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Sunday, October 1, 2017 – 2:00 PM – Discovery Center
*An Afternoon of Storytelling* – Curt Witcher & Aaron Smith
Spend an afternoon enjoying a variety of stories. Hear firsthand the power of story and how we can help each other tell the stories of our lives. It may just inspire you to tell your stories!

Monday, October 2, 2017 – 6:30 PM – Discovery Center
**21st Century Genealogy** – Delia Cothrun Bourne
Learn the importance of organizing information you already know and learn how the data in records helps make a more complete picture of your family. Also explored in this session will be the most important online sources – free and subscription – available in The Genealogy Center.

Tuesday, October 3, 2017 – 6:30 PM – Discovery Center
**Pennsylvania Genealogy: Doing Research in the Keystone State** – John Beatty
Pennsylvania is an important state for genealogical research. Many families entered through Philadelphia and lived in the outlying counties before migrating to other colonies and states. This introductory-level presentation explores the basic digital and published sources for Pennsylvania, including vital records, religious congregational records, land, military, tax, and probate records, and secondary sources.

Wednesday, October 4, 2017 – 6:30 PM – Discovery Center
**Top 10 Historical Records Collections on Ancestry.com** – Melissa Tennant
This presentation will highlight the Historical Records collections available on Ancestry.com. Advice on how to effectively use the largest genealogical website will benefit your efforts to find the most information about your ancestors.

Thursday, October 5, 2017 – 6:30 PM – Discovery Center
**DNA Interest Group Meeting** – Sara Allen
Have you done a DNA test for genealogical purposes? Do you completely understand the results you received? Do you need advice in interpreting your results? Are you interested and wonder what the best test is for you? Come to the DNA & Genealogy Interest Group Meeting to share and learn from each other!

Friday, October 6, 2017 – 2:00 PM – Discovery Center
**Repeating Recipes: Food and Family History** – Allison DePrey Singleton
Food can be directly related to remembrance. An old family recipe can illicit memories of family gatherings, holidays, and/or a particular family member. This presentation will explore why family recipes are important to family history and how to preserve them for future generations.

Saturday, October 7, 2017 – 9:15 AM – 4:00 PM – Meeting Rooms ABC
**A Day with CeCe Moore**
Sponsored by the Doug and Joni Lehman Charitable Foundation, the Allen County Genealogical Society and The Genealogy Center present this special day for genealogists. CeCe Moore is the genetic genealogy consultant for the PBS television series “Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.” She has also been featured on numerous television shows including “Genealogy Roadshow,” “Nightline,” and “Good Morning America.” Moore’s primary focus is promoting genetic genealogy education and sharing positive stories about the power of genetic genealogy. There will be four lectures: “I Have My Results, Now What?,” “Autosomal DNA: Discovering Your Ancestors in You,” “Discovering the Genealogical Roots of Adoptees with DNA,” and “Jefferson/Hemings: Revealing the Truth Through DNA.” Registration will begin at 8:45 with programming beginning at 9:15. See [https://www.acgsi.org/event.php](https://www.acgsi.org/event.php) to register.

Sunday, October 8, 2017 – 1:00 PM – Discovery Center
**Immigration Process Before Entering the United States** – Cynthia Theusch
Participants will learn what their ancestors experienced at Castle Garden, and later Ellis Island, before being allowed into the United States. This part of the immigration experience can shed new light on our ancestors’ lives.
Monday, October 9, 2017 – 6:30 PM – Computer Classroom

**GIMP - GNU Image Manipulation Program, Part 1** – Kay Spears

Explore a FREE option to Adobe Photoshop. We will look at GIMP and the tools which may be used to change, restore, and touch up your old photographs. The second session will be on Monday, October 16, 2017. There will be hands-on time; so bring a USB drive containing your photos and be prepared to have some fun.

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 – 6:30 PM – Discovery Center

**A Rare and Valuable Gem: PERSI** – Melissa Tennant

This presentation will highlight where one can find the “Periodical Source Index” (PERSI), the most comprehensive subject index to genealogical periodicals. Discover the terrific indexing and images available at the site, how to get copies of articles cited in the periodical index, and the exciting things that are happening with PERSI at FindMyPast.

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 – 7:00 PM – Meeting Room A

**Resources for Researchers: Today and Tomorrow** – Curt Witcher

Hear about new materials—print and virtual—in The Genealogy Center as well as shifting strategies for enhancing access to family and local history resources wherever they may be. The focus will be knowing about the resources available and how to access them.

