



Geauga County  
**Public Library**

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## Press Release

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## Calling genealogy enthusiasts: Celebrate family history with Sunny Morton

**Geauga County – Aug. 15, 2018** – GCPL is bringing nationally recognized genealogy and family history speaker Sunny Morton to its Geauga West Branch, Sat., Sept. 22, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

A precursor to Family History Month in October, this special GCPL day-long event showcases several programs to generate interest and deepen understanding of how to research a family tree. The day begins with the classes:

- Finding Historical Records on the Giant Genealogy Websites
- Eight Must-Use U.S. Record Collections You Might Not Know about on Ancestry.com, FamilySearch, Findmypast, and MyHeritage

Then, groups will break for lunch on their own at area restaurants. Following lunch, programs will continue with:

- They Survived the Johnstown Flood: How to Reconstruct Your Ancestors' Amazing Stories
- Fable of Fact? Verifying Old Family Stories

Sunny Morton teaches people to value, capture and preserve their own life stories. She also teaches people to research and share their family histories: the stories that shaped our forebears, who in turn shaped us. She is an internationally-known, award-winning writer, editor and speaker for the multibillion-dollar genealogy industry.

Her voice is heard on the Genealogy Gems Podcast, which has more than 2 million downloads worldwide. She is a Contributing Editor at *Family Tree Magazine*, the U.S.' premiere publication for genealogy hobbyists. She is a popular speaker at events across the country, including the world's largest genealogy conference, RootsTech, held annually in Salt Lake City. Sunny is especially known for her expertise in tracing U.S. ancestors; her unique comparisons of the industry's largest websites; and her inspiring presentations on how to reconstruct and tell meaningful stories from the past.

### **About the Geauga County Public Library**

The Geauga County Public Library includes four full-service branches in Bainbridge, Chardon, Chesterland (Gauga West) and Middlefield; two library stations housed in schools in Newbury and Thompson; two Bookmobiles that serve rural areas and community centers; a Lobby Stop vehicle; a car for homebound patrons; and an administrative center where technical services, computer services, facilities and administrative functions reside. GCPL has more than 750,000 books and ebooks. The collection also contains more than 100,000 audio / video items and 400 research databases available through its website. GCPL is a member of the Clevnet consortium, giving patrons access to more than 12 million items. Learn more about the Geauga County Public Library at the GCPL website, [GaugaLibrary.net](http://GaugaLibrary.net).

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