

## 2026 Genealogy KC Program

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