

Bay Area Genealogy Libraries, FamilySearch Centers, Archives

SMCGS Library

The SMCGS Library is housed in the San Mateo Public Library, which is open Mon - Thur 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fri 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sun 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you'd like to volunteer, please email librarian@smcgs.org.



California Genealogical Society Library

The CGS Library is open Wed - Fri 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on the third Sat of the month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The library is free to for members; nonmembers pay \$5.

Send any questions to visit@californiaancestors.org.



FamilySearch Library (SLC)

The FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City is open Mon 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tues - Thur 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri - Sat 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Guests can sign up for free online one-on-one virtual consultations with a research specialist (available in a variety of languages). Library look-up services: If you can't come to the library, a staff member can retrieve a book from its shelves and help you find what you're seeking.

In FamilySearch Communities online, guests can get assistance from volunteers worldwide, including locating or interpreting ancestor records, asking questions, or sharing their expertise with others.

Check out the growing menu of popular free online classes and webinars. New selections are offered and recorded weekly and made available on-demand.



Federal Records Center of the National Archives

NARA research rooms are open by appointment only, Mon - Fri 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Refer to their FAQ page for more information. Email sanbruno.archives@nara.gov for more information, to request a research room appointment, or to schedule a virtual consultation prior to your visit.



Genealogical Society of Santa Cruz County

The Genealogical Society of Santa Cruz County archive contains more than 10,000 reference-only items and is housed at the main branch of the Santa Cruz Public Library. Hours are Mon - Thur 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fri - Sat noon to 5 p.m., and Sun 1 to 5 p.m.



Menlo Park FamilySearch Center

The Menlo Park FamilySearch Center is open third Tues from 10 a.m. to noon and Sat from 9 to 11 a.m.



Napa Valley Genealogical Society Library

NVGS's library is open Wed - Thur from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Schedule an appointment by emailing research@napagensoc.org.



Oakland FamilySearch Library

The library is open Tues 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wed - Thur 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri - Sat 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sun 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. by appointment only; and Mon 7 to 9 p.m. by appointment only. Visit the library's website here for more information.



San Francisco Public Library

Check out the genealogy resources at SFPL here.



San Rafael FamilySearch Center and MCGS Library

The Marin County Genealogical Society Research Library resides at the San Rafael FamilySearch Center. In a joint partnership, MCGS supplied the library and FHC provided the facilities, including computers and readers for microfiche and microfilm. All are for public use. Hours are Tues 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thur 3 to 7 p.m. Visit the SRFHC website for more information.



Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society Library

The SCCHGS library is located in the Santa Clara City Library, Central Park Branch. The library has volunteers available Tue and Thur noon to 7 p.m.; Wed noon to 6 p.m.; and Fri, Sat, and Mon 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Make an appointment with a genealogy consultant here.



Solano County Genealogical Society

The SCGS library is open Tue and Thur 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by appointment only on third Sat. Visit scgsca.org for more information.



Sutro Library

Sutro, the State Library's San Francisco branch, claims to have one of the largest genealogy collections west of Salt Lake City. It is open Tue - Thur 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit their website to learn more about the genealogy collection. Sutro also hosts the Bay Area Genealogy Calendar here.

Looking Ahead

Thursday, May 4
New England Interest Group
(rescheduled from April 27)

Monday, May 8
Education Team meeting

Thursday, May 11
German SIG

Tuesday, May 16
SMCGS Board meeting

Thursday, May 18
DNA SIG

Saturday, May 20
SMCGS general meeting
Extracting Information from
German Vital Records

Tuesday, May 23
Library Team meeting

Thursday, May 25
New England SIG

Saturday, June 17
SMCGS general meeting
Genealogical Gems
Found in Ledgers

*Please check
smcgs.org for times,
updates, additional events,
and announcements.*

Education, Resources, and Other Societies

The African American Genealogy Society of Northern California: AAGSNC currently conducts meetings on Zoom on the third Saturday of the month from 1:30 to 4 p.m. For the most current information and to learn more about their activities, go to aagsnc.org.

American Historical Society of Germans from Russia is an international organization dedicated to the discovery, collection, preservation, and dissemination of information related to the history, cultural heritage, and genealogy of Germanic Settlers in the Russian Empire and their descendants. You do not need to be a German from Russia to participate. Explore the Golden Gate Chapter's website at ahsgrgg.wordpress.com.

Bay Area Chinese Genealogy Group: BACGG holds quarterly meetings; past events are available on their website. Learn more at bacgg.org.

California Genealogical Society & Library: For information, access to their blog, and to find links to many online events and resources, visit californiaancestors.org.

Los Californianos: Members conduct research on genealogy and civil, religious, military, and cultural activities in Alta California. The organization meets three times a year throughout California. Visit loscalifornianos.org for more information.

Genealogical Society of Hispanic America: GSHA has three chapters in Southern California, Colorado, and Utah. If you'd like to form a chapter, email

gsha.secretary@gmail.com for more information. Learn more about the society at gshaa.org.

Hispanic Genealogical Society: The Hispanic Genealogical Society is based in Houston, Texas. Learn more at hispanicgs.com.

The International German Genealogy Partnership: IGGP's 2023 conference will be a hybrid event June 9-11. Register and learn more about the event and IGGP at iggpartner.org.

Irish Genealogy Club: The Irish Genealogy Club of the United Irish Cultural Center of San Francisco (irishcentersf.org) meets on second Saturdays. There is a \$5 charge to attend. Join the email list by contacting Pati Traktman at ptractman@comcast.net.

Polish Genealogical Society of California: PGSC has a wealth of databases and meets six times a year in West Los Angeles. For more information, visit the society here.

San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society: Meetings are free and everyone interested is welcome. For current information about SFBAJGS meetings and events, go to sfbajgs.org.

Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society: SCCHGS currently holds its general meetings and other programs via Zoom. They meet the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. To learn more, visit scchgs.org.

Silicon Valley Computer Genealogy Group: SVC GG holds monthly meetings on the second Saturday of each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. For more information, visit svcgg.org.