- *Zwingli: the key to finding your Amish/Mennonite and Church of the Brethren ancestors*
- *Warrant and Deed Map of East and West Nantmeal, Wallace, Warwick and Honey Brook Townships, Chester Co, PA*
- Purchased (used) by GFO
- *Genealogy of William and Mary Conley Agan, 1806 to 1968.*
- *A line of descent: nine generations of Stephen Atwood (d. 1695) and Abigail Dunham Atwood of Eastham, Massachusetts*
- *The elder Daniel Burford: his ancestors & descendants of America (1684-1996)*
- *Charles Ora Card: pioneer and*
- *History of the Chenoweth family, beginning 449 A.D.*
- *Genealogy of the Deremiah Family and Their Connections*
- *Ten generations of Grants*
- *Harrell-Yarbrough Pope-Hatcher and related families*
- *The Horn papers; early westward movement on the Monongahela and upper Ohio, 1765-1795*
- *Three Kansas pioneer families - Stalker, Shields, Martin*





- *Ancestors of Donald Allan Wilcoxon*
- *Historic Hollowell*
- *Eastport and Passamaquoddy: A Collection of Historical and Biographical Sketches*
- *Tales of old Barrington. Barrington, Ill, Barrington Area Bicentennial Commission, 1976*
- *McCormick's Guide to Starke County, or, A Past and A Present View of Our Rerritory*
- *Kiel's heritage: A History of Kiel, 1854-1954*
- *The Centennial History of Lyon County Minnesota*
- *Nobles County History*
- *The Centennial Book: The History of Orange City, 1870-1970*
- *Arispe, Iowa, 1887-1987*
- *Tales of Nodaway County: A Book of Representative Stories and Unusual Tales*
- *Kiowa County*
- *Song of a Century, 1849-1949*

- *The Explorer 1926 [yearbook]*
- *Chinook 1903 [yearbook] Volume III*
- *Book of Remembrance: Mink Creek Idaho Ward, 1871-1976*

**Donated by Clark County Genealogical Society**

- *1942 Alki [yearbook]*

**Donated by Harold Hinds:**

- *Going Home: A Guide to Polish American Family History Research*
- *Cemeteries & Gravemarkers: Voices of American Culture*
- *Northwest Genealogy Conference 2018*
- *NGS Research in the States for Florida, Georgia, Ohio, Texas, and Virginia (2nd edition)*
- *At-a-Glance [guides for Pennsylvania and Virginia research]*

**Donated by Loretta Welsh:**

- *A Guide to Massachusetts Cemeteries, Third Edition*

## GFO Unlocks Images: A FamilySearch Affiliate Success Story

Debra Koehler

It was just after lunch on day one of Cyndi Ingle's (of Cyndi's List) presentation at the Genealogical Forum of Oregon's Fall Seminar that GFO President Vince Patton made one of the most exciting genealogical announcements I've ever had the pleasure of hearing. GFO's library is now a FamilySearch affiliate library!

What this means is, digital images of many of the records held at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City can now be viewed online via computers within the walls of GFO's library in Portland. This is an easy and free work around to the locked images so many of us encounter when we research on FamilySearch.

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Family Tree', 'Search', 'Memories', and 'Indexing'. Below this, a breadcrumb trail shows 'Records' as the active tab. The main content area displays a record for 'Anna Maria Nickels' from 'Deutschland Geburten und Taufen, 1558-1898'. A 'Tools' button is visible next to the record title. To the right, an 'Attached to:' section shows a profile for 'Anna Marie Nickels' with dates '1875-1957' and a reference code 'L2QK-N5H'. Below this, an 'Images Available' section provides instructions on how to view the images, including options like 'Sign in to FamilySearch as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' and 'Access the site at a FamilySearch affiliate library'. At the bottom, there is a 'Record Collection:' section with the same title and a 'Document Information:' dropdown menu.



The “Images Available” message on FamilySearch appears when digital images of records can be viewed only at a family history center or FamilySearch affiliate library.

As genealogists, we loathe relying on indexed or extracted information. We want to see the documents themselves. But for many of the collections on FamilySearch, the index is all we are permitted to see on our home computers. And so, our research rests on unverified indexes, until we are able to travel to a Family history center or affiliate library to verify our research by viewing the original records.

Such was the case with a collection of prayer cards one of my aunts sent me. Most of the names on the cards were known to both of us. But one, an Anna Nickels 1873–1964, was a mystery. Mind you, we have *several* Anna Nickels in our family tree, not to mention all the Anna Maries (of which my great-grandmother is one). But none matched the birth and death dates on the Anna Nickels prayer card.

