



Planning Ahead for Looking Back: How Libraries Will Commemorate the 250th

VLA 2025

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Mission of the Commission

Vermont's 250th Anniversary Commission will inspire all Vermonters to learn from the history, legacy, and context of the past to build strong Vermont communities for the future. Through collaborative local and statewide initiatives that explore an inclusive history of the American Revolution, Vermont 250 will support and encourage the preparation, planning, and execution of programs and events that examine a formative period of our nation and how it continues to shape our culture and values.

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Themes

This anniversary period will allow all Vermont communities to share their histories, which include stories more diverse than are commonly known and can serve to unify all Vermonters. The VT250th Commission encourages every community to take part, no matter how big or small the event(s) or activities.

Unfinished Revolutions

Power of Place

We the People

American Experiment

Doing History



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Weathersfield Proctor Library

A few years back the archivist/librarian at the historical society discovered the original 1775 Articles of Association for the town. Using the list of the participants in that gathering a play is being written and produced to tell whether they voted for supporting the British or the American cause. Research has been done on each participant and costumes are being made. The performance of the play will be at the Fort at #4, at the local school, and at the Meeting House in town. A book will be locally published with all the documents referenced, the play, and an account of the production. Their 250th Committee includes the library director (Mark Richardson), a library trustee (John Waite), the president of the Weathersfield Historical Society (Ellen Clattenberg), and the archivist (Patti Arrison) who discovered the Articles of Association.

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Woodbury Community Library

The Woodbury Community Library is part of their local 250th Committee and is using their grant for software to create an accessible file of digitized historical documents from the Vermont Historical Society. These documents relate to historical events and people of the town. The library will host a social event to present the information and expand upon the items in the collection.

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Bixby Library's Five Towns – a Hotbed of Democracy

Bixby Memorial Library's program brings together Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Vergennes, and Waltham, through the collection and the creation of an exhibit of new oral histories. Teen volunteers, collaborating with local history educators (Historical Societies of Ferrisburgh, Addison, Vergennes, and the John Strong House), will collect and share oral histories centering on themes related to democracy and the nation's semi-quincentennial. To promote diversity and intergenerational collaboration, students and community members will be paired together to record and share each other's stories. This approach encourages students to reflect upon the American Revolution and consider how their experience differs from those of previous generations. Students will spend time learning about American history and the fight for democracy; voting and the responsibilities of citizens; and the fight for civil rights and its associated challenges. These oral histories will unite with existing historical collections in an exhibit that represent the towns' distinct yet interconnected voices; bringing history to life and shedding light on the influences, perspectives, and hopes of those living in Addison County across the last 250 years.

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Quiet Valley Quilters

[Bennington Quiltfest 2025](#)

Special Exhibit: AMERICA 250 - America's Semiquincentennial, on display September 13th-14th
Mount Anthony Union Middle School

Quilts by Charlene Adams and Sharon Shorey



Vermont Schoolgirl Sampler Driving Tour

In cooperation with the State of Vermont's 250th Commemoration of the start of the American Revolution in 1775, this is a self-directed driving tour of 20 locations (museums, historical societies, and public libraries) which have 19th century schoolgirl needlework samplers on view. These samplers are made by the descendants of Revolutionary War Veterans and showcase the values, artistry, and degrees of success of these families. Many privately owned samplers, never seen in public before, will be on view for the very first time!

May 30, 2025-October 2025



Discussion time:

What are you doing at your library?

What audiences are you serving?

What do you need?

What themes are you incorporating?

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What local partnerships can you utilize?

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From The Department of Libraries:

New [book list](#) featuring titles for *all ages* to explore and learn!

This list features nonfiction, biography, and narrative nonfiction titles.

Book list items are available in *print and digitally* to *educators, librarians, and students* through **interlibrary loan** and **the Palace Project app**.

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In anticipation of the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence signing on July 4, 2026, the Vermont Department of Libraries offers a new book list featuring titles for all ages to explore and learn. Book list items are available in print and digitally to educators, school librarians, and students through the Vermont State Library, through interlibrary loan, and through the Palace Project app. The list features a wide range of nonfiction, biography, and narrative nonfiction titles. Discover not only the people and the history, but the legacy and context of the events, including the American Revolution in Vermont. Explore history and help build strong Vermont communities for the future.



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Events - Month View

Month List

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
					Expedition to Ticonderoga; Ethan Allen, the Green Mountain Boys, and America's First Victory Fri, 05/02/2025 - 12:00	REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ Living History Event: For the Good of the King's Service Sat, 05/03/2025 - 10:00 Expedition to Ticonderoga; Ethan Allen, the Green Mountain Boys, and America's First Victory Sat, 05/03/2025 - 12:00
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ Living History Event: For the Good of the King's Service Sun, 05/04/2025 - 10:00 Expedition to Ticonderoga; Ethan Allen, the Green Mountain Boys, and America's First Victory Sun, 05/04/2025 - 12:00					REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ Battle Reenactment: No Quarter! Fri, 05/09/2025 - 10:00 Ethan Allen in Castleton Fri, 05/09/2025 - 18:00	REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ Battle Reenactment: No Quarter! Sat, 05/10/2025 - 10:00 REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ Evening Capture of Fort Ticonderoga Sat, 05/10/2025 - 19:30
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ Battle Reenactment: No Quarter! Sun, 05/11/2025 - 10:00						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
						REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ Living History Event: Memorial Day Weekend Sat, 05/24/2025 - 16:00
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ Living History Event: Memorial Day Weekend Sun, 05/25/2025 - 10:00	The American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibition on Tour Mon, 05/26/2025 - 10:00	The American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibition on Tour Tue, 05/27/2025 - 10:00	The American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibition on Tour Wed, 05/28/2025 - 10:00	The American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibition on Tour Thu, 05/29/2025 - 10:00	Fort Ticonderoga's Annual History Conference for Educators "The American Revolution" Fri, 05/30/2025 - 08:00 Vermont Schoolgirl Sampler Driving Tour Fri, 05/30/2025 - 09:00 The American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibition on Tour Fri, 05/30/2025 - 10:00	Vermont Schoolgirl Sampler Driving Tour Sat, 05/31/2025 - 09:00 The American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibition on Tour Sat, 05/31/2025 - 10:00

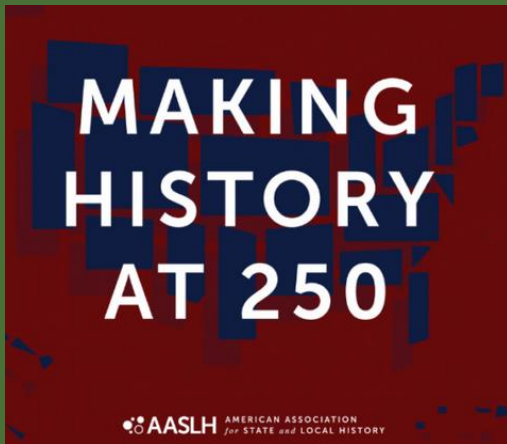
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