Thursday, October 12, 2017 – 6:30 PM – Discovery Center

**Finding Pre-1850 Era Ancestors** – Sara Allen

We know how challenging it can be to trace pre-1850 ancestors due to the lack of data in the census and the scarcity of sources identifying women and children during this time frame. This session will explain cluster research and the use of sources such as tax records, different census records, and probate records to find these elusive ancestors.

Friday, October 13, 2017 – 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – HT2, 10212 Chestnut Plaza Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

**Speakeasies, Juice Joints, and Blind Pigs: Prohibition History and YOU!** – Allison DePrey Singleton

How did Prohibition affect producers of alcohol, drinking establishments, and the Average Joe who wanted a cocktail? Learn about the history of Prohibition, how it affected Hoosier producers and establishments, and sample a few period appropriate cocktails made from better stuff than Bathtub Gin! Grab your fedora and feather boa, and dress the part to learn, have some giggle water, and be over the moon.

Saturday, October 14, 2017 – 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM – Discovery Center

**Beginner’s Day** – Delia Cothrun Bourne

- **9:30 AM – 10:30 AM** – **Beginning Your Family History Exploration**
  Join us as we discuss beginning steps and sources, such as census, vital records, and more!
- **11:00 AM – 12:00 PM** – **Continuing Your Family History Exploration**
  Explore more useful sources from the court house, as well as military records and passenger lists. Learn the importance of documenting what you find and how to verify information.
- **1:30 PM – 2:30 PM** – **Introduction to Ancestry & Family Search**
  The largest subscription database and the largest free database! Discover the basics of using these two great sources for family history research!
- **3:00 PM – 4:00 PM** – **Other Online Sources**
  Now that you have been introduced to the big online sites, meet some of the other subscription sites The Genealogy Center offers, as well as our own free databases!

Sunday, October 15, 2017 – 1:00 PM – Discovery Center

**Genealogical Research in Colonial New England** – John Beatty

The New England states hold some of the earliest and most complete records of any American region. Many Americans can trace their ancestors to the Mayflower or to other early immigrant ships. This presentation will feature numerous records available, both in print and online, that will help you explore the history of this area.
Monday, October 16, 2016 – 6:30 PM – Computer Classroom

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Tuesday, October 17, 2017 – 6:30 PM – Discovery Center

**Migration Routes & Trails Across America** – Delia Cothrun Bourne

Learn the routes of your roots—where your ancestors traveled and how they got there! This presentation will discuss major migration trails and sources to learn more about them.

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 – 7:00 PM – Meeting Room B

**Computer Interest Group Meeting** – Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana

Attend this meeting to discuss your technological discoveries and issues.

Thursday, October 19, 2017 – 6:30 PM – Discovery Center

**Explore the Life of a Parent or Grandparent** – Sara Allen

This session will include a case study on how to research the life of a person who was alive in the early twentieth century, such as a parent or grandparent. We will use timelines and checklists, as well as delve into how to use online databases, print materials, and records in archives and court houses to complete the project.

Friday, October 20, 2017 – 2:30 PM – Discovery Center

**Digitization in The Genealogy Center** – Cynthia Theusch

Take a virtual tour of the equipment in The Genealogy Center that one may use to scan documents. Five different types of machines will be featured.

Saturday, October 21, 2017 – Anytime from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM – The Genealogy Center

**Genealogy Scavenger Hunt: Family Fun in The Genealogy Center** – Allison DePrey Singleton

Have you heard of The Genealogy Center but haven’t had the chance to check it out? This is your chance to introduce you and your family to what The Genealogy Center has to offer in a fun and unique way. The scavenger hunt will show you different aspects of the Center while teaching how to get started in family history research. You are welcome to complete the scavenger hunt anytime from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM. There are prizes for completing the hunt.

Saturday, October 21, 2017 – 10:00 AM – Discovery Center

**Finding Johnny Reb: Researching Your Confederate Soldier** – Delia Cothrun Bourne

Locating information on a Confederate soldier can be difficult, but not impossible. Explore some of the standard and not so standard sources that are available to assist in your search.

