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***Become an Eyewitness to History
Join Us, Sunday, August 19, 2012
Four o'clock in the Afternoon for
The Friends of Thomas Balch Library
2012 Fundraising Event
The Thomas Birkby House
Historic Leesburg, Virginia***

The Friends of Thomas Balch Library are commemorating the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 by inviting guests to a fund-raising event August 19 that will recount the events of the burning of Washington.

After the third U.S. Census in 1810, the mean center of population in the United States was determined by the U.S. Census Bureau to be in a field just northwest of Leesburg, Virginia.

As a result of the burning of Washington in 1814 by British forces, Leesburg itself became the capital of the United States—at least for a few days, if you accept the premise that the location of the capital is determined by the presence of the founding documents. As Washington burned, an ox-cart loaded with the original copies of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution as well as other records, made its way like a sacred Ark to the town. Disputes exist as to which of Leesburg's venerable buildings safeguarded the precious horde during the apogee of events in the War of 1812, but the story itself is well-founded.

On Sunday, August 19, guests of the Friends of the Thomas Balch Library's annual fund-raising event will hear a detailed account of the events from historian Anthony Pitch. He will tell the dramatic story of the British invasion of Washington in the summer of 1814, an episode many call a defining moment in the coming-of-age of the United States. The British torched the Capitol, the White House, and many other public buildings, setting off an inferno that illuminated the countryside for miles and sending President James Madison scurrying out of town while his wife Dolley rescued a life-sized portrait of George Washington from the flames.

A delightful and witty speaker, Pitch's gripping narrative is filled with vivid details of the attack.

Not confining his story to Washington, Pitch also describes the brave, resourceful defense of nearby Fort McHenry and tells how Francis Scott Key, a British hostage on a ship near the Baltimore harbor during the fort's bombardment, wrote the poem that became the national anthem.

The Friends' event will be held right in the center of Leesburg's preservation district at the historic Thomas Birkby House. Lot 59 was purchased in 1758, the year Leesburg was founded, by James Hamilton, a future member of the Virginia House of Burgesses. A wooden house on the lot passed through several owners and several enlargements. In 1814, a large stable was built on the east side of the lot, and the house was used as an ordinary—that is, a tavern. Guests there may well have heard a commotion in the middle of the night as the ox-cart from Washington rumbled through the quiet town.

In 1827 the Rev. Thomas Birkby, a lay Methodist preacher from Yorkshire, purchased the property. Birkby was also a coachmaker. He enclosed the house in brick, giving it the Federal appearance it has today. The stables were turned into a coach factory, a business which his son and son-in-law continued after Birkby's death in 1851.

Before the lecture, the guests of the Friends will sample Virginia wines and *bors d'oeuvres* from Savoir Fare catering. To request an invitation, please e-mail EVENTS@balchfriends.org, or call 703-737-2166.

Sponsorships for the event are also available. All proceeds go to endowment funds supporting activities of the Thomas Balch Library of the Town of Leesburg. Contributions to The Friends of the Thomas Balch Library are tax-deductible under Section 501(c)3 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

James P. Lucier

**BE SURE TO RENEW YOUR FRIENDS' MEMBERSHIP. CHECK YOUR LABEL FOR RENEWAL DATE.
PLEASE USE THE FORM ON PAGE SEVEN TO ENLIST YOUR FRIENDS TO BECOME MEMBERS.**

Excerpts from *The Thomas Balch Library 1997 Memories Book* *Celebrating the Library's Seventy-fifth Anniversary*

THE RULES OF THE LIBRARY

Early patrons (c 1920) received a small pamphlet which read as follows:

1. The dues are \$1.00 payable in advance, or \$1.50 allowing a magazine in addition to books.
2. The room will be open on Tuesdays and Saturdays between the hours of 10:30 and 12 pm, 3 to 5:30 pm and 7 to 9 pm.
3. When readers are present, general conversation is prohibited and subscribers are requested to transact their business in the library as quickly as possible.
4. Books for circulation can only be had from the Librarian.
5. Books classified as Reference Books can not be taken from the Library.
6. Books will be issued upon the personal or written application of a subscriber, for a period of two weeks, one novel and one non-fictional, and may be renewed in a similar manner for an additional two weeks. Books, however, designated by the librarian as **new books**, may be kept only one week and **cannot be renewed**. Additional books will be issued on the payment of five cents each.
7. Books will be issued to non subscribers on the payment of 10 cents each. Strangers will be required to make a deposit of \$1.00 which will be returned when leaving town.
8. A fine of one cent a day will be imposed for over detention of a book, and until this fine is paid and the book returned, no other book will be issued to the delinquent subscriber.
9. Books that are returned mutilated or defaced must be paid for by the subscriber to whom they were issued.
10. Current numbers of the magazines will be issued to subscribers, must be returned the next day the library is open, Or a fine be paid of One cent a day. Back numbers of magazines will be issued under the same conditions as books.
11. A subscriber in whose household any contagious disease occurs will not be permitted to withdraw books from the Library. If he has in his possession any books of the Library, he will be required to notify the Librarian and to hold such books until he receives instructions as to their disposition.

