We discontinued our Ancestry subscription several years ago due to the cost.  We have been using My Heritage and Newspapers.com which is not expensive.

Annette Adams  
Goodland Township Library

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We dropped Ancestry once patrons couldn't access it at home any longer. We've had a few disappointed patrons ask about it but even with remote access the usage was dwindling.

Matt Church, Library Director

Berkley Public Library

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Hi Mary

MyHeritage is not a comparable substitute for Ancestry, at least not in my personal (amateur genealogist) opinion. The biggest difference is the lack of family tree and ability to connect records to your ancestors. Some MyHeritage records are links to FamilySearch, a free index that has family tree builder functionality, so your patrons could build a new family tree. Though in this case they'd be better off just working in FamilySearch.

Here at EMU we had HeritageQuest before the switch to MyHeritage. After the switch, we received several complaints about the contents and searchability of MyHeritage.

I don't know about public library pricing, but when I asked ProQuest for quotes for Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest, the latter was much more reasonably priced. Unfortunately, we could not afford either at the time.

Kathie Mason

Eastern Michigan University Library

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We canceled our Ancestry subscription about 3 years ago when we changed directors (our previous director was an accomplished genealogist, and encouraged patron usage, so it got a lot of use).

I tried to use MyHeritage as a substitute, but I couldn’t get access. I tried repeatedly, and even referred it to our IT person, who did not solve the problem. I gave up, and haven’t given it another thought until your email this morning, when I tried again. And it works.

So, I’m not sure how useful it will be yet, but I’m going to give it a try. At the very least you know that I miss Ancestry dreadfully, and that we had a challenge getting access to MyHeritage.

Best,

**Anne E Oyerly**

James White Library

Andrews University

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MyHeritage is quite robust, and with the other free resources available online I feel like Ancestry isn't necessary, it's just the most recognized 'brand' of genealogy information. Feel free to grab from our resource list to help your patrons find information: <http://shermantwplib.weebly.com/genealogy.html>

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Hello!  So speaking from a new user of the genealogy sites, I have found different info on each one, so I appreciated having both available at the library, but as a librarian, $8+ cost per use is insane.  I wish they still offered at-home access but if people aren't using it enough to get the cost per use down, then maybe time to drop it.

I also use [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) which is free if you sign up for an account but it is run by a religious organization so some people might not want to share their info.  Good luck!

Sincerely,

Adrienne Breznau

Royal Oak Public Library

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