

Featured Speaker

Ilene Murray has been a genealogy researcher for more than forty years. A retired English and computer teacher, she has been publications director for the St. Louis Genealogical Society since 2000. She co-leads the society's annual research trip to Salt Lake City and is a co-leader of the society's Jewish Special Interest Group. She serves on the society's technology and social media teams and teaches genealogy and computer classes.



Ilene has been a writer and editor all of her life, beginning with a local newspaper column when she was a teenager. As publications director, she designs StLGS flyers, brochures, bookmarks, etc. She writes and edits the society's weekly blog, *StLGS News Flash*, writes for and edits the *StLGS Quarterly*, and creates, writes and edits pages for the StLGS website. She's published three books, edited several family histories for friends, and contributes to local and national genealogical publications.

BONUS CLASS for Participants ONLY

Follow-up class:

Saturday, 3 October, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Share something you've created and get feedback from the group.



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From Researching to Writing: Preserving Our Family Stories



A Hands-on Workshop Featuring Ilene Murray, StLGS Publications Director

Every family has stories to tell; it's what makes us unique and why it's so important to ensure our own history is saved.

Hands-on activities will include:

- Worksheets for collecting memories
- Story starters
- Creative ideas
- Sharing projects

Saturday, 26 September 2026

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

at the StLGS Office

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PROGRAM

Many of us have been researching for years, gathering names, dates, and places. Sometimes we forget that our family history is more than facts, and that's where telling our stories comes in.

You don't have to write a novel!

- Telling our stories can be done in many ways.
- If you've been reluctant to start because it seems so intimidating, let us help you take the first steps.

During the day, we will:

- Fill in story starters and worksheets
- Explore best practices for getting started
- Learn how to deal with family mythology
- Practice on the computer (bring your own, if you like) with some short writing

Space is limited: register now!



SCHEDULE

Our day's schedule is flexible; this is approximate.

9:00 a.m. Arrive, get settled, and get started!

Morning: *Start with Yourself: Autobiographical Writing*
Moving On: Organizing Your Writing Using MS Word

11:45–12:30 Lunch

Afternoon: *Family Mythology*
A Cornucopia of Creative Ideas for Sharing Family Stories

RESEARCHING TO WRITING REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

REGISTRATION

Before 14 Sept. StLGS Member \$50 Non-member \$60 _____

15 Sept. & after StLGS Member \$60 Non-member \$70 _____

StLGS Membership: Adult: \$40/\$45 w. paper *Quarterly* _____

Family Membership: \$45/\$50 w. paper *Quarterly* _____

Optional box lunch from McAlister's Deli* \$15 _____

Donation _____

Total _____

* LUNCH PREFERENCE (ONLY IF PURCHASING LUNCH)

CHECK ONE: SANDWICH OR SALAD)

☐ Roast Beef ☐ Ham ☐ Turkey ☐ Chef's Salad
☐ Gluten Free ☐ Dairy Free

(Coffee/Tea/Water provided; feel free to bring your own snacks.)

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