A beginner’s guide to family history for public library staff [1]

This course introduces public library staff to key concepts and resources for answering family history questions

Course overview

This course introduces participants to key concepts and strategies for answering common family history questions. The workshop provides hands-on instruction in using some of the major online family history resources.

Who is this course for?

This course is for staff working in NSW public libraries. Information about other courses available at the State Library of NSW can be accessed here [2].

This course will suit public library staff who are new to family history.

Course delivery

1 hour and 45-minute face-to-face workshop. This course is delivered together with Collect Connect Community: an introduction to the State Library [3].

Learning strategies involve a mix of lecture style, group work, and guided opportunities for participants to explore selected online resources using iPads (supplied).

Learning outcomes

At the end of the session, the participants will be able to:

- understand key concepts involved in beginning a family history search
- understand the different types of records useful for family history researchers
- identify key resources available to family history researchers, both online and at the State Library of NSW
- conduct basic searches using the key resources demonstrated.

What’s included?

- notes
- use of iPads

Please advise when booking if you have any dietary or accessibility requests.

The State Library provides the cost of first class return rail travel for participants travelling from libraries more than 100km away - more details can be found on the travel claim form [4].

Cost

This workshop is free for NSW public library staff.

2020 Course date

This course is delivered together with Collect Connect Community: an introduction to the State Library [3].
There is one scheduled session of Collect Connect Community and the Beginner’s Guide to Family History for Public Library Staff on Friday 20 March 2020. One more session of this course will be scheduled later in the year.

**Book here - Friday 20 March 2020** [5]

This is a full day session, from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Morning tea and lunch is included.

Visit the **events calendar** [6] to find details of upcoming events at the State Library as well as other events that may be of interest to NSW public library staff.

**Additional information**

If you are participating in the ALIA PD scheme you may claim 1 point for this activity.

Please contact **Public Library Services staff** [7] if you have any questions about the course.

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**Links**

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