

# Resources for Learning Genealogy and Using Computer Technology

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## COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

### • TRAINING

- Thousand Oaks Library – Virtual resources and online courses. In-person classes resuming when safe for the public. *Free*  
<https://libcal.tolibrary.org/calendar/classes/?cid=11618&t=g&d=0000-00-00&cal=11618&inc=0>
- Conejo Valley Adult Education – Computer courses online and in-person. Registration fee.  
<https://conejoadulted.org/technology/>
- LinkedIn – 1 *free* month online subscription comes with computer applications training modules. Cancel at any time.  
[LinkedIn Subscription Link](#)
- Information Technology Fundamentals – Comprehensive video on YouTube which provides an overview starting with how they work! 3 hours in segments. *Free*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awLnur5Yt9o>
- YouTube – Search for *specific* applications, topics, or speakers. When you watch a video of interest, check the right side of the page for a menu other related videos. *Free*  
<https://www.youtube.com/>

### • WORD PROCESSING, SPREADSHEETS, DATABASES

#### Airtable

- Airtable Genealogy Forms - by Caroline Guntur  
<https://www.airtable.com/universe/expd5RDSNNdd3uq4r/genealogy-research-log>
- Airtable Research Logs – by Family Locket  
<https://familylocket.com/airtable-research-logs/>
- Airtable Research Log – by Tami Mize  
<https://www.airtable.com/universe/expcNCqf5IsDIBHTx/genealogy-research-log>

#### Microsoft Office

- Family History Fanatics – Using Spreadsheets for Genealogy  
<https://www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/post/genealogy-spreadsheets>
- Templates for Genealogy  
<https://templates.office.com/en-US/Search/results?query=family+tree>
- Using Microsoft Excel in Genealogy – by Genealogy's Star  
<https://genealogysstar.blogspot.com/2015/11/using-microsoft-excel-in-genealogy.html>
- Excel Forms – by the Shy Genealogist  
<https://theshygenealogist.wordpress.com/category/excel/>
- Excel Research Guide – by the Shy Genealogist  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zmo4BDILZ8U>
- Excel-ing Genealogist Facebook Group  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/130530510310027/>

- Power Tips for Using Word – by Genealogy Professor  
<https://genprof.net/2017/08/459/>

### **Tips for Using Symbols and Special Characters**

- Windows 10: *Best Tip!*  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akFbfGibl\\_w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akFbfGibl_w)
- Inserting from MS Word: Traditional using the Easy Access Menu  
<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/insert-a-symbol-in-word-2a061ae9-5a6c-4407-b618-8dc3c9fd4f44>
- Three ways to insert special characters in MS Word: *Provides keyboard short-cuts and more*  
<https://erinwrightwriting.com/how-to-insert-special-characters-in-microsoft-word/>

## **GENEALOGY TRAINING**

### • **VIDEOS - Free**

- FamilySearch.org
  - Genealogy Research Process, Introduction to Records and Researching:  
<https://www.familysearch.org/help/helpcenter/lessons/1-research-process-introduction>
- RootsTech – Free recorded class sessions
  - 2021: <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/>
  - 2020: <https://www.rootstech.org/category/2020-rootstech-sessions?lang=eng>
  - 2019: <https://www.rootstech.org/category/2019-rootstech-sessions?lang=eng>
  - 2018: <https://www.rootstech.org/category/2018-rootstech-sessions?lang=eng>
  - 2017: <https://www.rootstech.org/category/rootstech-2017?lang=eng>
  - 2016: <https://www.rootstech.org/category/2016-sessions?lang=eng>
  - 2015: <https://www.rootstech.org/category/2015-sessions?lang=eng>
- BYU Family History Library (Harold Lee Library) Instructional Videos  
<https://fh.lib.byu.edu/classes-and-webinars/youtube-videos/>

### • **WEBINARS**

#### **Online Calendars**

- Conference Keeper – schedule of national online genealogy courses and events  
<https://conferencekeeper.org/virtual/>

#### **Subscription**

- Legacy Family Tree Webinars - Free access to live webinars. Subscription provides a syllabus and access to video library.  
<https://familytreewebinars.com/>

#### **Genealogy & Historical Societies**

Be sure to check society events for live monthly program presentations, seminars, special interest groups and conferences. Some require fees and registration, while other opportunities are free.

