

2026 Genealogy KC Program

	Main Room	Relief Society Room	Primary Room
8:30	Doors Open		
9:00	Greeting & Keynote - Deanne Benbrook		
	"Making Connections Matter"		
10:00	Mary Dempsey "The War that Time Forgot: Connecting with your Ancestors Who Fought in the Mexican American, Spanish American, or Philippine-American Wars"	Sheri Volpe "Beyond Names and Dates: Building Meaningful Connections Through Family History"	Heather Jenkins "Beyond the Ledger: Discovering Ancestors Through Business Records"
11:00	Mark Nye "Why Does The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Provide FamilySearch for free to the entire world?"	Cynthia Keefer Patton "National Archives Research in Kansas City"	Kim Alberg "Family Historians, Start Your (Search) Engines"
Noon	LUNCH BREAK		
1:00	Kathy Meade "Swedish Church Books: Your Research Just Got Easier (and Faster)"	Heather Jenkins "Reading Between the Tick Marks: Reconstructing Families in the 1790–1840 Census"	Mark Nye "Harvesting Interesting Details About Your Family from Old Newspapers"
2:00	Char Mitts "Beyond the Records: Capturing Family Stories with Together at FamilySearch"	Kim Alberg "Keepers, S.T.U.F.F. and Benjamin Franklin"	Kris Young "From Pressure to Purpose: Inspiring Family History Through Love"
3:00	Dr. Claire V. Brisson-Banks "The Promise of Artificial Intelligence in Genealogy & Family History"	Nathan Wittmaier "Connecting Present and Past through The Founding"	
4:00	Thanks & Closing Remarks		