

LITCHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Programs for Adult Groups

Make the next outing for your family, club, or senior group memorable with a personalized visit to the Tapping Reeve House and Law School and the Litchfield History Museum.

TO SCHEDULE A PROGRAM:

Contact Kate Zullo, Head of Education, with the program(s), preferred dates and times, and group size.

EMAIL: education@litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org

CALL: (860) 567-4501

BOOKING DETAILS

- On-site Programs: \$12 per person with a minimum cost of \$50. *Member discounts available.*
- Lectures: \$100 + mileage
- All programs last one hour
- Facilities are wheelchair accessible

COVID-19 AND MASK POLICY

The health and safety of our visitors and staff is our highest priority. Mask wearing is not required, but visitors are encouraged to wear masks or maintain social distancing.



Visit America's First Law School

In the years after the American Revolution, Litchfield was a socially and politically influential town. Tapping Reeve's Litchfield Law School and Sarah Pierce's Litchfield Female Academy attracted promising young men and women from across the nation.



The Noblest Study: The Legacy of the Litchfield Law School

Take a journey through the 19th century life of a real student who came to Litchfield to study. Discover how politics, society, and education came together.

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

One of the best ways to see Litchfield is on foot. Choose one of our themed walking tours, which all last one hour and cover approximately one mile.

Homes and Histories: Architecture of Litchfield

Learn about past residents and how their lives are reflected in the architecture of their homes.

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 found work in town.

Heroes of the Revolution

Discover how people contributed to the Revolutionary War efforts, from Washington's spy-master to the melting of King George's statue.

The Beechers in Litchfield

The Beechers were a family of reformers born in an age of reform. Learn about the patriarch Lyman Beecher and visit the sites that shaped Harriet, Henry, and their siblings.



Get an Insider's Perspective with Guided Exhibit Tours

Exhibits at the Litchfield History Museum share the social and cultural history of a small New England town. Each guided tour lasts one hour with extra time for independent exploration of the museum.



Highlight Tour of the Litchfield History Museum

Take a closer look at the objects and stories on display. This program is great for both first-time visitors and those looking to expand their knowledge of American History.



Staff Guided Special Exhibit Tour

The Society's special exhibits provide focused displays on significant stories from American history. Special exhibits change annually, see Website for more details.

Upcoming exhibits:

Antiquarian to Accredited: A Look Inside the Society - June '21-Nov '22
"To Come to a Land of Milk and Honey": Litchfield and the Connecticut Western Reserve – April '23-Nov '24

Lectures Bring the History to You

The Society offers engaging and informative talks for your event, senior center, or community space. These lectures are presented by a Society staff member and can be held in person or virtually.

The Litchfield Female Academy and the Litchfield Law School

Litchfield's two pioneering educational institutions shaped a new nation. This talk introduces the innovative educational approaches of teachers Tapping Reeve and Sarah Pierce, shares the experiences of their students, and reveals the lasting impact these schools had on the community and the country.

Ornamental Art of the Litchfield Female Academy

Learn how Sarah Pierce used ornamental instruction to support the Academy's broad academic curriculum in this talk focusing on the ornate embroidered pictures, watercolors, and other works of art created by students.

Anson Dickinson: A Big Talent in Small Paintings

Portrait miniatures thrived in America in the early 19th century. Learn about the art of painting tiny watercolor likenesses by examining the life and work of local artist, Anson Dickinson.

Spring Hill School: An Experiment in Education

Learn about progressive education in the early 20th century in this talk about Litchfield's Spring Hill School. Founded by co-principals and teachers Dorothy Bull and Mabel Foster Spinney, the school ran from 1926-1939.

Join the Brave Throng: World War I Posters

With the outbreak of World War I came the need for a nationwide campaign urging Americans to support the war effort. This talk showcases these marvels of graphic design, their purpose, and their impact on the public.

See More on a Guided Bus Tour

From country roads to sweeping views, guided tours on your own bus are a great way to see beautiful Northwest Connecticut. A Society staff member will come aboard your bus and present information on a route lasting one to one and a half hours.

The Boroughs of Litchfield

Learn how geography, economics, and culture shaped Litchfield's historical communities and created the unique identity it has today.



Relax and Enjoy the Tapping Reeve Meadow

The Meadow is a perfect place to have a picnic, meet a friend, stroll the grounds, or just take time to relax. Open everyday, from dawn to dusk.

The land surrounding the Tapping Reeve House has been re-imagined as a community resource with landscape elements that would have been found in Litchfield from the 18th to the 20th centuries.



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