

LITCHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MUSEUM | INGRAHAM LIBRARY | TAPPING REEVE HOUSE & LITCHFIELD LAW SCHOOL | MEADOW



School and Youth Programs

Our inquiry-based programs use Litchfield's rich history as a window to explore national historical themes. Using primary sources from our archives and artifact collection, our programs are created to align with the CT Elementary and Secondary Social Studies Frameworks and your classroom, homeschool, or youth group needs.

- Price \$5 per student / per program
- Chaperones free
- Minimum group size is 6 students
- One chaperone is required for every 10 students
- All programs last 45 mins - 1 hour
- Reservations are required for all groups and should be made no later than 2 weeks beforehand
- Facilities are wheelchair accessible

To Schedule a Program:

Contact the museum with the program(s), preferred dates and times, and the number of students

EMAIL education@litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org
or CALL (860) 567-4501
www.litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org



WE ARE A RESOURCE FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

With over 20,000 objects and 2,500 feet of archival material, there are many stories we can help tell. Call Kate Zullo, Head of Education, to brainstorm programs we can tailor for your classroom.

Examples of other classes we have developed programs for:

- CT History Day Students
- Education Psychology
- Global Studies: Civilizations
- English Literature

COVID-19 AND MASK POLICY

Health and safety of our visitors and staff is our highest priority. Many of our programs can be held in outdoors if necessary.

Indoor Programs: All visitors are required to wear masks and maintain social distancing.

Outdoor Programs: Visitors are encouraged to wear masks or maintain social distancing.



Hands-on History for Elementary Students

Perfect for grades 1-3, students use play and participation to make connections between their lives today and the lives of children in the past. Book individually or together for a fun, hands-on experience. These programs can also be held at your school.

Playing in the Past

What did children do for fun in the 1800s? Learn to play historical games - like graces, rolling hoop, and quoits - and make your own historical game to bring home.



The Early American Classroom

Step into an Early American classroom and experience how students learned in the past with a 1800s lesson.



Washington's Spies: Uncover the Story of Litchfield's Benjamin Tallmadge and the Revolution!

Ready for your students to become spies? Combine multiple units to fit your classroom needs and discover how American spies helped win the Revolution.



Washington's Spies: The Culper Ring

Using objects from the collection, meet Washington's spy master, Benjamin Tallmadge, and reenact how the Culper Spy Ring collected information about the British Army. Discover why the Culper Spy Ring was so successful.

Student Favorite!

Spy Skills 1: Codes & Ciphers

To protect written information, Tallmadge used an elaborate code. Students decode one of Tallmadge's letters and create their own cipher.

Spy Skills 2: Info & Invisible Ink

By 1779, the Culper Spy Ring was using invisible ink to share spy information. After uncovering evidence of invisible ink in Tallmadge's letters, students will write their own messages in invisible ink.

Heroes of the Revolution Walking Tour

Step back in time on a walking tour of Litchfield's Historic District. Discover the many ways men, women, and children in town contributed during the Revolution.

Step into History with Walking Tours of Litchfield's Historic District

Discover the power of place as students are immersed in the historic landscape on one of our themed walked tours.

Slavery Here: The Life of William Grimes

Explore CT's complicated history with slavery through the life of William Grimes, a man who escaped slavery and wrote his autobiography in Litchfield.

The Beechers in Litchfield

The Beechers were a family of reformers born in an age of reform. Visit the sites that shaped Harriet, Henry, and their siblings.



Politics and Political Action

Held in America's first law school, these programs combine civics, government, and history while exploring the creation of our nation and the impact of social and political movements.

Raising a Nation: America's First Law School and a Pioneering School for Women

Take on the identity of students at the Litchfield Law School and the Litchfield Female Academy. Discover the ways politics and society impacted education and how the students would go on to shape America.



Party Spirit: The Federalist and Anti-Federalists of Litchfield

Active participation and political debate are at the heart of American democracy. Engage in political discourse as you learn how the Litchfield Law School brought together future leaders from all political viewpoints.

Ballots for Both: the Fight for the 19th Amendment

Women and men in Litchfield and across American fought for decades to win the right to vote for women. Analyze letters and flyers from the archives to explore how grassroots movements can change America.



Litchfield Historical Society School Program Details

Be A Better Historian

Grades: Elementary, Middle, High

Themes: Research Skills, Databases, Analyzing Historic Materials

Time Period: 1700s-Present

Museums 101

Grades: Elementary, Middle

Themes: Museum Literacy, Community, Communication

Time Period: Present

Playing in the Past

Grades: Elementary

Themes: Children's Lives, Play and Recreation

Time Period: Colonial, 19th c.

This program is also offered OFF SITE.

The Early American Classroom

Grades: Elementary

Themes: Education, Community Building

Time Period: Colonial, 19th c.

This program is also offered OFF SITE.

Settlement Patterns: Maps and America

Grades: Middle

Themes: Settlement, Maps, Westward Expansion, Travel

Time Period: 1600s-1720s

Washington's Spies: The Culper Ring & Spy Skills

Grades: Elementary, Middle

Themes: Revolution, Espionage, Communication

Time Period: 1770s-1780s

Raising a Nation

Grades: Middle, High

Themes: Higher Education, Law, Nation building, Women and Society

Time Period: 1790s-1830s

Party Spirit: The Federalist and The Anti-Federalists

Grades: Middle, High

Themes: Political Parties, Media, Nation Building

Time Period: 1790s-1850s

Mock Trials at the Law School

The Amistad

Grades: Middle, High

Themes: Slavery, Law, Foreign Relations

Time Period: 1830s

Prudence Crandall

Grades: Middle, High

Themes: Race, Law, Activism

Time Period: 1830s

Hour of Conflict: The Civil War

Grades: Middle, High

Themes: Civil War, Technology and Communication, Home

Time Period: 1860s

Rightfully Hers: the 19th Amendment

Grades: Middle, High

Themes: Suffrage, Grassroots Activism, Communication

Time Period: 1870s-1920s

Walking Tours of Historic District

Heroes of the Revolution

Grades: Elementary, Middle

Themes: Revolution, Community cooperation, Perspectives on war

Time Period: 1770s-1780s

Slavery Here: The Life of William Grimes

Grades: Middle, High

Themes: Slavery, Self-determination, Writing

Time Period: 1820s

The Beechers in Litchfield

Grades: Middle, High

Themes: Reform, Abolitionism, Religion

Time Period: 1810s-1820s

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