O. H. Tittman. C.O.Vandevanter,
W. H. Martin,
Committee on Rules

DANCE PETITION

This petition was presented to the original Library Board, which was responsible for organizing the Assembly Dances (c 1930).

TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF
THOMAS BALCH LIBRARY

We, the undersigned, do hereby petition that the rent for the Library be reduced to twenty dollars (\$20) and the closing hour for dances be extended to three-thirty [am]. Out of town guests complain that as they cannot reach Leesburg before ten-thirty they do not get the full value of their money when the dance is forced to stop at two thirty. And for this reason many have refused to attend the Library dances.

Therefore it will be impossible for the young people to rent the Library unless this request is acceded to as they cannot otherwise be sure of making the dances successful. We would like to help by renting the Library and are sure that the Library would benefit by our support. Parents would be glad to know we were dancing here in town instead of driving to some distant point.

Respectfully submitted.

[It should be noted, the signers of this petition included many well known and familiar Loudoun family names of Loudoun County.]

The Leesburg Assemblies

The early dances at Balch Library were the Leesburg Assemblies, and strictly by invitation only. They took place until WWII and thereafter, school dances and proms would be held in the library until the County took over the building in the 60's. Floors were wood and after WWII had to be worked on because they were puckered and made dancing difficult. The statue originally stood right under the center chandelier. The band would group around the stairs—a piano, a violin and a cello.

The couples dressed formally for the Assemblies, the girls in white, or pastels if they were particularly fast, and the boys in tuxes or a uniform if they attended a military school. They all first greeted the patronesses, seven ladies who sat under the windows in the west wing, usually dressed in black, who kept an eye on the proceedings. Girls curtsied and boys made a bow. Couples had to dance around the floor registers—boys were known to try to get their dates to stand directly over the heating vents, but a nice girl would never allow this sort of thing.

Refreshments were served in the back alcove — sandwiches and fruit punch, or intermission might be a small party at someone's home. Alcohol was never served, although many young men kept a flask in their back pockets, and some were rumored to spike the punch explaining that the chaperones had probably already had a few cocktails and wouldn't know the difference.

Besides the assemblies, coming-out parties, wedding receptions, and flower shows have been held here, as well.

Town Honors Thomas Balch Library's Ninety Years Ago Dedication



Mayor Kristen Umstattd presents the proclamation celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Thomas Balch Library to Ron Rust, center, President of the Friends of the Thomas Balch Library, and James P. Lucier, Board member of the Friends and former Chairman of the Thomas Balch Library Advisory Commission.

A "Memories Book" printed for the 75th Anniversary of the Dedication of Thomas Balch Library, puts forth this charming description of the "History of Thomas Balch Library":

"In the beginning it wasn't so much that Leesburg needed a library — it was that the sons of Thomas Balch wanted to erect a statue to their father's memory. Rumor has it that their respective wives wouldn't allow it in their homes, so a suitable building was needed to house it."

A 1932 article in the *Northern Virginia Magazine* gives us a rather more dignified version of the story:

"Mr. Robert Preston of Leesburg became acquainted with the late Messrs. Edwin Swift Balch and Thomas Willing Balch, of Philadelphia. It developed that these brothers had a sentimental interest in Leesburg because their father, Thomas Balch, Esq. had been born there. After his death they had commissioned John J. Boyle, of Philadelphia, to create, from photographs and other pictures and description of their father, a bronze bust of him ... The Messrs Balch suggested to Mr. Preston that it would be appropriate that the bust be given to Leesburg as a permanent memorial to their father and asked if there were a Public Library which would receive it. Mr. Preston explained that the Town had a small library society, not owning a library, and drew to their attention that a Public Library in Leesburg would be a most fitting memorial."



While the brothers donated \$10,000 to the building's cost, the balance of the more than twice that amount, was donated by Citizens of the Town, to buy a suitable plat of land and the finished library was dedicated May 22, 1922.

