

LIBRARIES AND GENEALOGY

Early Bird Deadline
March 15th

Do you provide Family History and
Genealogy reference and programming?

Would you like more creative ideas, tools
and resources to complement your services?

The Ontario Library Association is pleased to offer a full-day pre-conference workshop designed for novice and experienced providers of family history and genealogy services.

WHEN?

Thursday, May 13th, 8:45 AM to 4:30 PM

WHERE?

Doubletree by Hilton – Toronto Airport

COST?

OLA or OGS Members:

\$95 until March 15th, then \$115

Non-members:

\$115 until March 15th, then \$135

ACCOMMODATION?

- \$139 until April 23rd, \$149 after April 23rd.
- Quoted rates are for single or double occupancy
- add \$20. per additional, extra up to 4 per room.

Reservation details are on the OGS website:

www.ogs.on.ca/conference

or call OGS at 416-244-1711

and specify OGS Conference

THE PROGRAM:

Keynote Speaker: Patricia Van Skaik



Genealogy Data Buried in a Photograph: How One Library Brought Hidden Resources to Life

In 1848, Charles Fontayne and William Porter captured the earliest photographic representation of a city in North America. When 21st century technology was applied to the photograph, it revealed slices of life previously invisible to the naked eye. In addition, the Panorama links to a treasure of genealogical resources and has filled in research gaps for many family historians. An inspirational opener to this special day!

Patricia Van Skaik, MA, MLS, is the Manager of the Genealogy and Local History Collection, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Patricia was educated at the University of Kentucky and the University of Cincinnati and serves on the Board of the other OGS, the Ohio Genealogical Society. She is also the Director of Librarianship Studies for the National Institute for Genealogical Studies.

Register now!

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WORKSHOPS

Delegates will choose either a or b under each number.



1a) Genealogy 101: The Basic Terminology and Definitions

Speaker: Ruth Blair, Blair Archival Research

Learn basic terms and definitions, with advice to assist in responding to queries relating to genealogical research. Websites, books and other tools will be listed.

1b) Using FamilySearch.org and Family History Centres in Ontario

Speaker: Jane MacNamara, Ontario Genealogical Society instructor and tour leader

Find out how researchers in Ontario can use the resources of the largest genealogical library in the world – both online and through the Family History Centres in Ontario.



2a) Getting the Word Out! Increasing Awareness of Your Collections

Speaker: Jennifer Green, Genealogy and Family History Librarian, Oshawa PL

Learn how you can draw in the community and promote your collections: i.e. successful antique appraisal events, heritage days and other creative programs. Event planning and marketing plus much more!



2b) What Can I Find Through the Archives Association of Ontario?

Speaker: Carolyn Bart-Riedstra, Archives Advisor of Ontario

AAO is an invaluable reference tool for genealogical researchers and library staff helping them. Learn about resources for paper conservation, the development of RAD to describe archival resources, and how to search ARCHEION.



3a) Branching Out: Developing Genealogy Collections and Services in the Digital Age

Speakers: Andrew Lofft, Canadiana Department Head; Diana Fink, Canadiana Department Services Specialist; North York Central Library, Toronto PL



Genealogy is one of the fastest growing hobbies – how is your library responding? Learn how to build core print and digital collections, and how to conduct reference interviews including roving techniques in your small and medium-sized libraries/branches.



3b) OurOntario.ca – Discover our Stories, our History... our Ontario!

Speaker: Loren Fantin, Our Ontario Project Manager

OurOntario.ca is an innovative and unique discovery portal – search thousands of digital resources from diverse cultural organizations – all in one search. Search results are customizable to suit specific audiences and individual needs. Also learn how you can access Our Ontario's expertise, free tools, hosting and flexible user interface for use in your own setting.

4a) Why Can't I Find It in the Catalog? Techniques Used by Librarians to Locate Genealogical Material.

Speaker: Patricia Van Skaik (keynote speaker)

Librarians and genealogists face the challenge of using cataloging systems that do not organize information the same way that genealogists conduct research. This session introduces "tricks of the trade" to discover family history materials in online catalogs.



4b) Ancestry.ca for Libraries: How to seek and find the very best!

Speaker: Lesley Anderson, Partnership Development and Content Specialist, Ancestry.ca

Ancestry Library Edition contains thousands of databases and billions of names. Lesley will cover browsing and searching, and highlight the wealth of material contained in this digital resource, including extensive coverage of census, vital, church, court and migration records for Canada, US, UK, and many other countries worldwide.

THE GALLERY WALK

During open time, delegates are invited to walk-about-the-room visiting several displays with presenters available to discuss and provide answers. See Orillia PL's Memoir-writing Community Project; Toronto PL's extensive genealogical resources – a fabulous place to discover a wealth of material; Owen Sound and North Grey Union PL's fabulous project to collect and preserve the community's local history stories using oral and visual techniques; and find out more about the 30 local branches of the Ontario Genealogical Society – plus the electronic and print resources they publish. More stops on the Gallery Walk to be added.

A special thank-you to Carr-McLean and Ancestry.ca for your sponsorship, which helps make this day possible.

