

How can the FamilySearch Library help the Primary Organization?

Proposed Leader Training Curricula

Overall Goal: Increasing family history activities in families with Primary aged children.

1. Provide some doctrinal background as to why family history is so important in the “Gathering” of God’s children.
2. Provide an understanding of the new focus for family history called “**Discover, Gather, Connect**”.

Discovery: Young children, from an early age should begin to hear the stories of their ancestors from their parents. Resources that encourage discovery will be reviewed.

Gathering: Children in the 8-11 years age range can participate in “gathering” activities such as interviewing parents & grandparents for their stories, and saving these stories to family tree. They enjoy learning about family heirlooms, photos, and documents about their ancestors and can help add these to FamilySearch. They can add their own photos and stories as well.

Connecting: As children begin to participate in the discovery and gathering processes, their hearts begin to “turn to their ancestors”.

3. We will review and provide several common resources and partner websites that can help enrich family history activities for the children and their parents.
4. Provide library activities that help teach basic concepts- The following activities have been used and others will be developed to provide variety.

Summer time “Becoming a Family History Detective” program helps children to have a “hands on” approach as they look at birth, marriage, death types of documents and glean information from them. Searching for records on Ancestry gives them practice with research strategies. A basic concept of using “research logs” is also learned.

Current School year “Who’s Who” activity provides help in looking at, and understanding vital documents for clues that help them come to conclusions.

5. Provide activity stations that can be used in Primary activities, such as our computer labs, large interactive touchscreen TVs, family activity center, and others.
6. Provide support for the Ward TFHCs in preparing the Primary youth 11-12 years of age to find family names to take to the temple.