- American Ancestors (NEHGS)  
<https://www.americanancestors.org/education/learning-resources/watch>  
<https://www.americanancestors.org/education/online-classes>

- Colorado Genealogical Society – check out monthly events for other online opportunities  
<https://www.cogensoc.us/begclass.php>
- Florida State Genealogical Society  
<https://flsgs.org/>
- Georgia Genealogical Society  
<https://www.gagensociety.org/>
- Kentucky Genealogical Society  
<https://www.KYGS.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/KYGenSoc>
- Minnesota Genealogical Society  
<https://mngs.org/>
- National and State Societies List:  
[https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/List\\_of\\_Genealogical\\_Societies](https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/List_of_Genealogical_Societies)
- New York Genealogical & Biographical Society (NYG&B)  
<https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/webinars>
- North Carolina Genealogical Society  
<https://www.ncgenealogy.org/webinars/>
- North San Diego County Genealogy Society  
<https://nsdcgs.org/webinars/>
- Santa Barbara Genealogical Society  
<https://sbgen.org/eventListings.php?nm=216>
- Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS)  
<https://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>
- Utah Genealogical Association  
<https://ugagenealogy.org/>
- Ventura County Genealogical Society  
<https://venturacogensoc.org/calendar/>
- Wisconsin State Genealogical Society  
<https://wsgs.org/cpage.php?pt=125>
- Wisconsin Historical Society  
<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/EventSearch>

### **Libraries**

- Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center (Indiana)  
<https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy>  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/AllenCountyPublicLibrary/videos>
- BYU Family History Library – Weekly Free webinar, Wednesdays at 4:30pm  
<https://fh.lib.byu.edu/classes-and-webinars/>
- FamilySearch.org -Comprehensive online class and webinar list:  
[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family\\_History\\_Library\\_Classes\\_and\\_Webinars](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars)
- L.A. County Library  
<https://www.lapl.org/genealogy>
- L.A. Family History Center  
Library [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Los\\_Angeles\\_FamilySearch\\_Library](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Los_Angeles_FamilySearch_Library)
- Thousand Oaks Library  
<https://www.tolibrary.org/virtual-library/vlhome/web-resources/genealogy>

## **Facebook**

You can search the social media sites by keywords, topics, surnames etc. Many of these genealogists and other training videos are also on Instagram.

- Crista Cowan, the “Barefoot Genealogist” hosts live genealogy training sessions weekly, which are also recorded. Many of her Ancestry.com training videos are on YouTube. She’s an employee of and specialist in Ancestry.com.  
<https://www.facebook.com/TheBarefootGenealogist>
- Genealogy Squad  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/genealogysquad>
- FamilySearch.org – Live webinars and videos  
<https://www.facebook.com/familyhistorylibrary>
- Lisa Louise Cook Podcasts and Elevenses  
<https://www.facebook.com/GenealogyGems>
- Lisa Lisson’s “Are You My Cousin?”  
<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=are%20you%20my%20cousin%3F>
- Thomas MacEntee – “Genealogy Do-over” also belongs under Computer Training. You can search for useful templates, forms, and cheat sheets which he provides for free to assist in all aspects of your genealogy research and record keeping.  
<https://genealogybargains.com/free-stuff/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/genealogydoover/files>

## **YouTube - Videos**

- Ancestry.com training  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/Ancestrycom/videos>
- BYU Family History Library  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/BYUFamilyHistoryLibrary/videos>
- Dear Myrtle  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/DearmyrtlePage/videos>
- Family History Fanatics  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/FamilyHistoryFanatics/videos>
- FamilySearch  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/familysearch/videos>
- Genealogy TV  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/GenealogyTV/videos>
- Lisa Louise Cook Genealogy Gems podcasts and recordings of her Facebook & YouTube Live “Elevenses” with Lisa.  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/GenealogyGems>
- Lisa Lisson’s “Are You My Cousin?”  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/LisaLissonAYMC/videos>
- The National Archives  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/USNationalArchives/search>