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## Suncoast Genealogy Society

**Saturday, 24 Jan 2026, 1:30-4:00 pm**  
**Palm Harbor Library in the Conference Room**

# Timelines

*for Organizing, Analyzing, and  
Breaking Through Brick Walls*

**Program Speaker:**

**Karen Fortin**

Timelines can be a valuable tool in genealogical research. This presentation will explore ways to create timelines and use them to organize an ancestor's information, analyze this information for gaps or conflicts, and help break through genealogical brick walls.



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.

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