Early members of the Library's officers and directors included many leaders of the Town and the County: Presidents Robert Lee

Proclamation Commemorating the 90th Anniversary of Thomas Balch Library

WHEREAS, Thomas Balch Library was dedicated on May 22, 1922, in the Town of Leesburg by citizens of Leesburg and sons of the distinguished international lawyer and Leesburg favorite son, Thomas Balch, as a center of learning and culture; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Balch library today continues as a vibrant public/private partnership between the Town of Leesburg and dedicated citizens; and

WHEREAS, much of our community's rich and diverse heritage is contained in documents and records created by and for its people; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Leesburg's Thomas Balch Library is a repository preserving the historical and genealogical record of Leesburg and Loudoun County; and

WHEREAS, the archives of Thomas Balch Library collectively contain over 250 years of unique materials, ranging from hand-written letters and diaries to typewritten manuscripts, photographs, videotapes, and modern electronic data systems; and

WHEREAS, through these archives, future generations can more accurately study the past, learn from accomplishments of predecessors, trace ancestors, understand a community's pride of place, confirm property rights, and maintain laws, while celebrating the history of state and local communities; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Thomas Balch Library is to serve the educational and informational needs of the citizens of Leesburg and Loudoun County and to provide leadership to ensure identification, preservation, and use of the region's historical record; and

WHEREAS, the 90th anniversary of the dedication of Thomas Balch Library will be commemorated on May 22, 2012. **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia, proclaims May 22, 2012, Thomas Balch Library Day and urges all citizens to join in commendation of the work of the Library, and to explore fully this unique asset in our community.

Preston and Charles P. Janney; Directors William S. Grammar, John L. Gill, C. O. Vandevanter, Edward Nichols, William H. Martin, O. H. Tittman. Almost immediately, the library trustees determined to make Balch Library a repository of local history and genealogy materials. "A special feature will be made of Loudoun History and the Library Board has established a Loudoun and Virginia Historical Section."

From 1922, TBL was a segregated and private subscription institution until the 1960s, when it became part of the Loudoun County Library System. In 1994 the Town of Leesburg took ownership of the library and shortly after, instituted the extensive renovation and expansion found today: the finest history and genealogy library in the Tri-state area.

TBL at Genealogy Fair in Washington, D.C.



PHOTO: RON RUST

The Thomas Balch Library contingent at 8th NARA Genealogy Fair included *l to r, above*, Black History Committee member Mary Randolph, Library Director Alexandra S. Gressitt and Thomas Balch Advisory Commissioner James Roberts. Others helping included FTBL Board President Ron Rust and TBL Archives Specialist Elizabeth Preston, representing TBL at the two day event, April 18 and 19, in Washington, D.C. See *The Director's Letter*, Page 5, for full information.

Black History Committee Project at Frederick Douglass Elementary School Moving Forward

The Black History Committee continues to refine their time-line and photographic wall exhibit, slated to be mounted in the soon-to-open Frederick Douglass Elementary School in Leesburg. They have contacted individuals, researched various publications, and contacted organizations for assistance in their search for material for the project. In recent weeks, identification of photographs for the Wall were verified and text was fine tuned. The results have been submitted to the architect for a revised printable exhibit.

The revised exhibit will be reviewed by the Committee, for one last look before the project goes to construction. Review of bids for construction will result in awarding the construction contract in the near future.

The contractor will prepare the detailed construction drawings and the committee will then finalize the wall text and photos. The committee was unable to find a picture of Gertrude Alexander, and the picture of Marie Medley Howard may not be usable. If anyone has a photo of Ms Alexander, please contact: Sarah Howard-O'Brien at Loudoun County Public Schools: sarah.howard-O'Brien@lcps.org

When mounted, the exhibit wall will be located on the first floor near the school office, opposite the library. This prominent location also places it near the gym and cafeteria.

The committee is also donating to the school two benches that will be placed on the school grounds. The benches will have plaques in celebration of the earlier Frederick Douglass Elementary School. The plan is to place one bench at the front of the school near the entrance and the second on the south side of the school near the student drop off area. These locations allow excellent usage and visibility.



PHOTO: HERB DUVAL

Other activities of this busy group include:

The Black History Committee represented Thomas Balch Library at Purcellville's Heritage Day Festival, in May. Above, Louis Jett, Sylvia Johnson, and Herb Duvall sold books in the Book Nook. These were books and Monographs written and published by the BHC, in conjunction with The Thomas Balch Library and the Friends of Thomas Balch Library.

Over the past few years, the BHC has made a concerted effort to insure that each Loudoun County High School and Middle School library contains the full set of BHC publications, which the committee donates to each school. The Committee continues to work with the Loudoun County Public Schools to supply Black History documents to the Middle & High school libraries as new schools are opening.

A fund raiser Murder Mystery Night is in the works, to be held at The Senior Center At Cascades on October 13, 2012. Mark your calendars now.

THE BLACK HISTORY COMMITTEE OF THE FRIENDS OF THOMAS BALCH LIBRARY, INC., IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN THIS ACTIVE AND VALUABLE GROUP. WE WELCOME ALL PEOPLE INTERESTED IN FURTHERING THE SCOPE OF BLACK HISTORY THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY, AND BEYOND. FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT THE LIBRARY.

