



April 2021: Finding Beginning Genealogy Books *continued*

The ITPLD has a Genealogy & Local History collection that contains a wide variety of resources for researching Genealogy Basics. Some of the resources include: books, magazines and handouts. Our collection includes Genealogy books at all levels of experience for a range of topics. These books can offer insight into comfortably using databases, avenues for accessing and deciphering records, and best practice for preservation and organization.

A starting Genealogy book that presents a good place to begin familiarizing yourself within the field of Genealogy would be: *Unpuzzling Your Past: A Basic Guide to Genealogy*, 4th Ed. by Emily Anne Croom (929.1072 CRO). Also by Emily Anne Croom, the book *Unpuzzling Your Past is The Genealogist's Companion & Sourcebook* (929.1072) makes a nice companion book. Both books showcase methods that can be used to conduct genealogical research. In addition to Croom's two books, the following list are also great suggestions for novice genealogists. Following are some readers' advisory recommendations for further interest in Beginning Genealogy Books:

1. [*Basic Genealogy*](#) by Stephen Szabadoes (929.1072 SZA) describes resources that are available and how to use them to find your ancestors and their history.
2. [*The Complete Beginner's Guide to Genealogy, the Internet, and your Genealogy Computer Program*](#) by Karen Clifford (929.1028 CLI) combines the traditional methodologies of research along with the technological methodologies. Clifford's book shows the beginning genealogy researcher how to use different mediums to obtain the best research results.
3. [*A Beginner's Guide to Online Genealogy: Learn how to trace your family history and discover your roots*](#) by Michael Dunn (929.1028 DUN) guides beginning researchers through the genealogy process with strategies for researching family history online.

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