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The Importance of Connecticut to the Revolution:

Monday, May 11th * 6:30pm–8:00pm

Fairfield Woods Branch Library

Noted storyteller and journalist **Mike Allen**, former host of the popular podcast *Amazing Tales About History*, will walk us through the key people and events in Connecticut during our nation's tumultuous march to independence, 250 years ago. Connecticut played an outsized role in winning U.S. independence from the British Empire with many prominent historical figures contributing to the formation of the new country. Connecticut was known as “the provision state” because of its supplies of food, clothing and ammunition to the Continental Army. Military actions in Danbury, Ridgefield, Saugatuck, Fairfield, New Haven, Groton and New London were significant. Roger Sherman, Israel Putnam, Jonathan Trumbull, Benedict Arnold, Noah Webster, and others played critical roles. Other notable figures (including George Washington and French General Rochambeau) visited the state frequently during the revolution.

*Mike Allen specializes in bringing history to life, through his background in journalism, radio broadcasting, podcasting and public speaking. Mike hosted the podcast *Amazing Tales About History* for four years, producing more than 200 episodes of interviews with experts on Connecticut history. For 10 years, Mike was News Director at Connecticut radio station i-95 FM (WRKI-FM) before becoming Press Secretary to the Mayor of Danbury. During a subsequent, 25-year corporate career, he worked and lived internationally, specializing in marketing and communications. He has lived in Connecticut for more than 50 years, currently residing in Danbury.*



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