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Headquarters Library to Hold Family History Day, Networking Event

Genealogy networking event features informational seminars and author talk

The Headquarters Library, 300 Maiden Lane, will hold Family History Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 19. The free networking event for genealogy enthusiasts will offer seminars delivered by trained professionals on a variety of research topics and feature a lunchtime author book talk. Representatives from local historical and genealogical organizations, including the Cumberland County Genealogical Society, North Carolina Civil War History Center and North Carolina Genealogical Society will be on hand to offer information on their missions and activities.

Attendees do not need to register for this free event. Admission will be on a first-come, first-served basis and seating will be ample. Attendees should bring a brown bag lunch for the author talk.

Historical or genealogical organizations interested in participating as vendors should contact the library at 910-483-7727 ext. 1359 no later than Friday, September 11 to reserve a table. There is no vendor fee.

The schedule will be as follows:

10 a.m. Genealogy Get Up and Go: Kay Tillotson, Genealogical Services Librarian from the North Carolina Government and Heritage Library, talks about the unique collections available at the Raleigh facility. She'll fill you in on what you need to bring with you to make a day of genealogical research at the library as productive as possible. Stock up on Tillotson's best tips for starting your research, keeping organized and making it past dead ends.

11:00 a.m. African-American Genealogy Research: Learn tips and tricks for tracing African-American roots from Angenita Boone, a member of the NC Piedmont/Triad Chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society. Hear how members of her society break down walls and fill in the gaps to find information on ancestors who were enslaved. Ms. Boone has been researching for over twenty years and is the historian for her family events.

12:20 p.m. Literature Lunch: Atlanta-based Christian fiction writer Brandy Heineman combined her love of genealogy and writing to craft her debut novel *Whispers in the Branches*. Using colorful examples from her family tree and snippets of real life embedded in her book, Heineman offers a creative and uplifting take on what to do with a deep dark secret.

About the book: For fans of Southern fiction and genealogy: A maybe-haunted house. A family tree full of secrets. Abby Wells has questions that no one can answer, but she's about to learn that there's more than one way to be haunted.

Customers are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages must be in plastic bottles. No hot dishes or fast food please. A book signing will take place after the presentation.

1:30 p.m. Researching Military Ancestors: Learn the basics of military research as it applies to the Revolution, War of 1812 and the Civil War. Craig Roberts Scott, MA, CG, FUGA, is the President and CEO of Heritage Books, Inc., a genealogical publishing firm with over 5,300 titles in print. A professional genealogical and historical researcher for more than thirty years, he specializes in the records of the National Archives, especially those that relate to the military. He is the Coordinator of the Military tracks at the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research, Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh.

2:45 p.m. DNA Testing & Family History Research: Diane L. Richard of Mosaic Research and Project Management explains how DNA testing is used to break down walls and solve mysteries in genealogy research today. Richard describes what a DNA test can and cannot do for you when tracing back your heritage and offers tips on criteria for choosing a DNA testing company.

For more information on this and other free programs and services at your library,

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