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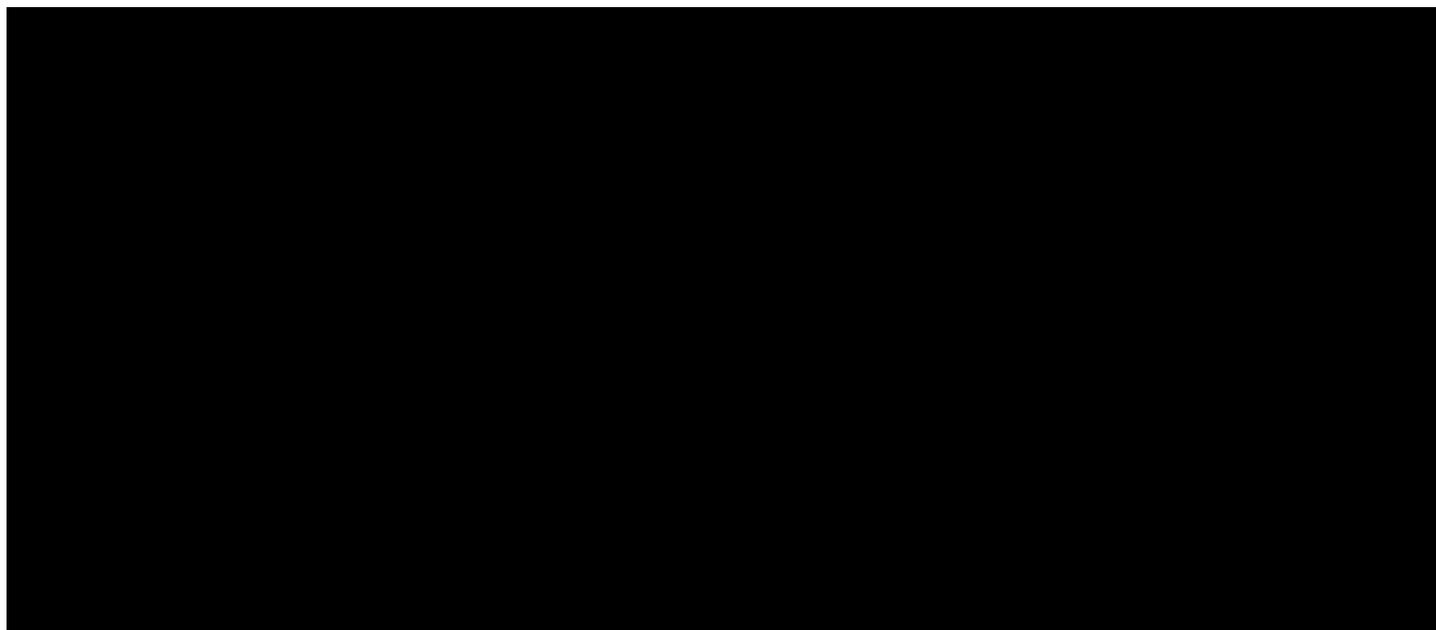


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## Genealogy workshops for both beginners and pros to run through July

Free workshop series by Tulsa Library Genealogy Center set for Hardesty Regional Library

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Kathy Huber, director of the Tulsa City-County Library's Genealogy Center, will lead a free workshop Saturday on beginning genealogy. Tulsa World file

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The Tulsa City-County Library's Genealogy Center again will mark its annual Family History Month in July by offering a series of free genealogy workshops.

The series, held yearly since 2000, kicks off Saturday at Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd St. No registration is required.

Over the next four weekends, both genealogy newcomers and longtime enthusiasts will find plenty to engage them, organizers promised.



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The first two workshops, both Saturday at Hardesty, are “Beginning Genealogy,” 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., and “Create Your Digital Genealogy Bookshelf,” 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Kathy Huber, Genealogy Center director, will be leading the first session for beginners. She said by the time it’s done attendees should be ready for the upcoming workshops.

One of the misconceptions she tries to clear up right away for newcomers is that “everything is online,” she said. While a lot of records have been digitized, many have not.

“For example Civil War records are at the National Archives,” she said. “You can either go there or pay \$75 to have them send it to you.”

Also misleading, Huber said, is how easy the process is made to look on television shows where celebrities find out about their family history.

“But the hard work of research has already been done. You don’t see that part,” she said.

Above all, “Genealogy is a research project and it will always be a research project, whether using the internet or the old-timey way of writing a letter or making a phone call,” Huber said.

Other workshops in the series will include “DIY Digital Archives for Genealogists,” “Preservation Techniques for Family Historians,” “Government Documents for the Family Historian,” “Introduction to the Draper Manuscripts,” “What’s New at the Genealogy Center,” “Family Trees: Build One or Cut Them Down,” “Finding, Locating and Using Online Manuscripts,” and more.

Several workshops set for the weekend of July 28-29 will be conducted by popular genealogist Mark Lowe.



Huber said those and other workshops are always well attended.

“Everybody loves it,” she said. “We’ve drawn huge crowds.”

The annual series is intended to help spur more people to research their roots while promoting the library’s Genealogy Center, which boasts one of the state’s largest genealogical collections.

Most of the series’ events will take place at Hardesty, but a couple are at other sites, including Central Library.

For a complete schedule or more details, go to [guides.tulsalibrary.org/genealogy/](https://guides.tulsalibrary.org/genealogy/) or call 918-549-7691.

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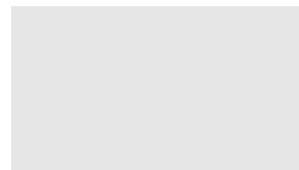
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