

Library Programming: Creating / Developing Events

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Programming can be twofold. We can think of it as presenting to a group in some format some sort of education that will further research skills and / or highlight information about sources. The links below present places to look for contact information and places to find programs that you can present, ideas and sources for topics for you to develop and promote, and places for you to continue your family history information provider education. Watching a presentation, reading articles and nosing around on websites are some of the best ways to “network” and get ideas and contacts for programming.

Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS)

http://www.ala.org/alcts/confevents/preswk/events/more_ideas

This is a division of the American Library Association and they provide a great list of program ideas. The program suggestions stem out of Preservation Week but are programs that can be given all year.

Association for Professional Genealogists www.apgen.org

Looking for a speaker? Heard of someone? APG provides listings of individuals who are research professionals who may offer lectures. You can search by subject area of interest, name, or geographic area. Contact information is included in each entry. Not all speakers are APG members, but this is a resource to check out.

Conference Keeper www.conferencekeeper.org

Here you will find one of the most comprehensive list of genealogy events and more. You can search by conferences, location, calendar and what’s new. Other features of this website include grants and scholarships, genealogy jobs and a listing of genealogy speakers.

Cyndi’s List www.cyndislist.com

A comprehensive, categorized & cross-referenced list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online. Included you will find links under the category “Education (Genealogical)” links to audio and video from conferences; webinars; online courses; conferences, seminars and workshops and more. You will also find a separate category for “podcasts for genealogists”

Engaged Patrons <https://engagedpatrons.org/>

Engaged Patrons provide website services for public libraries. They enable libraries to offer users a more engaging and interactive web presence through creating a library events software. EngagedPatrons.org services can be embedded seamlessly into an existing web site.

FamilySearch www.familysearch.org

In addition to the deep and robust family history records and books found at FamilySearch, there are many places that offer not only continuing education for information professionals but can be used for free to develop programming. These include activities for families and children; a wiki for customer service, but also can be used to create presentations about a subject. Clicking on “help” will take you to a help center where you will find video and audio lessons, community groups and more than can be used for programming ideas. And the best part – you can show the videos without worrying about licenses or permissions!

- **FamilySearch Learning Center** https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Classes_in_the_Learning_Center

The FamilySearch Learning Center is full of pre-recorded genealogy presentations that can be viewed individually or as a group. Remember that group viewing parties are becoming increasingly popular due to the current situation. These presentations are on a large variety of subjects and are in multiple languages.

- **Family History Library Classes and Webinars**

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Family History Library Classes and Webinars will show a list of all the class schedules as well as webinars that will be taught. A webinar is a class that is broadcast over the internet, anyone interested can attend. The classes are organized according to geographical region.

Genealogical Speakers Guild <https://www.genealogicalspeakersguild.org/>

The Genealogical Speakers Guild was created to assist libraries, societies, and other organizations in finding the right genealogy speaker for their needs. This website is searchable by names, location, specialty, lecture topic, or if they do virtual programs.

Kentucky Library Association <http://www.klaonline.org/docs/Books%20for%20Kids%20in%20Trees%20presentation.pdf>

The Kentucky Library Association has created a list of programming ideas for kids. Any of these might be modified to work best for your library/audience. Remember that you can make programs harder or easier for the ages of your attendees.

LegacyFamilyTree Webinars www.familytreewebinars.com

This subscription website is one of the best value for your money educational and networking opportunity. An annual subscription comes in under \$50 to access recorded session, number more than 1400 classes. Live classes are free to the public. You will find a calendar of live events and a webinar library.

Librarians Serving Genealogists

Send an email to: genealib-request@mailman.acomp.usf.edu to subscribe to this list. An indispensable resources for individuals serving family history researchers, "Genealib" is one of the best places to network, get ideas, share ideas, ask questions and develop your skills and contacts.

Public Library Association (PLA) <http://www.ala.org/pla/resources/tools/programming-instruction/programming-resources>

This is a division of the American Library Association and they are providing Programming Resources. While these may not be specific to genealogy, you can use aspects of these resources in assisting you plan upcoming programs.

Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) <http://www.ala.org/rusa/resources/guidelines/guidelinesunit>

This is a division of the American Library Association and they are providing guidelines for Genealogy Courses. These guidelines can assist with professional development and to assist in coming up with programming ideas for upcoming events.

