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NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

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

Tasmanians interested in family history are invited to visit the State Library to take advantage of the range of programs planned for the month of August.

State Library and Archives Service Manager, Caroline Homer, said the range of free events will promote the many family history resources available to Tasmanians interested in tracing their family history.

“Our free events cover a number of topics, from forensic family history, human evolution, migration and DNA testing, tracing the history of your house, to a guided tour of the Tasmanian Archives,” Ms Homer said.

“This year we are celebrating an important milestone – we are about to reach one million names being listed on the Tasmanian Names Index, our very own genealogical search engine.

“Searching the Names Index allows anyone to unravel a unique and personal story from Tasmania’s history by simply typing in a name.

“You can help us add to this resource by volunteering on the DigiVol platform,” she said.

For a list of events, visit the Libraries Tasmania [Family History Month web page](#) or contact Hobart Library on (03) 61 65 5539.

National Family History Month is an initiative of the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations. Visit their [website](#).

Free events at the State Library in August are listed below. Most events will be held in the Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts, Ground Floor, 91 Murray Street, Hobart, unless stated otherwise.

Thursday 1 Aug 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Families at War and the Diploma of Family History With Dr. Anthony Page, University of Tasmania
Tuesday 6 Aug 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Looking after your family photos With Stephanie McDonald, Conservator, Government Archives & Preservation
Wednesday 7 Aug 2:00pm – 3:00pm	Ancient Family History – human evolution, migration & DNA testing With Susanna Van Essen
Thursday 8 Aug 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Understanding Van Diemen’s Land Incarceration With Brian Rieusset, Author and Historical Researcher
Tuesday 13 Aug 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	History and records of Hobart’s early cemeteries With Maree Ring, Author and Historical Researcher
Wednesday 14 Aug 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Preserving our Military Heritage With Ged Lagerewskij, founder of the Tasmanian Military Museum
Thursday 15 Aug 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	House Histories – A family tree of your home or office With Barry Campbell, Author and Historical Researcher
Tuesday 20 Aug 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Records of the National Archives of Australia – Tasmanian office With John Wallace, Archivist, National Archives of Australia (short tour included)
Wednesday 21 Aug 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Forensic family history Dr. Elisabeth Wilson, former Genealogical Researcher for the Public Trustee
Thursday 22 Aug 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Getting the most out of FamilySearch With Rebecca Read
Tuesday 27 Aug 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	History and records of Cornelian Bay Cemetery With Maree Ring, Author and Historical Researcher
Wednesday 28 Aug 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Blog, Publish, Archive or Ingest? Your family history research With Liz Lehete, Librarian, State Library & Archive Service
Thursday 29 Aug 10:00 am – 11:30 am 2:00 am – 3:30 pm	Government Archives & Preservation at the Berriedale Repository A guided tour of the facility at 2a Chardonnay Drive, Berriedale, with Nicki Ottavi, Archivist, Government Archives & Preservation * Bookings essential – maximum of 10. Contact us on 61 65 5539

For more information about events, visit the Libraries Tasmania [Family History Month web page](#) or contact Libraries Tasmania Communications and Marketing unit on 61 65 5550 or 0436 848 984 communications.libraries@education.tas.gov.au.