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DNA Testing for Genealogy

You've probably seen those TV ads for online DNA testing — the ones where happy people who were unsure about their ethnic background discover a new heritage. If you're working on a family tree and have hit a dead end, you may wonder if one of these tests might help nudge your research back another generation or two. But even a quick online search will bring up a confusing array of tests — Y-DNA, autosomal, mitochondrial — and none of them is cheap. How far back will each of them take you? How do you decide which test is best for your purposes?

Joyce Fingland from the Ontario Genealogical Society will answer these questions and give further information, starting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4, at the Isabel Turner Branch of the Kingston Frontenac Public Library. This presentation will outline the kinds of results provided by two major players, Ancestry and Family Tree DNA. Joyce will explain the pros and cons of each service and show how each has helped form her own family tree.

This event is open to all, but seating is limited. To avoid disappointment, please register in advance, starting on Saturday, November 24, at 9 a.m., and may be done online at events.kfpl.ca or by phone at (613) 549-8888. For more information, visit www.kfpl.ca.

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