Knock knock!
Guess Who?
Dwayne.
Dwayne who?
Dwayne the bathtub I’m drowning!

Father’s Day is June 16th and my dad’s birthday is June 14th, so why not bring it in full Dad joke style? No joke though, Dads are the greatest and we’ll show it off for the entire month! All you have to do is come in from the heat and find us. And don’t worry, I haven’t forgotten about Memorial Day or Fourth of July. I’ll talk about those later.

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Georgia Room Spotlight:

May marks graduations for everyone else and it does for us too. Katie Nelson and Maggie Thomas graduated from Valdosta State University with Masters Degrees in Library and Information Science. Jeff Kurtz graduated Kennesaw State University with a Bachelors Degree in History.

Who is that with Katie and Maggie? His (or her) name is Blaze and Valdosta State is the Blazers. Another college might have had a guy in a Blazer, but not Valdosta State. They went with the head on fire. Cool, right?
Join us Monday, June 3rd
for our First Monday program.

This month is all about online databases and other resources around Georgia. We don’t want y’all stuck while we’re renovating. If there is a local or online resource that you love and use regularly, let us know! We want all the information you can give us!

Program begins at six o’clock pm on Monday. Light refreshments will be served.

JUNE 3 @ 6 PM

Please join us as we temporarily bid farewell to the Georgia Room for library renovations. There will be a review of current databases and websites that will be available over the summer, including our newest affiliation with FamilySearch!

We will also be reviewing other libraries and institutions that house genealogy information in the region.

Light refreshments will be served.
Program Alert:

On April 6th, Katie Nelson gave a presentation about Fold3 to the Kennesaw Mountain chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. It was a tutorial of all the ins and outs of the website, the tips and tricks we all need to get by sometimes. For example, if you find a reference to a record that’s not online, you can order a copy. She even explained what the different going rates at different facilities were. Go Katie!
Salvaging History: Sardis Baptist Church Minutes
June History Program
Mr. Bob Lipscomb
Tuesday, June 18, 2019 7:00 PM
At the Rock Barn, 658 Marietta Hwy., 30114
Open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Sardis Baptist Church, dating back to the mid-19th century, kept track of church history with detailed accounts of church minutes. Join us as Mr. Bob Lipscomb tells about the difficulties and interesting findings as he and his family saved 175 year-old documents.

Cherokee County Genealogical Society program!
Our May First Monday program was a huge success. We had 14 people, thanks mostly to our extremely knowledgeable guest speaker. Andrew Bramlett gave an incredibly detailed presentation about the origins of Kennesaw Mountain, people named after it, conspiracy theories that have arisen, and much more.

It’s crazy how many statues never made it past the planning stages. It’s even crazier that there was supposed to be a bunker that no one ever built. He even got help from his dad. What a perfect coincidence that Father’s Day is just around the corner!
The Fielding Lewis Chapter of the DAR has also been very generous to us. They donated three books to the Georgia Room: Descendants of Britton & Margaret Mathis, Some of the Earliest Oaths of Allegiance to the United States of America, and American Prisoners of the Revolution.

The Andrew Turnbull Chapter of the Daughters of the American Colonists recently donated a two volume set of History and Genealogy of Peter Montague of Jamestown Virginia 1603-2003. We are extremely grateful for this wonderful donation.

Chapter Librarian Cheryl Hunt Clements; Georgia Room Head, Carolyn Crawford; Chapter Regent Patricia Powers, and member Missy Boyle
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

The 155th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain is fast approaching. The weekend of June 29th, there will be special programming at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. This will include Living History Programs and talks, walks and hikes, children’s programming and much more. On June 29th, this will be taking place from 9:00 am. to 4:00 pm. On June 30th, it will be from 10:00 am. to 3:30 pm. There is no fee for this programming.

Living Historians in their natural habitat. The Living History Programs include artillery, infantry, and civilian programming.
Georgia Genealogical Society Picnic

Join us for our annual
Summer Genealogy Picnic!
at the Georgia Archives
5800 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA 30260

Sat. June 1st, 10:00am to 5:00pm

Presentations by archivists from the Georgia Archives featuring an overview of the new Virtual Vault layout and other finding aids and

Renowned Civil War Historian,
Brad Quinlin

Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Marietta National Cemetery, Marietta, Georgia

With time for individual research from 2:30 until 5:00

This event is free and open to the public! A traditional summer sandwich lunch will be available for a donation.

For more information visit www.gagensociety.org or www.georgiaarchives.org
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Intermediate Genealogy & Historical Studies

COORDINATOR
Angela Packer McGhie, CG

DATE
July 21-26, 2019

LOCATION
Athens, Georgia

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Remember when I said that people lie but DNA doesn’t? Well Dani Shapiro is giving a talk about exactly that. She submitted a DNA test and found out that her father wasn’t actually her biological father. Then she wrote a book about it.

It will be at the Decatur Library Auditorium at 215 Sycamore Street on June 27th at 7:15. It should be rather fascinating.
Genetic Genealogy and Privacy

It’s the age old argument: Security or privacy? Too far on one side and you get anarchy. Too far on the other side and you get a dystopian science fiction movie. More and more people are sending in their DNA to places like Ancestry and 23 and Me to find long lost relatives. Law enforcement agencies want to find those long lost relatives too. They might be the key to catching criminals, or be criminals themselves.

Last year, police plugged DNA from a cold case, the Golden State Killer, into an unnamed genealogy website and traced his relatives in order to find him. This led them to Joseph James DeAngelo.

This past month, a woman in Utah was brutally attacked when someone broke into a church where she was practicing the organ. GEDMatch violated its own terms of service and let the law enforcement use the website to track down the assailant. Beforehand, they had only allowed law enforcement to use their site on cases of murder and rape. They also didn’t ask for the consent of their users. This has sparked a backlash among genealogists about whether their records are private or not. GEDMatch has since changed its policy to include “murder, nonnegligent manslaughter, aggravated rape, robbery, or aggravated assault.” They also now require all their users to opt in to police use. Several other websites have this option, but most have the default set as opt in, whereas GEDMatch has the default set to opt out.

What do y’all think? Does the end justify the means?
Everyone has that one relative that thinks they’re related to Pocahontas and they’ve got tales to boot.

Of course they can’t all be true. How do you tell? The Cobb Genealogical Society will tell you on June 25 with speaker Kenneth Thomas Jr!
The Augusta Genealogical Society is holding a program on Family Search at the Columbia County Library on June 22, 2019 at 11 a.m. It should last until 12:30. Archivist Tamika Strong will give an overview of Family Search, from the basics to understanding Family History Centers.

Getting the Most Out of Family Search: With Archivist Tamika Strong

This is fantastic timing, as the Georgia Room has just been approved as a Family History affiliate library! This has been a long time in negotiation and we’re extremely proud of it. We’ll be under renovation soon, so there isn’t as much time as we’d like to teach all of you about it. Thankfully, you can go to this program and learn about Family Search in all its particulars. Ask Tamika Strong about affiliate libraries and see what all’s in store for you!
In honor of Memorial Day and The Fourth of July, here is a small assortment from the Georgia Room Military Collection.

Also check out Fold3!
Last but not least... come one come all, to the library renovation tell all! Central Regional Library Manager Alexandra Beswick and Division Director Terri Tresp are throwing a party on June 27th from 3 pm to 5 pm. to celebrate the start of renovation. There will be architectural renderings of what the outside will look like, and there will be cookies and punch for all of you.

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