

LOCAL & FAMILY HISTORY

Leeds Central Library,
Calverley Street, Leeds, LS1 3AB

CURRENTLY CLOSED

OPEN 7 DAYS

Monday, 9.00am – 7.00pm
Tuesday, 9.00am – 7.00pm
Wednesday, 9.00am – 7.00pm
Thursday, 9.00am – 6.00pm
Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm
Saturday, 10.00am – 5.00pm
Sunday, 11.00am – 3.00pm

RESEARCH & ADVICE

Free access to Ancestry.co.uk
Regular talks and events
Sessions for schools

COLLECTIONS

Local newspaper archive
Historical and modern maps
Photos (www.leodis.net)
Leeds and Yorkshire books

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COLLECTIONS BLOG

secretlibraryleeds.net

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Events Programme

Jan - Mar 2021



Online Talks

HOW TO PRODUCE A FAMILY HISTORY

Friday 15 January, 1-2pm, Online

In this session, the experienced Family Historian Richard Smith will offer a series of practical tips on how to research, write out and publish a Family History – covering such topics as devising a research strategy and handling ambiguity and confusion in historical sources. Suggestions on how to avoid common pitfalls in producing a family history will also be given.

FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents or 0113 378 6982 (please leave a voicemail)

MAKING MACHINES IN 18TH-CENTURY LEEDS

Friday 29 January, 1-2pm, Online

Victorian Leeds was at the cutting-edge of machine-making. But how had this high-tech trade come into being, and why in Leeds? In this talk, Dr Gill Cookson locates the origins of Leeds engineering, in textile machines and steam engines.

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UNCOVERING HIDDEN HISTORIES: LEEDS CEMETERIES

Friday 12 February, 1-2pm, Online

Artist and Researcher Morticia will talk about the creation of cemeteries in Leeds in the nineteenth century, focusing upon stories of St George's Field aka Leeds General Cemetery, Beckett Street and Victorian funeral and mourning customs.

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A GAME DIVIDED: TRIUMPHS & TROUBLES IN YORKSHIRE CRICKET IN THE 1920s

Friday 26 February, 1-2pm, Online

Between 1922 and 1925, Yorkshire County Cricket Club were county champions each year, making it one of the most successful sides ever in the history of English cricket. Drawing on his recent book *A Game Divided*, Jeremy Lonsdale will talk about the triumphs and the troubles of this team of great Yorkshire sportsmen, and examine the divisions in English cricket of the time.

FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:

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THE HISTORY OF LEEDS IN THE CENTRAL LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

Friday 12 March, 1-2pm, Online

Join Librarian Antony Ramm for a whistle-stop (approx. 30mins) tour through the History of Leeds, as illustrated with books and other fascinating items from the local history collections at Leeds Central Library.

FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents or **0113 378 6982** (please leave a voicemail)

Family History

Thinking about tracing your family tree but aren't sure how to start? Book onto one of our free beginner's workshops for advice. Then, once you're underway, use our telephone consultation sessions for assistance with those trickier questions!

FAMILY HISTORY FOR BEGINNERS WORKSHOP

An introduction to key concepts and resources for complete beginners. Please note this is a one off session, repeated monthly.

All sessions take place online.

Please leave an email address when booking and login details will be emailed to you before the session.

FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED

www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents or **0113 378 6982** (please leave a voicemail)

Wednesday 13 Jan., 2-3.30pm

Wednesday 10 Feb., 2-3.30pm

Wednesday 10 Mar., 2-3.30pm

FAMILY HISTORY TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS

Book a free telephone consultation with one of our family history librarians for an informal advice session. From first steps with Ancestry.co.uk to more involved enquiries, we're on hand to help.

All sessions take place via telephone. Please leave a telephone number when booking and a librarian will phone you at the allocated time.

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Wednesday 27 Jan., 10-12noon

Wednesday 24 Feb., 10-12noon

Wednesday 24 Mar., 10-12noon

TRACING YOUR CARIBBEAN ANCESTRY

Thursday 21 January, 5.30-7pm, Online

Join our Librarian team to learn the basics of African-Caribbean family history research. This is an introductory session for complete beginners and will primarily cover online resources, such as Ancestry.co.uk, and how you can get the most from them. We will explore both English and Caribbean databases - such as Census returns, the Birth, Marriage and Death index, parish records and slave registers.

FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:

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Online Resources

Free access to **Ancestry.com** for library members will now continue until the end of March 2021. Further details can be found on our catalogue webpage:

https://leeds.ent.sirsidynix.net.uk/cli/en_GB/ancestry

You can still read hints and tips for family-tree research on our Secret Library blog:

secretlibraryleeds.net/family-history

Other Resources

Some recent highlights from resources available for researchers in our region. **Note that these are externally-produced resources and Leeds Libraries takes no responsibility for their content*

ASK AGRA: FAMILY HISTORY QUESTION TIME

Online, on-demand

Podcasts from the Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives:

<https://www.agra.org.uk/podcasts>

CITY WALKING TOURS

Various dates and times, Online

Online walking tours around Leeds, delivered by renowned expert Rachael Unsworth. Current tours include Waterways and Bridges of Leeds and Wellington Place.

FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/leeds-city-walking-tours-18334371461>

LEEDS: A BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY

Printed book

David Thornton's new book, comprising 900 biographies of individuals connected to Leeds' past.

£25 (INC. P&P), ORDER FROM BEECROFT PUBLICATIONS:

<http://www.beecroftpublications.co.uk/thornton.html>