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Free Access to Ancestry.com

Natchitoches, LA, April 23, 2020 – The Natchitoches Parish Library (NPL), working with Ancestry.com has arranged for its patrons to have access from their homes during the COVID-19 crisis. Cardholders can now do research from home without paying for a subscription!

Users are able to search for specific family member records, such as birth, marriage, and death certificates, census records, and immigration records. Searched can also be narrowed geographically by continent, country, and state. Military, travel, tax, and land records are also available to users. Ancestry.com with your local library is a one-stop site for beginning your genealogical research or filling out your family tree.

To access this new feature, patrons must first log in at natlib.org. Then, after clicking on "My Account," and "Log In," enter their library card number and PIN. The patron's name should then be visible on the top right of the page. Click on your name, then click "Ancestry link," near the top of the page, in the center. If you receive an error message when attempting to visit the site, you may need to clear your browser cache or open a private browsing window.

If you need help accessing the NPL's digital services, you may message the NPL's Facebook page or email <u>alan@natlib.org</u>. If you do not have a library card, the NPL is temporarily allowing remote sign-ups via Facebook messenger or online at natlib.org. From the library's homepage, hover over "How Do I?," then click "Register for a library card?". You may also contact the library to reset your PIN.

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About the Natchitoches Parish Library

Knowledge. Connection. Community. The Natchitoches Parish Library serves the public and community through its competent and friendly staff by providing services and programs aimed at meeting the informational, recreational, and educational needs of our patrons. We seek to provide a beneficial and usable collection of information and activities to connect Natchitoches Parish residents to the world.