



# Geauga County Genealogical Society

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE WINTER/SPRING 2024

**\*\*No meetings July and August\*\***

**March 12: "Finding Family Stories/Using the GCPL Allyn Room Oral Histories"** by GCPL genealogists and local historians, Melissa Cole and Lynn Vandervort. Learn the techniques of interviewing family to collect oral histories, then learn about the Allyn Room collection of over 400 Oral Histories and how to access them for your research.

**In-Person**

<https://geaugalibrary.libcal.com/event/11291709>

**April 9: "The Canal That Created Cleveland"** by Cleveland Metroparks Historian/Archivist **Judy MacKeigan**. The 1832 opening of the Ohio and Erie Canal created an economic boom for entrepreneurs and Ohio farmers to ship products east, while "fancy eastern goods" became available to Ohioans. Enjoy the history of the "Big Ditch" and its impact on northeastern Ohio.

**In-Person**

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**May 14: "DNA Basics: What Do We Get from our Ancestors"?** **Kelli Bergheimer**, an international genealogical speaker. Kelli will focus on the science of DNA and why it helps in genealogy. She will cover: matrilineal and patrilineal tests, the five major DNA testing companies - Ancestry, 23andMe, FamilyTreeDNA, MyHeritage DNA and Living DNA.

**In-Person**

<https://geaugalibrary.libcal.com/event/11980382>

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in Chardon Library's Bostwick Room beginning at 6:30 PM followed by the program, unless otherwise noted. Questions? Email [genpresident@gmail.com](mailto:genpresident@gmail.com); or check your local newspaper for up-to-date information.