

Community Partnerships Update – March 2021

Find Your Ancestors: The Find Your Ancestors virtual program series has been highly attended and impactful for attendees. Local History Librarian Katie Stilp coordinates monthly programs via Zoom webinar and hosts expert genealogy researchers and professional historians. The three 2021 programs have had an average of 142 attendees in the live webinars. 205 attendees completed a Project Outcome program survey after the session to share their experience with the programs.

- 96% learned something that was helpful.
- 94% intend to apply what they learned.
- 93% felt more confident about what they learned.
- 84% were more aware of resources and services provided by the library.

Attendees also shared many detailed feedback comments. The following speak to the series in general.

- Just keep on having wonderful genealogy webinars!
- I liked that the host provided a flyer about the library and upcoming programs. I was already familiar with the presenter and knew she was knowledgeable and encouraging.
- The library is doing a great job of providing genealogy webinars. (Thanks Katie!) Thanks to the Friends of Appleton Public Library for providing the funds.
- Thank you for providing the public with free and helpful genealogy webinars to further our family research.
- Appleton Library has great programs -- some of the best in the country. Thank you!

Connecting Cards: Adult Services & Engagement Librarian Melanie Thurber introduced a new program called Connecting Cards to foster social connectedness amongst community members. This program provides pre-stamped, pre-addressed cards for patrons to pick up and write a message to a resident of a care facility. Cards are currently addressed to the Service Coordinator at Oneida Heights. If writers are interested in allowing for a return letter they are welcome to write their return address on the card, but it is not required. Oneida Heights has been provided with blank cards for this purpose.

