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Workshops will help you trace ancestors

NEWTON—Budding genealogists should take advantage of two free workshops planned at Catawba County Library.

The Southwest Branch will host the sessions on Sept. 20 and 27 to help residents get started with their family research. The programs are open to the public and reservations are not necessary. Librarian Kim Wetmore will lead both sessions.

Beginning Genealogy on Sunday, Sept. 20, will show those new to genealogy some good ways to begin the search, how to get organized and how to interview relatives. Library resources will be covered including local genealogy libraries at both the Main Library in Newton and the Patrick Beaver Library in Hickory.

A second workshop is scheduled at 3 p.m. Sept. 27 to discuss how federal census records can help family researchers.

U.S. federal census records were recorded every 10 years starting in 1790. The most recent enumeration available to the public is 1930. In many cases, census information can dispel myths and offer specifics about an ancestor or an entire community.

The 1930 census, for example, shows whether an individual lived on a farm, owned a radio set, home value or monthly rent, age at first marriage, literacy, immigration status, native language, age at immigration, veteran status and whether they were at work the previous day (April 1).

For more information about the workshops, contact Wetmore at 294-2343.

Southwest Branch is part of the Catawba County Library System. The branch is located in a strip mall on Highway 127 South in Mountain View.

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