The Library of Virginia Commemorates Archives Month in October with "Memory's Journey: Addressing Difficult Family History" Event

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(RICHMOND, VIRGINIA) October is American Archives Month—and this year marks 20 years of Archives Month in Virginia! For two decades, every October, the archival and special collections institutions around the commonwealth have collaborated to celebrate and raise awareness about the importance of our shared documentary history. What began as Virginia Archives Week in 2002 has grown into a statewide celebration of the institutions and professionals, who safeguard, preserve and make accessible records of enduring value. Learn more at www.lva.virginia.gov/public/archivesmonth/2022/.

This year's theme, 20 Years of Virginia Archives Month, looks back at past collective efforts with a special anniversary Archives Month poster. Participating institutions are also looking forward by sharing information, videos, programs, tours and resources to raise awareness about the importance of preserving and sharing cultural and historical documents from families, communities, states and the nation. Download the 2022 Virginia Archives Month poster.

The Library of Virginia commemorates Archives Month in 2022 with an Oct. 26 panel discussion on addressing difficult family history, as well as special tours of the Library on Oct. 22. Both events are free but require registration. See details below.

ARCHIVES MONTH EVENT
Memory's Journey: Addressing Difficult Family History
Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022 | 6:00–7:00 p.m. | Lecture Hall & Online | Free
Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219
Register: https://lva-virginia.libcal.com/event/9663614

Explore the ways that family histories are preserved by archival institutions throughout the commonwealth and how we encounter and interpret these histories today. What do you do when the difficult history you need to cope with is within your own family tree? How do you make peace with the actions of your ancestors? Does uncovering difficult history change life in the present?

These themes will be examined with Memory Wars podcast host **Mallory Noe-Payne**; **Timothy Kilby**, author of *Gourdvine Black and White: Slavery and the Kilby Families of the Virginia Piedmont*; and public historian and genealogist **Karice Luck-Brimmer**, community initiatives program consultant with Virginia Humanities.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy light refreshments and view a selection of original records on display from the Library's collections, including family bibles, local court records and state government records reflecting the evening's theme.

This in-person event will also be livestreamed on the Library's Facebook and YouTube **pages**.

ARCHIVES MONTH EVENT

Tours of the Library of Virginia

Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022 | 12:00 & 1:00 p.m. | Lobby | Free
Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219
12:00 p.m. registration: https://lva-virginia.libcal.com/event/9663556
1:00 p.m. registration: https://lva-virginia.libcal.com/event/9663558

Celebrate Archives Month this October with a tour of the Library of Virginia! Enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at one of the commonwealth's premier archival institutions and see items from our Special Collections. Tours are offered at 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. Spaces are limited, so register soon to reserve your spot!

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The Library of Virginia is the state's oldest institution dedicated to the preservation of Virginia's history and culture. Our online offerings attract nearly 4 million website visits per year, and our resources, exhibitions and events bring in more than 100,000 visitors each year. The Library's collections, containing more than 130 million items, document and illustrate the lives of both famous Virginians and ordinary citizens. The Library is located in downtown Richmond near Capitol Square at 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219. Learn more at www.lva.virginia.gov.