

31 Genealogy Activities for Societies During National Family History Month August 2013

The activities suggested for genealogy and family history societies are designed to increase awareness of your society and to perhaps even gain you some new members. They are in no particular order and you can choose to do as many or as few as you want.

I will be blogging each activity throughout August and you can follow my blog SHHE Genie Rambles at <http://www.shaunahicks.com.au/shhe-genie-rambles/> for further suggestions on each activity.

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Diary of an Australian Genealogist <http://diaryofanaustraliangenealogist.blogspot.com.au/> for my adventures throughout NFHM August 2013

1	Hold a NFHM event (this could be your regular August meeting renamed or even a library open day)	
2	Visit the AFFHO website http://www.affho.org/ and check out the benefits of membership and consider joining	
3	Start a Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/	
4	Visit the NFHM Facebook page for updates throughout NFHM	
5	Plan a membership drive	
6	Have a display table at your local newsagent	
7	Talk to your local council library about potential collaborative events	
8	Start a Twitter account https://twitter.com/	
9	Put your NFHM events in the NFHM web calendar so that they are seen by more people http://www.familyhistoryweek.org.au/	
10	Investigate funding to bring professional speakers to your area (often available through local councils)	
11	Start a society blog to publicise your events and publications - try Google Blogger it's free http://www.blogger.com	
12	Transcribe tombstones in local cemeteries if not already done - or perhaps do an update	
13	Plan an interesting speaker program for 2014	
14	Reward the society volunteers who keep the library open and help members and visitors with their research	
15	Consider a collaborative project with your local historical society	
16	Convert your card indexes (if any) to a computer database for easier access (not to mention a back up copy)	

17	Does your society newsletter or journal need a new look	
18	Does your library need a new layout (or tidy up)	
19	Contact your local newspaper for publicity on society meetings and any special events	
20	Hold a new members session at the library	
21	Have members bring a friend to the next meeting	
22	Investigate what local events you could have a display at	
23	Focus on attracting younger members	
24	Have someone greet visitors or new members at each meeting	
25	Consider doing something for the centenary of WW1 in 2014	
26	Are the war memorials in your area transcribed? If not think about doing it and perhaps even adding information on those listed especially for WW1	
27	If you have a website how user friendly is it?	
28	Start a genealogy book reading club and get members discussing new resources	
29	Encourage members to write their stories for your journal, perhaps even a prize for the best story each year	
30	Look at what other societies are doing for more ideas	
31	Plan to participate in NFHM 2014	
Congratulations we hope that you have gained some publicity and new members!		

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