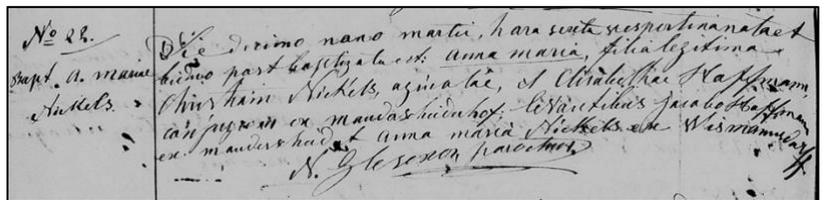
Using readily available U.S. records, including censuses, marriage, and death records, I was able to establish the *theory* that the Anna Nickels commemorated on the prayer card was Anna Hastert, the wife of my great-grandmother’s cousin, Christian Nickels. But in order to be absolutely sure, I needed to prove that among the many Christian Nickels in my family tree, the Christian Nickels that married Anna Hastert was in fact my great-grandmother’s cousin. To do that, I needed to prove Christian’s father and Anna Marie’s father (another Christian) were brothers. And in order to do that, I needed access to three generations of birth, baptism, and marriage records, all dating to back to the 1800s, from a Catholic parish in Germany.

All of which I was able to find indexed on FamilySearch, but none of which could I view as digital images from home. And so, my thoroughly researched proof languished as an unproven theory for want of actual records.

That is, until I went to GFO’s library following Ingle’s presentation on the second day of GFO’s Fall Seminar this past November. After tagging along on a tour of the library given for Ingle herself, I decided to test out the new FamilySearch affiliation. Two computers are available free of charge to GFO members and non-members alike to access FamilySearch in GFO’s library. I simply logged into my FamilySearch account, and all the records previously locked to me were instantly unlocked!

Suddenly, I had access to a collection of records entitled *Deutschland Geburten and Taufen, 1558-1898*, or *German Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898*. This particular collection opens like a roll of microfilm to be scrolled through, rather than as individual images specific to the search. The collection holds 663 images, all written in Latin!

I was intimidated at first, but quickly discovered the images are organized in chronological order, and I could easily step ahead or back in the scroll by typing a number into the image number box. So, for example, I could jump from the first image to the 300th simply by typing 300 into the box. I figured out where the dates pertinent to my searches landed and easily found the half dozen baptism records for my ancestors needed to prove my theory. Then, just to erase any doubt, I gained access to the *Deutschland Heiraten, 1558-1929* (*German Marriages 1858-1929*) collection and found records of all pertinent marriages. True, the records are written in Latin, but I know enough to recognize the names, dates, and key words needed to verify I have the right record. Inside of two hours, I had found, viewed, and downloaded all the documents needed for my proof. The Anna Nickels on the prayer card was in fact, Anna Hastert, the wife of my great-grandmother’s cousin, Christian Nickels. Genealogical mystery solved!



Of course, the indexes offered on FamilySearch are still of tremendous value. They let us know a record likely exists and point the way to its location. An efficient research strategy would be to use the indexes on FamilySearch at home to compile a list of images to view at the GFO Library. Then, it will be quick work at the library to locate and download the records you need.

This is how I plan to work out my next Nickels challenge. I have a group of eight Nickels that arrived July 10, 1894 in New York, all from Germany and all bound for Chicago. I suspect they were related, and I believe one of them was my great-grandmother. It’s just a theory right now. But by accessing the images now available at GFO’s library, I will be able to match the ages on the passage record with German birth and baptism records, and thus match children to parents, sort the siblings from the cousins, and accurately place all the Annas, Christians, and the entire group of immigrants within my family tree. Yay!



# GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON HALF-DAY SEMINAR

## Find the Story Write the Story



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with

### Pam Vestal

Feb. 24 – 9:30 a.m. to Noon

#### PAM VESTAL

Pam entered the field of genealogy after a 21-year career as a professional writer. She does genealogical research for clients, has articles published in the Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly, and lectures up and down the West Coast.

#### TEASING OUT THE HIDDEN STORY BEHIND THE GENEALOGICAL FACTS

Our ancestors were real people with passions, problems, loves, and controversies, but the bare facts of genealogy, those important names, dates, and places, don't give us much sense of who these people were or what their lives were like. Learn to dig deeply into the genealogical details to breathe life into your ancestors' stories.

