

Spring 2020 Newsletter

During these uncertain times, we hope this newsletter finds you and your families healthy and safe. Our plans for 2020 are changing as we adhere to social distancing directives from our Governor. As a result, our monthly meetings are postponed until further notice as the Pompton Lakes Library is closed in observation of state mandates for COVID-19.

Despite lockdown limitations, we are planning new ways to connect with our membership. We are proceeding with the third year of our "One Book One Town" program, and are starting to offer programs online, like our upcoming Genealogy workshop with Eric Migdal. More details on these events and more resources to make the most of your homebound time follow. Stay well and read on!

Temporary Postponement of Our Programs

Given the current unique circumstances, we are making adjustments to our regular activities. As the Pompton Lakes Library remains closed in accordance with state mandates for COVID-19, we are temporarily suspending our monthly meetings and regularly scheduled activities.

Look for announcements regarding re-opening of the Library on the it's [website](#) and [Facebook](#) pages. Updates on meetings and events from The Friends of the Library can be found on our [Facebook](#) page, and in future newsletters.

Genealogy Workshop Explores Your Roots

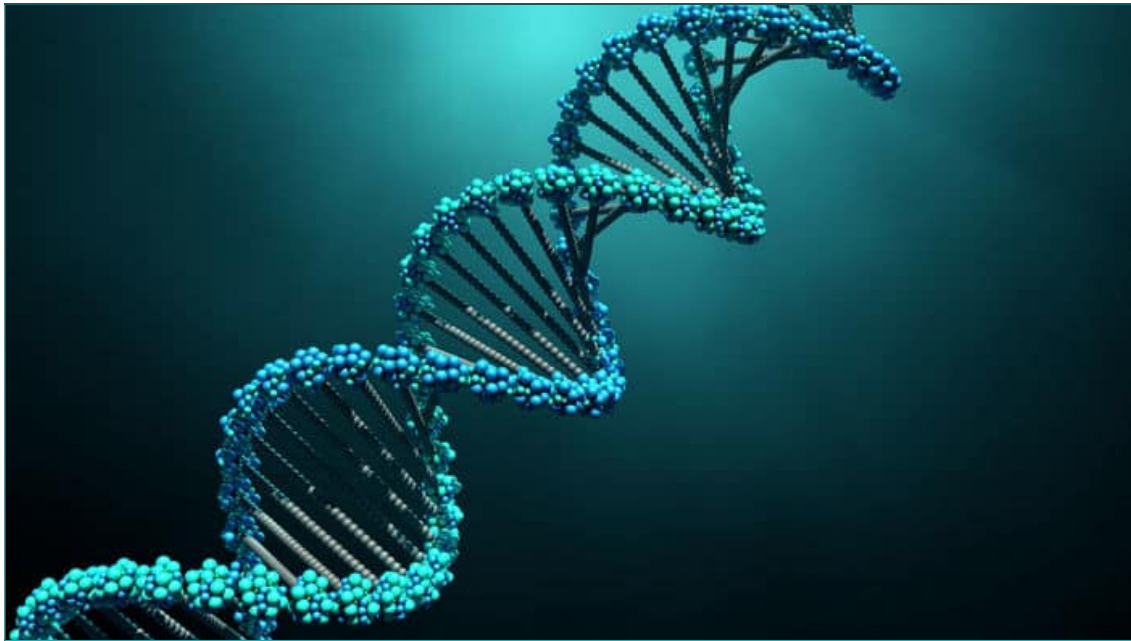
Following our successful Introduction to Genealogy session last year, we promised to come back with a follow-up. Although COVID-19 has interrupted our regular program schedule, we've been working hard with Eric Migdal of 'It's All Relative Genealogy LLC' to put together a small online workshop.

Date: Wednesday, May 6th

Time: 7:00 pm

Join us using your phone, desktop or tablet. Places are limited to six participants, but if there's more interest, we'll run it again.

Eric will introduce some resources and work to get you started. No experience is necessary, and it'll be interactive, so you can ask questions in a secure environment. [Click this link](#) to sign-up and we'll email the first six people with the Zoom details.



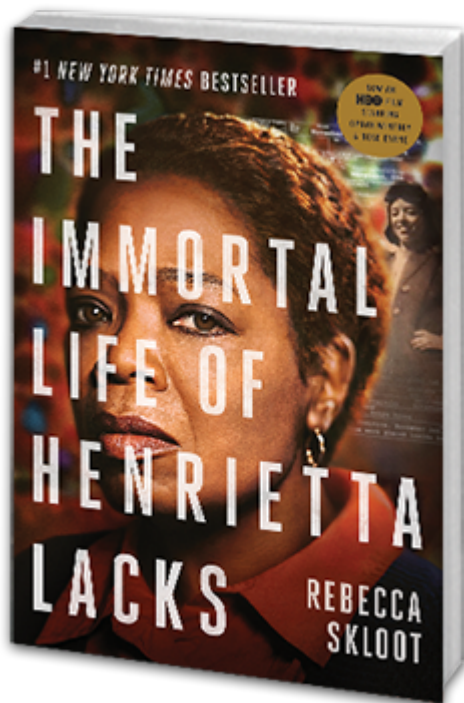
Announcing the 2020 One Book One Town Title!

We are pleased to announce this year's selection for One Book, One Town 2020: "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot. This NY Times #1 bestseller was released in 2017 as an HBO movie, starring Oprah Winfrey.

Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells, taken without her knowledge in 1951, became one of the most important tools in

medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, in vitro fertilization, and more. Henrietta's cells have been bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown.

Against the backdrop of the global pandemic we are experiencing now, the HeLa cell story examines the same issues we face today: the complicated relationships among race, health care and medical ethics. Find copies of the books on Overdrive and Amazon linked below.



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