



P R E S E N T S :

# *"Using Historical Literature to Explore Your Ancestors' Lives"*

**S P E A K E R : K A R E N A . F O R T I N**

**Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 10:30am Eastern**

Virtual Program via Zoom. Go to [wnygs.org](http://wnygs.org) to register.

This program is open to the public.

**Program Description:** Historical literature, both fiction and non-fiction, can help us to better understand the world in which our ancestors lived and the events that shaped their lives. This presentation looks at how to use historical literature to flesh out the stories of our ancestors and provides example to show what can be learned.

**Karen Fortin** received a Bachelor's Degree in History and a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of South Florida. She worked at the Barbara S. Ponce Public Library in Pinellas Park, FL for 30 years before deciding to focus on genealogical research.

Karen's passion for history and research led her to an interest in genealogy. She began volunteering with the Pinellas Genealogy Society in Largo, FL in 2012, and was the society's president from 2014-2017. Karen began providing genealogy and history presentations in 2016 and has lectured at various genealogical societies and public libraries, and for other interested organizations. One of her goals is to help people explore historical periods, places, and events so that they can better understand their ancestors and the world in which they lived.