#### HOW TO WRITE ANCESTRAL STORIES EVEN YOUR RELATIVES WILL WANT TO READ

Creating a captivating ancestral tale from genealogical facts is like turning fish eggs into caviar: the facts don't change, but the way you describe them makes all the difference. With good research, thoughtful planning, and a dash of ingenuity, we can create engaging genealogical stories designed to entice even seemingly disinterested readers.

Register and pay online at [www.GFO.org](http://www.GFO.org). Or complete the form below and mail it in along with your check or PayPal confirmation number to **GFO, 2505 SE 11th Ave. B-18, Portland, OR 97202.**

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HALF-DAY SEMINAR with Pam Vestal 9:30 to noon - Feb. 24 - GFO Library	EARLY REGISTRATION By Feb. 10, 2019		REGISTRATION After Feb. 10, 2019		AMOUNT
	Member Price	Non-Member Price	Member Price	Non-Member Price	
<b>The Stories Behind the Facts Writing Captivating Stories</b>	\$20	\$25	\$25	\$30	
Add paper copy of Syllabus	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	
Questions? Contact <a href="mailto:education@gfo.org">education@gfo.org</a> or 503-963-1932.					<b>TOTAL</b>

**Treasurer's Reports***By Richard Crockett*

<b>October 2018 Income</b>	<b>\$12,036.72</b>	<b>November 2018 Income</b>	<b>\$7,452.15</b>
General & Dedicated Funds	\$858.49	Donations	\$2,079.72
Memberships	\$4,485.00	Memberships	\$2,282.00
Seminars	\$5,263.00	Seminars	\$1,797.00
Library & Research	\$477.55	Library & Research	\$503.78
Dividends	\$67.74	Dividends	\$67.26
Surplus Books & Publications	\$744.00	Surplus Books & Publications	\$397.05
<b>October 2018 Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,400.24</b>	<b>November 2018 Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,326.76</b>
Administration	\$1,634.90	Administration	\$515.35
Marketing	\$2,169.85	Marketing	\$3,998.21
Facilities	\$4,308.86	Facilities	\$4,313.83
Library	\$3,115.63	Library	\$280.07
October 2018 Net Gain	\$636.48	November 2018 Net Loss	\$1,874.61
Year-to-Date Net Gain	\$1,523.99	Year-to-Date Net Gain	\$350.62
Checking Account Balance	\$48,375.89	Checking Account Balance	\$45,250.71

**Special Interest Groups**<http://gfo.org/learn/special-interest-groups/>**African American**4th Saturdays, Sept.–June,  
12:30–2:30 p.m.

Led by Janice Sellers.

[African\\_American@gfo.org](mailto:African_American@gfo.org)**British Group**4th Saturdays in Jan., Mar., May, Sept.,  
1–3 p.m.

Led by Duane Funk.

[UK@gfo.org](mailto:UK@gfo.org)**DNA – Beginners**4th Saturday in Feb., May, Aug., & Nov.,  
9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Led by Emily Aulicino.

[DNA\\_EA@gfo.org](mailto:DNA_EA@gfo.org)**DNA – Advanced**4th Saturday in Jan., Apr., July, and Oct.,  
9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Led by Emily Aulicino.

[DNA\\_EA@gfo.org](mailto:DNA_EA@gfo.org)**DNA – Q & A**1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Sept.–June,  
1–3 p.m.

Led by Lisa McCullough.

[DNA\\_LM@gfo.org](mailto:DNA_LM@gfo.org)**Beginning Family Tree Maker**

Quarterly (see GFO's calendar) 1–3 p.m.

Led by Laurel Smith.

[FTM@gfo.org](mailto:FTM@gfo.org)**Family Tree Maker Users' Group**3rd Sundays, 1–3 p.m., Feb., Mar., May,  
June, Aug., Sept., Nov., Dec.

Led by Joyce Grant-Worley.

[FTM@gfo.org](mailto:FTM@gfo.org)**French Canada Group**3rd Sundays, 3:30–5 p.m.  
(no July or August 2018 meetings)

Led by Bob LaMarche.

[FrCan@gfo.org](mailto:FrCan@gfo.org)**Genealogy Problem Solvers**

3rd Saturdays, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Led by Katie Daly.

[GPS@gfo.org](mailto:GPS@gfo.org)**German Group**

1st Saturdays, 1–3 p.m.

Led by Mike Fernandez and Tia Cobb.

