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March Madness Genealogy Style: Telling Your Story

As we spend time searching for our ancestors, we often forget that we and others around us have important stories to share. This year, March Madness, Genealogy Style will examine the various ways these stories can be saved and documented for future generations.

Gathering & Writing the Stories of Your Life -- Beginning Steps - Curt Witcher

Monday March 4, 2013, 2P-3P, Meeting Room A

This presentation will take the mystery and anxiety out of starting to write the stories of your life. Some tips will be provided for conducting a good family interview and strategies for writing clearly and descriptively will be discussed.

Did It Really Happen That Way? Documenting Oral History - Delia Bourne

Tuesday March 5, 2013, 2P-3P, Meeting Room A

Maybe you've grown up hearing the legend, or maybe it's a family tale you've just heard for the first time. The story sounds like a novel, but the person who told it wouldn't lie, right? Learn to use the clues in a family anecdote to research its veracity, and decide how to include it in your family history.

Insuring Our Story: Recording & Transcribing Oral History - Melissa Shimkus

Wednesday March 6, 2013, 2P-3P, Meeting Room A

Do you have recorded interviews or conversations on old media, such as audiotapes or VHS? Or do you want to record your own story or the tales from previous generations? This session will describe how you can scribe or transcribe these stories along with current preservation options available.

Tracking Heirlooms & Telling Their Stories - Dawne Slater-Putt

Thursday March 7, 2013, 11A-12N - Meeting Room A

Genealogists often become "keepers of the family stuff," heirlooms that belonged to older generations. But keeping track of the furniture, linens, dishware, needlework and knick-knacks, along with the rich stories that go along with them, can be challenging! Attend this session to learn some techniques for recording what you have and why those items are important to your family.

Beyond the Family Bible: Making the Most of Heirlooms and Artifacts in Genealogical Research - John Beatty

Thursday March 7, 2013, 2P-3P – Meeting Room A

This talk will cover a wide range of heirlooms that a family might pass down: photographs, books and Bibles, paintings, silhouettes, jewelry, clothing, medals, buttons, silver, clocks, furniture - even ancestral houses and barns. It will discuss sources for investigating them to the fullest and provide methodologies that allow them to tell your ancestor's story.

Writing Personal History - Dawne Slater-Putt

Friday March 8, 2013, 10A-11A, Meeting Room A

Sometimes writing about ourselves is the most difficult writing task of all. Who would want to read our story? Our descendants, of course! This presentation will provide strategies for capturing our own memories on paper.

Creating a Family History Storybook - Cynthia Theusch

Saturday March 9, 2013, 10A-11A, Meeting Room A

Let's have fun! Why not put together the facts, information, and memories of the family and write a family history storybook or two. This is a great way of getting family members involved in learning about family history and creating pages for a book. Storybooks can range from 15 to 50 pages in length. This class is geared for children age 5 to adults. This presentation will show some examples of creating a storybook using family history.

Registration required for these FREE programs Call 260-421-1225 or email Genealogy@ACPL.Info



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