

**2018 FAMILY HISTORY FAIR  
DISCOVER YOUR ROOTS**

**Sponsored by Washington County Genealogical Society  
And the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library**

**Classes and Workshops  
June, July, and Aug. 2018**

**2018 Family History Fair  
October 13, 2018**

**Genealogy Lock-In  
October 19, 2018**

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**Fair**

- All categories are open to ages 11-14 and 15-18.
- Classes and work sessions will be held at the library during the summer to assist participants. Dates of classes and work sessions will be announced on the library website [cityofbrenham.org/library](http://cityofbrenham.org/library) and the genealogical society website [bluebonnetgenealogy.org](http://bluebonnetgenealogy.org). Classes and work sessions will begin in June.
- Participants should provide a signed permission form in order to participate in classes, work sessions or Fair. The signed form can be presented to the instructor at the beginning of a class, work session or given to the librarian or assistant librarian.
- All entries must be the original work of the participant; the use of tree, chart, or interview questions not researched or produced by the student, will not be permitted. Each statement of a fact must include a source.
- Entry forms due on or before September 28, 2018, and should be turned in to one of the contacts at the library.
- Participants must be present to display their entry, present their entry to the judges and answer any questions on October 13, 2018, at the library. Times will be announced.
- Entries will be displayed during the library's Genealogy Lock-In on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and all participants are encouraged to attend and learn more about genealogy.

**Prizes**

First prize in each category and age group is \$50.00

Second prize in each category and age group is \$25.00

Winners will be recognized before the Brenham City Council and Washington County Genealogical Society.

## Categories

Start climbing your family tree by participating in one of the following categories:

- **Family Tree**

Research your family tree to determine names, dates, places of importance in current and past generations. These should be displayed on a family tree chart (pedigree chart) and a family group sheet. The family tree should at the least contain details such as birth, death, marriage, and burial information. The group sheets will show the participant and his place in the family, his brothers, sisters, parents, and grandparents' names. Additional generations may be shown. A list should indicate methods and resources used to prepare the tree. Each statement of a fact must include a source.

This category will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Depth and thoroughness of research
2. Creativity in making project display
3. Completeness in matching the category description

- **Family History Video**

Interview a family member using the green screen in the library or another video source and location. The interview can focus on family history, artifact, photograph, or the individual's reminiscences. The video should be 10 to 15 minutes in length. The video background should enhance the presentation. The interview should be recorded and the video file should be submitted for judging through the link found at [cityofbrenham.org/library](http://cityofbrenham.org/library). A family tree or family group sheet should be prepared showing the interviewer's relationship to the person interviewed. The interviewer will provide a written summary or statement of what he considers the most memorable part of the interview.

This category will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Skill of the interviewer
2. Depth and thoroughness of interview
3. Creativity in areas such as background, memorabilia, and interview questions
4. Completeness in matching the category description

- **Individual's Memories or Memorabilia of the Washington County Fair Video**

Interview an individual who has memories or souvenirs from the Washington County Fair which is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The interview can take place in front of the green screen in the library or another video source and location. The interview can focus on personal experience, artifact, photograph, ribbon, or the individual's reminiscences. The video should be 10 to 15 minutes in length. The video background should enhance the presentation. The interview should be recorded and the video file should be submitted for judging through the link found at [cityofbrenham.org/library](http://cityofbrenham.org/library). A family tree should be prepared on the individual interviewed or the subject of the interview. The interviewer will provide a written summary or statement of what he considers the most memorable part of the interview.

This category will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Skill of the interviewer
2. Depth and thoroughness of interview
3. Creativity in areas such as background, memorabilia, and interview questions
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*Permission / Registration Form*

Form should be turned in prior to or at the first class or work session attended.

\_\_\_\_\_ has permission to participate in the 2018 Family History Fair, classes and/or work sessions which will be provided by the Washington County Genealogical Society along with the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library during the summer months. The student's research may possibly uncover sensitive family information. The judging will be on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Parental permission must be received prior to participating in the program which includes classes, work sessions or the Fair.

\_\_\_\_\_ Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number of Responsible Party

\_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number or Email of Student

**Entry Form  
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\_\_\_\_\_ **Participant's Name**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Category**

**11 to 14 Years**     **15-18 Years**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Participant's Phone or Email**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Parent or Guardian's Name**

*A permission slip must be received in addition to the entry form. If one has not been turned in at a class and work sessions, please include a copy with the entry form.*

***Classes and Workshops will be presented by Washington County Genealogical Society at the library to assist students with preparation for the Family History Fair.***

Classes (lectures) will be approximately 45 minutes in length and workshops (hands on) will provide assistance for an hour.

Permission forms are required at your first class or workshop. Once a form is received your name will be placed on a roster.

**CLASSES**

<b>June 7</b>	<b>4 PM</b>	<b>Genealogy Basics</b> Learn some basic steps in beginning your search for your family history. The course will cover areas such as documents to search, home sources, and online sources. You will be introduced to the pedigree chart, source summary form for chart and family group sheet.
<b>June 13</b>	<b>2 PM</b>	<b>Using the Internet for Genealogy</b> Learn how to use the internet programs to search for records online. The course will show the use of free sources such as Family Search, Find A Grave and Portals of Texas. An overview of Ancestry, which is available at the library, will be covered. The information you find on these sources will help you build your family tree.
<b>June 26</b>	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>Interviewing Skills</b> Learn the why, what, when, where and how in questioning an individual to gain the best information for your family history. Learn how to preserve the interview information by recording and sharing with others.
<b>July 12</b>	<b>2 PM</b>	<b>Using the Library Green Screen Room</b> Learn how to record videos in front of a green screen wall at the library. Use the media room to upload your selected image (on a USB drive) as a background and make an MP4 recording file that you can take with you to edit or use as you wish.

**WORKSHOP Dates and Times**

**July 14, 2 PM; July 24, 6 PM; Aug. 2, 4 PM**