[German@gfo.org](mailto:German@gfo.org)**Great Lakes Region**2nd Saturdays monthly (except Jul., Aug.,  
Dec.), 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Led by Lynn Rossing.

[GreatLakes@gfo.org](mailto:GreatLakes@gfo.org)**Irish Group**3rd Wednesdays Feb., Apr., June, Aug., &  
Oct., 6–8 p.m.Led by Karen Hubbard. [Irish@gfo.org](mailto:Irish@gfo.org)**Italian Group**

3rd Saturdays, 12–2 p.m.

See GFO's calendar for months.

Led by Keith Pyeatt.

[Italian@gfo.org](mailto:Italian@gfo.org)**Learn & Chat**

1st &amp; 3rd Weds, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Led by Jeanne Quan.

[LearnandChat@gfo.org](mailto:LearnandChat@gfo.org)**Mexican Ancestry**

2nd Fridays, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Led by Vincent Ramirez.

[SW@gfo.org](mailto:SW@gfo.org)**Virginia Group**

1st Saturdays, Sept.–June, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Led by Judi Scott and Carol Surrency.

[Virginia@gfo.org](mailto:Virginia@gfo.org)**Writers' Forum**

2nd Saturdays, Sept.–May, 1–3 p.m.

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**GFO Calendar** (<http://gfo.org/who-we-are/calendar.html>)

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Sat 01/01	<b>Library Closed</b>	<b>Happy New Year!</b>	Sat 02/02	10 a.m. –12 p.m.	Virginia Group
Wed 01/02	10 a.m.–12 p.m. 1–3 p.m.	Learn & Chat DNA Q&A	Sun 02/02	1–3 p.m.	German Group
	<b>Library Open until 8 p.m.</b>		Mon 02/04	9 a.m.–12 p.m.	Library Work Party
Sat 01/05	10 a.m. –12 p.m. 1–3 pm	Virginia Group German Group	Wed 02/06	10a.m. –12 p.m. 1–3 p.m.	Learn & Chat DNA Q&A
Sun 01/06	9 am–12 p.m.	Library Work Party		<b>Library Open until 8 p.m.</b>	
Mon 01/07	<b>Free to Non-Members</b>		Fri 02/08	11:30 a.m. –1:30 p.m.	Mexican Ancestry
Tue 01/08	9 a.m.–5 p.m. 6:10 p.m. –8:10 p.m.	Beginners' Boot Camp Board Meeting	Sat 02/09	9:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m. 1–3 p.m.	Great Lakes Region Writers' Forum
Wed 01/09	6–8 p.m.	Mac Users College	Sun 02/10	9 a.m.–12 p.m.	Library Work Party
	<b>Library Open until 8 p.m.</b>		Tue 02/12	6:10 p.m. –8:10 p.m.	Board Meeting
Fri 01/11	11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	Mexican Ancestry	Wed 02/13	6–8 p.m.	Mac Users College
Sat 01/12	9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. 1–3 p.m.	Great Lakes Region Writers' Forum		<b>Library Open until 8 p.m.</b>	
Sun 01/13	9 a.m.–12 p.m.	Library Work Party	Sat 02/16	9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. 2–3 p.m.	Genealogy Problem Solvers Gen Talk
Wed 01/16	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Learn & Chat	Sun 02/17	9 a.m. –12 p.m. 1–3 p.m.	Library Work Party Family Tree Maker
	<b>Library Open until 8 p.m.</b>			3:30–5 p.m.	French Canada
Sun 01/20	9 a.m.–12 p.m. 1–3 p.m. 3:30–5 p.m.	Library Work Party Family Tree Maker French Canada	Wed 02/20	10 a.m. –12 p.m. 1–3 p.m.	Learn & Chat DNA Q&A
Wed 01/23	<b>Library Open until 8 p.m.</b>			6–8 p.m.	Irish Group
Sat 01/26	9 a.m.-12 p.m. 12:30–2:30 p.m. 1–3 p.m.	DNA Advanced African American British Group		<b>Library Open until 8 p.m.</b>	
	<b>Library Closes at 12:45 p.m.</b>		Sat 02/23	9 a.m. –12 p.m. 12:30–2:30 p.m.	DNA Beginning African American
Sun 01/27	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Library Work Party	Sun 02/24	9 a.m. –12 p.m.	Library Work Party
Wed 01/30	<b>Library Open until 8 p.m.</b>		Wed 02/27	9:30–12 p.m.	Half-Day Seminar