

Launch into Library Research: Family History Focus program

Session / Time	Topic		
Session 1: 10.00am -10.30am	Welcome: A taste of Special Collections		
Session 2: 10.30am – 11.30am (concurrent sessions)	Option A: FindMyPast	Option B: Newspapers online (Trove & Gale News vault)	Option C: Cracking the Code
Session 3: 11.30am – 12.30pm (concurrent sessions)	Option A: Irish Ancestors	Option B: Indigenous Family History	Option C: Using Maps for Family History
Lunch Break: 12.30pm – 1.30pm			
Session 4: 1.30pm – 2.30pm (concurrent sessions)	Option A: Irish Ancestors	Option B: Huguenot Ancestors (Presented by Robert Nash, Secretary of the Huguenot Society of Australia)	Option C: Newspapers online (Trove & Gale News vault)
Session 5: 2.30pm – 3.30pm	Looking after your photos and papers		

The program includes the following sessions:*

A taste of Special Collections

An online tour of the Library's collection of manuscripts and pictures to whet your appetite for more in depth research.

FindMyPast

A demonstration of this useful, online resource. See how best to search it and access documents such as cemetery records, probate, land and court records, migration records, and criminal reports.

Newspapers online (Trove & Gale News vault)

Find out which newspapers are available and how to access them. Explore shipping news, police intelligence, and family notices.

Cracking the Code

This presentation will assist researchers to date images (including paintings, drawings, miniatures, silhouettes, engraving and photographs) through the step-by-step process of accurately identifying and interpreting dress, history details and other key factors with examples taken from the State Library's collections.

Irish Ancestors

Many Irish records were destroyed by fire during the Irish Civil War in 1922, which can add an extra level of complexity to researching your Irish ancestors. Find out what is available and receive a hand-out of useful websites.

Indigenous Family History

The Library has a wealth of useful material for people engaged in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family research. This session will provide you with an overview of ways to trace your ancestors and connect with Aboriginal history.

Using Maps for Family History

Discover how a map can shed more light on your ancestors. The session will focus on maps in the Library's collection.

Huguenot Ancestors

(Presented by Robert Nash, Secretary of the Huguenot Society of Australia)

Could you have Huguenot ancestry? The Huguenots were French Protestants who fled religious persecution in their homeland between the 16th and the 18th centuries. The State Library of NSW has always been a good centre for Huguenot research, and recent additions to the resources make it one of the best places in Australia for doing such enquiries.

Looking after your photos and papers

This session will provide you with tips on how to store and care for your family photographs and documents to preserve them for future generations.

**Some sessions run concurrently. Please check the website for full details. There will be a lunchbreak between 12.30-1.30. Please bring your own lunch, or there are a number of food outlets nearby, including Café Trim at the Library.*