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SALINE COUNTY LIBRARY HOSTING GENEALOGY SYMPOSIUM ON MAY 28

Benton, Ark- May 19, 2022– The Saline County Library is hosting a Genealogy Symposium on Saturday, May 28th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Bob Herzfeld Memorial Library.

Genealogy researcher, Mary Chittenden, will teach attendees how to use online resources to research their family tree. She will also dive into the April 1st release of the 1950 Census data, which was very crucial to genealogists. She'll discuss tips on how to explore this new information.

Mary became interested in genealogy when she married into the Chittenden family and, by chance, discovered pedigree charts. As a new member of the family, she wanted to learn about her husband's ancestry and discovered her interest for genealogy research in the process.

When asked about the importance of correctly researching family trees, Chittenden said, "The researcher does not want to waste time, and sometimes money, in barking up the wrong tree. It's a sad time when a researcher finds proof that a supposed ancestor must be pruned from the family tree. One incorrect addition could make the entire line wrong."

From Ancestry.com to Fold3, Chittenden will spend time discussing ways you can learn about your family for free using your library card and the resources the State Library offers.

"Knowing the people who supplied your DNA can give a sense of belonging," said Chittenden. "Often, a sense of pride and/or humility comes with that knowledge. Recent searches by adoptees have shown the importance of connecting with the family. We can all take pride in the lives our ancestors lived in overcoming the hardships that many of them faced."

To register to attend the Genealogy Symposium, visit <https://saline.libnet.info/event/6486722>. Participants are also encouraged to bring their personal laptops.

For more information, including a calendar of upcoming events, visit www.SalineCountyLibrary.org or call 501-778-4766.