

Castro Valley Library Genealogy Class Notes
3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94546
1st/3rd Wednesdays 10:30-12:30
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1. Announcements

- Next Class - 19 February
- Upcoming presentations by Ron Chan
 - i) How to Digitize & Document Your Family Tree (<https://bacgg.org/index.php/2024/12/21/how-to-digitize-document-your-family-history/>)
 - ii) Writing Family History With Artificial Intelligence (<https://bacgg.org/index.php/2024/12/13/writing-family-history-with-artificial-intelligence/>)

2. Re-Visit The Genealogy Toolbox

- CVGSG Toolbox
- Free Spreadsheet Applications (<https://spreadsheetpoint.com/best-free-spreadsheet-software/>)
- Create your genealogy toolbox using spreadsheets
- Create your genealogy toolbox using desktop folders

3. Language Translation Tools

- <https://www.fluentu.com/blog/learn/best-free-online-translator/>
- <https://www.maketecheasier.com/best-free-online-translators/>

4. Organize Your Digital Research

- Review Mary E. V. Hill's Color-Coded Research Methodology (<http://www.genrootsorganizer.com/>)
- Apply Methodology to Digital Version
- Cyndislist.com (<https://www.cyndislist.com/organizing/filing/>)
- Family Tree Magazine (<https://familytreemagazine.com/organize-genealogy/>)
- Genealogy in Action (<https://www.genealogyinaction.com/blog/digital-file-organization-for-genealogy/>)

5. Public Domain Image Archive

- <https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2025/01/09/new-public-domain-images/>
- <https://pdimagearchive.org/>

6. Family Tree Groups and Trees

- <https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/family-group-trees>
- <https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/family-group-tree-pilot/family-group-trees-pilot-help-and-learning>

7. YouTube

- Ancestry (<https://www.youtube.com/@AncestryUS>)
- MyHeritage (<https://www.youtube.com/@myheritage>)
- FamilySearch (<https://www.youtube.com/@familysearch>)
- FamilyTreeDNA (<https://www.youtube.com/@familytreedna>)
- Amy Crow Johnson (https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=amy+crow+johnson)
- Extreme Genes Radio (<https://www.youtube.com/@ExtremeGenesRadio>)
- Blaine Bettinger (<https://www.youtube.com/@blainebettinger>)
- CeCe Moore (https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=CeCe+Moore)



Digitizing and Documenting Family History Series

Scanning and Photo Restoration Workshops

Hayward Library - Restoration 888 C Street, Hayward, March 15, 11AM – 12PM

Digitizing and Documenting Your Family History

Gilroy Library	350 W. Sixth Street, Gilroy, CA, February 8, 2025, 1PM-3PM
San Leandro Library	300 Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro, February 22, 2025, 1:30 - 3:30
Atherton Library	2 Dinkelspiel Station Ln, Atherton, March 12, 11AM - 1PM
San Carlos Library	610 Elm St, San Carlos, March 19, 2025, 11AM - 1PM
Rockridge Library	5366 College Avenue, Oakland, March 29, 1PM - 3PM
Alameda Library	1550 Oak Street, Alameda, May 3, 2025, 1 – 3PM
Palo Alto Library	1213 Newell Road, Palo Alto, May 10, 2025, 1- 3PM
San Mateo Library	55 W 3rd Ave, San Mateo, CA, July 12, 2025, 1 – 3PM
Santa Clara Library	2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, Sept 16, 2025, 6:30PM – 8:30PM



- Utilize AI for oral history, scanning, photo restoration, and management
- Explore case studies for weaving family sagas with multimedia
- Discover free resources and best practices for legacy preservation
- Learn tools for creating a digital family heritage library



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Writing Family History With AI

Santa Clara Library	2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, February 1, 2025, 1PM - 3PM
Cupertino Library	10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, March 1, 2025, 11AM – 1PM
El Cerrito Library	6510 Stockton Avenue, El Cerrito, March 8, 2025, 11AM – 1PM
Atherton Library	2 Dinkelspiel Station Ln, Atherton, April 9, 2025, 11AM – 1PM
San Carlos Library	610 Elm St, San Carlos, April 16, 2025, 11AM – 1PM
San Leandro Library	300 Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro, March 22, 2025, 1:30 –3:30PM
Castro Valley Library	3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley, June 22, 2025, 2PM – 4PM



- Hands-on Writing Family History with AI Workshop *Blend of theory, demonstration, and practical application
- Explore storytelling fundamentals and AI-generated narratives
- Learn to use AI as a writing coach and create personalized stories
- Discover where to publish family stories online – FREE
- Share family anecdotes and insights with fellow participants