



# Ukrainian Genealogy Group

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### **January Meeting**

Shirley-Ann Pyefinch, Director of the Ottawa Family History Centre (FHC), made an interesting and informative presentation to our group about "The Family History Center and Related Projects." We hope to have her PowerPoint presentation available from our website in the near-future.

But in the meantime, below is a summary of the main websites that she referred to in her talk:

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)  
[www.familysearchindexing.org](http://www.familysearchindexing.org)  
[www.familysearchlabs.org](http://www.familysearchlabs.org)  
[www.ottawastakefhc.on.ca](http://www.ottawastakefhc.on.ca)  
<http://familyhistory.byu.edu>  
<http://paftutorial.byu.edu/>  
<http://ce.byu.edu/is>

Members are encouraged to visit the Family History Centre to investigate their holdings and services. Information on location and hours of operation, see <http://www.ottawastakefhc.on.ca/>

### **Learning Ukrainian in Ukraine**

The Department of Modern Languages and Cultural Studies (MLCS) at the University of Alberta (Edmonton, Canada) invites

applications from individuals wishing to study Ukrainian this spring in Lviv.

For information about the six-credit courses offered, please visit:

<http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/%7eukraina/LvivCourse.html>

"Ukrainian through its Living Culture" (UKR 300/ 400) is one of several courses conducted in Europe by MLCS staff. It is open to Canadian and international students. Please do not hesitate to contact the instructor, Dr. Irene Sywenky [isywenky@ualberta.ca](mailto:isywenky@ualberta.ca) or the co-ordinator below to register your interest and/or obtain more information.

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### **Railway Employees (Provident Funds)**

The Library and Archives Canada has a new database available online with information on railway employees. The provident fund for retirees of the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island Railway was established in 1907. This research tool provides access to

21,710 references to people who received allowances, including Black Porters.

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/black-porters/index-e.html>

A number of Ukrainian names were identified from the Winnipeg area. The Item Display includes information on the following: Name; Date of Birth; Occupation; Location; File; Volume; (Archival) Reference.

### **Gene-O-Rama**

The Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society in partnership with the Ottawa Public Library presents the 26th Gene-O-Rama on March 27-28, 2009 at the Ben Franklin Place, The Chamber, 101 Centrepointe Drive, Ottawa.

On-line registration:

[www.ogs.on.ca/Gene-O-Rama/](http://www.ogs.on.ca/Gene-O-Rama/)

For information:

[www.ogsottawa.on.ca/](http://www.ogsottawa.on.ca/)

[www.library.ottawa.on.ca/](http://www.library.ottawa.on.ca/)

### **Travel to Ukraine**

*Return To The Source: Folk Arts & Culture Tour Of Ukraine - August 06-21, 2009 with Specialist Orysia Tracz*

Museums, Walking Tours, Lectures, Artists, Bazaars, Shopping, Traditional Food -- 14th Annual Tour

Kyiv, Kam'ianets'- Podil'skyi, Kolomyia, Lviv with visits to Khotyn, Ivano-Frankivsk, and the Carpathian Mountains (Kosiv, Yaremche)

Visits To Ancestral Villages Arranged

Price including air, accommodations, meals, museum admissions, From Toronto: CA\$

4135.00 Not included: taxes, add-ons from other cities, insurance. Single supplement on request. For reservations and details, call:

[www.greatcanadiantravel.com](http://www.greatcanadiantravel.com)

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### **Community Events**

February. 28, Saturday. 5:00 pm. Saint Vladimir the Great Council 9557 and the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Ottawa present **Perogy Night Family Dinner** at the Ukrainian Catholic Shrine hall, Green Valley Crescent. Featuring traditional favourites: Perogies (varenyky), Sauerkraut & Kovbasa. Raffle, Door Prizes & Entertainment. Adults: \$15, children \$8, & children under 6 Free. Contact: Michael Jaz: 613-830-7787

March 3, Tuesday. 7:30 pm. The Chair of Ukrainian Studies and UCPBA (Ottawa) invite you to the Ivan Franko Memorial Lecture: Prof. Alex Motyl, of Rutgers Univ. on "**Will Russia Reestablish an Empire?**" The Lounge, New Residence, 90 University Private, University of Ottawa Campus. Free admission. Register at [chairukr@gmail.com](mailto:chairukr@gmail.com) limited seating.

March 7, Saturday 7:30 pm. Film, **A Kingdom Reborn: Treasures from Ukrainian Galicia**, a superb history of Halychyna and its culture. In English. At Saint Paul University amphitheatre, Guigues Hall. [www.akingdomreborn.com](http://www.akingdomreborn.com)