Sunday, October 22, 2017 – 2:00 PM – Meeting Room A

**The Search for Nancy Hanks: A Historical Wild Goose Chase, Mitochondrial DNA, and the Maternal Ancestry of Nancy Hanks Lincoln** - Richard Hileman

Abraham Lincoln was conspicuously silent about the family of his mother, Nancy Hanks. Her ancestry has been the subject of intense interest and has been hotly contested. In 1909, false names for her parents were carved into the granite of the Lincoln Birthplace Memorial. The most recent biographies of Lincoln still give mistaken accounts of her ancestry. The Nancy Hanks Lincoln mtDNA Study and new historical evidence reveal the surprising truth Lincoln concealed about his mother's family and ancestry. Richard Hileman, a retired trial lawyer and avocational genealogist, will give this presentation sponsored by the Friends of the Allen County Public Library.
Monday, October 23, 2017 – 6:30 PM – Discovery Center

**Using Vital Records & Their Substitutes** – Delia Cothrun Bourne

Vital records are the Holy Grail of genealogical sources. However, birth and death records were not commonly recorded until the 20th Century, and even the availability of marriage records depends on the locale and culture. This presentation will explain what can be found in a vital record and what other sources may be used when the official record is missing.

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 – 6:30 PM – Discovery Center

**Evaluating Published Genealogies and Family Histories** – John Beatty

When reading a family history, how do you know whether the information it contains is valid? This presentation will offer some critical tools for evaluating published genealogies and family histories, providing a framework for testing the information they contain against other sources.

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 – 6:30 PM – Discovery Center

**Using FamilySearch for Your Family History** – Melissa Tennant

Learn the search techniques that can maximize your FamilySearch.org experience and discover the millions of records available on this free website.

Thursday, October 26, 2017 – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Discovery Center & The Genealogy Center

**Family History Morning for Homeschoolers** – Allison DePrey Singleton

Many parents want their children to be interested in their families’ histories, but fostering that interest may be a challenge. The Genealogy Center can engage parents and children alike with a Family History Morning. It is a program with one classroom-style lesson and guided research time to explore the collection. Each child will receive a worksheet to complete, tailored to his or her age, experience, and grade level.

9:00 AM – 9:10 AM – Arrival, Getting to the Discovery Center – 2nd Floor Main Library, The Genealogy Center
9:10 AM – 10:30 AM – Beginning Genealogy Program: Online and Printed Sources – Discovery Center
10:30 AM – 10:40 AM – Break
10:40 AM – 11:50 AM – Individual research with assistance from librarians
11:50 AM – 12:00 PM – Sharing coolest discoveries and prizes

Friday, October 27, 2017 – 6:00 PM – 12:00 Midnight – Discovery Center & The Genealogy Center

**Midnight Madness Extended Research Hours**

Ever wished to be locked in the library at night with all of the goodies at your fingertips? Well, stay up late with The Genealogy Center staff for extra research time and a little bit of learning!

6:30 PM – **Be Prepared!** – Delia Cothrun Bourne

After years spent on your family history, have you considered what will become of your research after you can no longer continue? Get some simple ideas for organizing your material for a future donation.

7:30 PM – **What’s in the Collection? Tour and Introduction to The Genealogy Center Collection** – Allison DePrey Singleton

Join us on a brief tour of The Genealogy Center where you will be introduced to our massive physical collection. This tour will give you a better idea of where to look for that fantastic book you located in our catalog. *Please be prepared to stand and walk for half an hour.

8:30 PM – **Who Went Where and Did What: A Look at Directories** – Curt Witcher

This presentation will highlight various directories in The Genealogy Center collection and the types of data one may find.

Saturday, October 28, 2017 – 10:00 AM – Discovery Center

**Why Should I Look at Revolutionary War Pension Records?** – Melissa Tennant

Pension records are a valuable source for learning more about your Revolutionary War ancestor. Understand Revolutionary War pension records better by discovering how to access these files and what information is available in the documents.
**Sunday, October 29, 2017 – 1:00 PM – Discovery Center**

*DNA Results: What Does Your Ethnic Pie Chart Mean?* – Sara Allen

Television commercials advertise that a DNA test can help determine your ethnicity, but what does your ethnic pie chart result really tell you? This session will explain how each of the major DNA testing companies calculates your ethnic estimate and how to interpret the results.

**Monday, October 30, 2017 – 6:30 PM – Discovery Center**

*Who, What, Where? How to Look at, Analyze & Organize Your Photographs* – Kay Spears

Discover how to examine photographs with an eye to identifying time period and location; annotate images with family stories and facts; and organize your digital treasures.

**Tuesday, October 31, 2017 – 2:30 PM – Discovery Center**

*Death Business: Searching Funeral Home Collections* – Melissa Tennant

Utilizing the funeral home collections available at The Genealogy Center, this session will explore funeral home records as genealogical sources for discovering ancestors.

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**Registration Recommended for all Events**

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