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and Agencies* **IN THE NEWS**

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GCPL Expands Genealogy Resources with New Databases

Gwinnett County residents searching for long-lost relatives have new resources available to them through the library. Gwinnett County Public Library (GCPL) added Findmypast, Fold3, and Gale Genealogy Connect to their genealogy catalog, which already includes Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest.

Findmypast is one of the leading suppliers of online family history records, currently offering access to a collection of over 2 billion historical records covering the United States, England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and other parts of the globe.

Fold3 features premier collections of original military records. These records include the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served in the military, courtesy of the US National Archives, The National Archives of UK, and many other sources.

Gale Genealogy Connect features a wide range of comprehensive references and is powered by

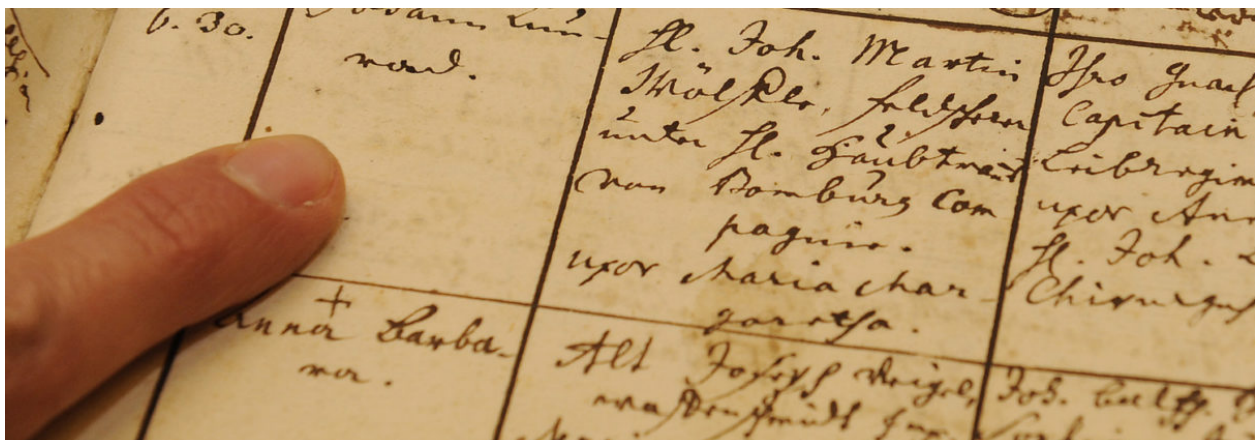
authoritative information from Genealogical.com. With these unique references, available for the first time online in fully searchable format, users can confidently connect the dots with authoritative contextual information, where the full story lives.

“It is especially meaningful to offer new genealogy resources as we celebrate Gwinnett County’s bicentennial this year,” said Charles Pace, GCPL’s executive director. “We hope this celebration encourages Gwinnettians to trace their roots and explore their past with help from the library. We also appreciate the financial support from the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners to expand our genealogy resources.”

Ancestry Library Edition and Findmypast are only available within the library. All other resources can be accessed by library card holders from home.

GCPL Earns National Achievement Award for Homegrown Gwinnett

Gwinnett County Public Library (GCPL) earned a Best in Category Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The awards honor innovative, effective county





government programs that strengthen services for residents.

NACo recognized “Fresh Ideas for Growing Community!” and Homegrown Gwinnett, a community gardening initiative funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services that provided each library branch with an aeroponic Tower Garden system. The project sprouted numerous programs on healthy nutrition, addressed local food insecurity, brought diverse cultures together through food, and has provided a unique STEAM experience for residents of all ages.

“GCPL is honored to be chosen for this prestigious recognition by NACo and the fact that important work the library is doing around food insecurity is being recognized,” said GCPL executive director Charles Pace. “We hope to further expand Homegrown Gwinnett in the coming year as we work to provide information about healthy eating habits to the people in our community, particularly the children. Homegrown Gwinnett is just one more example of how GCPL is on the cutting edge of library services across the nation.”

NACo President Roy Charles Brooks said, “Counties seize opportunities to deliver services more efficiently and build stronger communities every day. Achievement Award-winning programs are examples for counties that are determined to enhance services for our residents.”

Nationally, awards are given in 18 different categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement, and many more.

NACo recognized award-winning counties at its 2018 Annual Conference and Exposition July 13–16 in Nashville/Davidson County, Tennessee.

Started in 1970, NACo’s annual Achievement Awards program is designed to recognize county government innovations. Each nominee is judged on its own merits and not against other applications received.