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Libraries and museums are the DNA of our culture...

~ Vartan Gregorian

DPLA! <https://dp.la/>

So many sources to research! If you have not heard of the **Digital Public Library of America**, it is *fairly* new. **DPLA** was started by Harvard and was launched in 2013 to be a one stop discovery source. From the site: “**DPLA** brings together the riches of America’s libraries, archives, and museums, and makes them freely available to the world.” Like all research websites that we travel to, there is no telling if we will have fun wasting time or if there will be a small treasure to be found. **DPLA** has a special genealogical section consisting of photographs, maps, oral histories and more that we will spend a short time exploring at the 4:30 November group. A research question suggested by **DPLA** might be: “What did [*such and such a city*] look like in [*particular year*] when my family lived there?”

Who was Sarah Josepha Hale?

November 14th

4:30PM (usual time) – short program on the DPLA and U. S. Census, time permitting. Snacks

5:30PM – Featured Program

Rhode Island Secretary of State’s Archive

“Genealogy...

Separating Fact from Fiction and How the Rhode Island State Archives can Help”

Ashley Selima, *State Archivist & Public Records Administrator*

Rich Hite, *State Records Coordinator*

Beginners and advanced ancestral sleuths will be pleased they attended this presentation not only because you will learn a lot but also because you will be meeting some incredibly helpful people who know exactly where to find the stuff you need. And if your family is from another state, you will become familiar with how a typical state archives works. (even if there are substantial differences from one state to another.)



We inherit from our ancestors gifts so often taken for granted. Each of us contains within this inheritance of soul. We are links between the ages, containing past and present expectations, sacred memories and future promise.

~Edward C. Sellner

Mohr Library Genealogy Group

2nd Wednesday, 4:30 Special Program times vary

Library Hours

Mon – Thurs 9-8 ♦ Friday 9 – 6 ♦ Saturday 9 – 5

Upcoming GENEALOGY Programs

◆ **October 24 CANCELLED**
New England Historical Genealogical Society (NEHGS) Field Trip

◆ **November 14 5:30PM**
"Genealogy - Separating Fact from Fiction and How the Rhode Island State Archives can Help"

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Other Programs of Interest

◆ **November 5, Monday, 6:30pm**
History Series: Italy: the City of Rome through the Centuries. Prof. Beth Shinn (Roger Williams University and RIC) will give an engaging and fascinating powerpoint presentation – you will be amazed at how much you learn in just one hour!

◆ **November 6, Tuesday, 6:30pm**
Cultural Travel to Italy, the Sweeneys
"...showcasing the culturally significant architecture of the northern Italian cities of Milan, Genoa and Parma, and the northern lake district of Baveno featuring Lakes Maggiore and Como including magnificent seaside towns of Santa Margherita, Portofino and the Cinque Terre."

◆ **November 12 Monday**
Veteran's Day, Library is closed

◆ **November 13, Tuesday, 6:30pm**
History Series: Italy: the Pope and Mussolini in WWII, Prof. Beth Shinn
Add to your knowledge of World War II with this eye opening conversation – with powerpoint about the role of the Vatican, the Jews saved and the role of the Catholic religion and the Germans. ☞

Remember: Success truly is the result of good judgement. Good judgement is the result of experience, and experience is often the result of bad judgement.
~ Anthony Robbins



Thanksgiving

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do therefore, invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. *Proclamation*
~ October 3, 1863 Abraham Lincoln

One of the powerful functions of a library – any library – lies in its ability to take us away from worlds that are familiar and comfortable and into ones which we can neither predict nor control, to lead us down new roads whose contours and vistas provide us with new perspectives.
~ Richard F. Thomas

From the Magazines

- ✂ You've heard of the television show called "The Amazing Race" on CBS, but have you heard of "Relative Race." According to *Family Tree Magazine*, the show is on BYUtv and as each episode unravels the teams complete challenges and try to discover new family members identified by DNA. Hmmm.
- ✂ On page 56 of *Family Tree Magazine* – Oct. Nov. 2018, there is a fascinating article by RI's own Maureen A. Taylor on searching clues in old photos for identification purposes. Great detective work!
- ✂ If you are not familiar with the Digital Public library of America – DPLA for short, you'll get a good overview in the Oct. Nov. 2018 of *Internet Genealogy*. Give it a try next time online!



"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

~ William Arthur Ward

Sarah Josepha Hale was editor of Ladies Magazine and later Godey's Lady's Magazine and is considered the person most responsible for advocating to make Thanksgiving a holiday as she wrote editorials to urge a national day of thanks beginning in 1827.



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