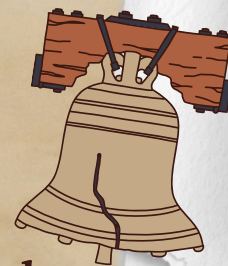




Revolutionary War Lectures



Thursdays in July, 2026
6:30 pm; free to attend

Presented by Dr. Matthew Warshauer

Series funded by Pat Moran, and sponsored by the Avon Historical Society, Avon Library, and Avon Senior Center

July 9th: When the Connecticut River Decided the Revolution

(at the Avon Library, 281 Country Club Rd., Avon, CT 06001)

We know that the CT River divides Red Sox and Yankee fans, but did you know it also determined Connecticut's revolutionary outlook? There existed in the colony a distinct East of the River, West of the River outlook on everything from economics to religion to land availability, all of which shaped a violent and politically driven revolt on the part of the East.

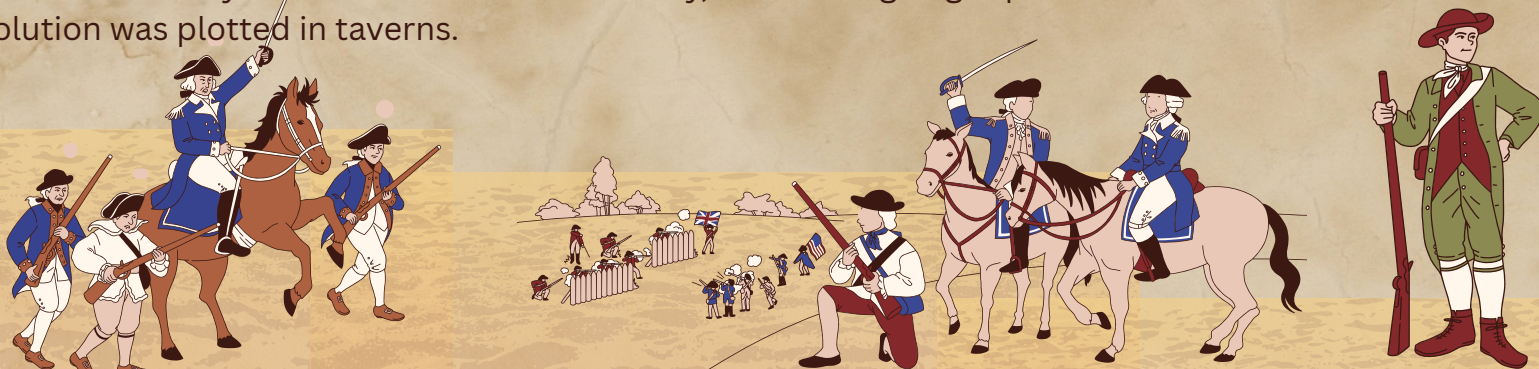
July 16th: Connecticut's Declaration of Independence (new topic as of 5/2026)

(at West Avon Congregational Church, 280 Country Club Rd., Avon, CT 06001)

Did you know that Connecticut has its own Declaration of Independence? Did you know that its timing was unique to the larger events going on in June of 1776 and reflected the quickly changing sentiments of the day. The Connecticut Courant and the pamphlet "Common Sense" played a big role in how the push for independence in Connecticut evolved.

July 23rd: "The American Revolution Wasn't Fueled by Water! Rum, Cider, and the Punch of Independence" (at the Avon Library, 281 Country Club Rd., Avon, CT 06001)

The bottle says it all: "Samuel Adams, Brewer * Patriot." And though "Sam the Maltster" wasn't particularly business savvy, his attention to the Sons of Liberty and American independence went far beyond his fleeting attempts at brewing. Fortunately, there were plenty of other opportunities to quaff the large quantities of alcoholic beverages that fueled the fire of revolution. Join Dr. Matt Warshauer, professor of history at Central CT State University, for an intriguing exploration of how the American Revolution was plotted in taverns.



Please register for each event individually at www.avonctlibrary.info. The first and third lecture will be at the Avon Free Public Library, the second will be at West Avon Congregational Church.