



# South Suburban Genealogical & Historical Society

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## 2024 PROGRAMS

***All programs are Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.***

***Where possible, they will also be livestreamed via Zoom.***

- Feb. 10      **Pullman Porters and Maids (virtual):** Researcher and instructor, Janice Lovelace, Ph.D. explains the occupation of Pullman Porters and Pullman Maids, and how to locate records.
- March 9      **Hegewisch:** Cynthia Ogorek, “The Public Historian,” discusses *Hegewisch*, her latest book for Arcadia Publishing. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.
- April 13      **Moraine Valley Community College and Prairie State College Archives:** Kate Nadolski, archives librarian from MVCC, and Alex Altan, Prairie State College archivist, will tell us about the holdings at these two institutions.
- May 11      **Show & Tell:** Bring your photos, mementos and items that you’ve discovered while doing genealogical research. We also celebrate the society’s birthday, and install officers.
- June 8      **Researching WWII Online (virtual):** On the heels of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, military researcher Jennifer Holik says that although most records needed to reconstruct service history are not online, you can find clues and unit information to add to your soldier’s story.
- July 13      **Annual Field Trip:** We visit historic Lemont
- Aug. 10      **10 Must Haves for Genealogy and Family History Success (virtual):** Whether you’re just “dabbling” in genealogy or you’ve become obsessed with “the hunt,” Thomas MacEntee will review basic skills that family historians of all levels have in common.
- Sept. 14      **19<sup>th</sup> Century Life through Artifacts:** Join brothers Michael and Mario Bovino, modern-day “diggers” as they show how they unearth remnants of the past in the Chicago area.
- Oct. 12      **How to Write Ancestral Stories Your Relatives Will Want to Read (virtual):** Researcher and speaker Pam Vestal of Generations Genealogy shows how, with good research, thoughtful planning, and a dash of ingenuity, we can create engaging stories designed to entice even the most reluctant readers.
- Nov. 9      **H. H. Holmes & New Links to Chicago & the White City:** Ever since Erik Larson’s *Devil in the White City*, the murderous swindler H.H. Holmes has been linked to the Chicago World’s Fair of 1893. Ray Johnson, “The History Cop,” discusses new links between Holmes and Thomas B. Bryan and Daniel H. Burnham, and a possible link to a swindle in England.