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NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY MONTH: GET CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR PAST

Do you know or understand your full family history? You might be surprised to know that you can find out more about your past in the Libraries Tasmania archives and heritage collections.

During the month of August, Libraries Tasmania is once again celebrating National Family History Month by showcasing resources and activities focused on genealogy, family history and related subjects.

Family history is one of the most popular hobbies in the world, and Libraries Tasmania is the main gateway to exploring Tasmanian family history records and stories.

State Library and Archives Service Manager, Caroline Homer, is encouraging Tasmanians to take advantage of the range of services Libraries Tasmania offers to understand their story better.

“Our librarians and archivists have done the hard work for you and are offering their best advice and handy hints on how to get started to explore your family history,” Ms Homer said.

“We offer a range of different services that will help you connect to your ancestral roots, whether your family history lies in Tasmania, across Australia or overseas.

“The Tasmanian Names Index is a comprehensive database of Tasmanian records.

“You can also search across Australian census, birth, marriage and death records, or military and immigration records through Ancestry.

“Or, you can also access Ancestry remotely – searching records from the comfort of your own home is available to our members until December 2021.”

To mark National Family History Month, Libraries Tasmania is hosting a series of free public lectures by local experts. Browse and book [the lecture series on Eventbrite](#) or download your copy of the [National Family History Month expert talks program](#).

Bookings are essential as numbers are limited. For the full list of Libraries Tasmania family history resources, visit libraries.tas.gov.au/FamilyHistory.

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