The Director's Letter

The grounds and gardens have been prepared for the Season. For those who live in the area or are here researching, take a moment to enjoy the fountain and gardens. With three benches arrayed around the fountain it is a perfect place to take a break from the hectic pace of life or from the depths of researching. The Town of Leesburg's Parks and Recreational staff and members of the Buildings and Streets and Grounds divisions are to be commended for their ongoing efforts to beautify and maintain the grounds.

For the last several years Friends of Thomas Balch Library have underwritten the honoraria for the fall and winter/spring lecture series hosted by the library. These events are a vital part of our mission and well received by the public. Without your ongoing support we would not be able to provide the public with such outstanding speakers.

While our winter/spring programs are winding down we will continue to host the monthly classes and have already scheduled fall events. In the fall there will be seven lectures ranging from discussion of ethnic communities to colonial settlement, and including genealogical research techniques, slavery, the War of 1812, and World War II. We will again host two tours – one of the County Courthouse historic records and one of Leesburg. A documentary, *Region Divided: Civil War in the Northern Virginia Regional Park* will be presented along with a panel discussion on Sunday, October 21.

The twentieth annual Loudoun History Awards will be presented Sunday, November 11 at Thomas Balch Library. Letters of nomination will be accepted by the Library Director on behalf of the Advisory Commission. For guidelines on nominating, please visit the library website at http://www.leesburgva.gov/index.aspx?page=84#Loudoun_History_Awards or call the library at 703/737-7195.

The library holds a large (over 500) collection of WAGE radio program and interview tapes. In May of 2011 we received the first Katherine "Kitty" Boyd grant of \$5000 from the Loudoun Preservation Society to preserve and digitize a portion of these tapes. In April of this year (2012) the library received a

\$10,000 grant from the Loudoun Library Foundation to complete digital conversion of another portion of the WAGE Radio tapes. For this project Shannon Fuller, Reference Librarian, has verified the inventory of tapes sent to Cutting Edge and will process the collection on its return. Being able to make this material available for public access is an exciting addition to our research holdings.

The library has been working cooperatively with The Library of Virginia's Newspaper Project. A number of our papers were borrowed by the Library for microfilming. These were recently returned along with 67 rolls of microfilm covering 22 titles. Some of the titles the library provided filled gaps in the historical newspaper collection both for Brunswick, Maryland (*The Blade Times*) and Leesburg, Virginia (*The Pamphlet*) - a Frank Raflo publication. Among other new titles now available for use on microfilm are: *Leesburg Today*, *Metro Virginia News*, and *The Middleburg Eccentric*. We look forward to continued cooperative ventures with the Library of Virginia Newspaper Project.

Our internship program continues. This year, Lisa Dezarn, a student at University of Wisconsin at Madison, will intern with us May 29 – August 18.

The Town of Leesburg's Council issued a proclamation for Library Week April 8-14, 2012. William (Bill) Ray, author of *Mount Gilead: History and Heritage*, and long time TBL patron accepted the Council's proclamation at a meeting on April 10, 2012.

The 8th annual NARA Genealogy Fair was held April 18 & 19, 2012. Members of the Friends' Black History Committee Board, and TBL staff volunteered their time to staff the booth. Ron Rust, Mary Randolph, James Roberts, Elizabeth Preston and I attended, answered questions and passed out literature on Thomas Balch Library, Leesburg, and Loudoun County. Some 564 people passed by our booth, asking questions, talking about Leesburg, and picking up brochures. We recorded over 1208 specific reference questions on a variety of topics. We look forward to participating in this event again next year.

It will be my pleasure to welcome you when visiting, attending programs, tours, and exhibits at Thomas Balch Library.
Alexandra S. Gressitt, Library Director

Exhibits – Summer, Fall 2012

MARGARET MERCER ROOM

- June-July: Charles Fenton Mercer and the Aldie Mill
Tracy Gillespie
August: Local & Regional Civil War Era Artifacts
John Creamer
Sept: Westmoreland Davis, the Farmer's Governor
Abby Pfisterer

LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM

- July-
September: The Dream Realized, A Challenge for Tomorrow
Dodona Manor
October-
December: Friends Who Photograph
Loudoun Photography Club

Upcoming TBL Sponsored Classes

Traditional Genealogical Resources

Thursday, August 3, 10a.m.-noon

Mary Fishback, Library Assistant, will introduce participants to basic genealogical research utilizing materials in the collections of Thomas Balch Library and how to organize their research.

Preservation for Home Archives

Thursday, October 4, 10a.m.-noon

Elizabeth E. Preston, Library Archives Specialist will introduce participants to the basics of preservation and discuss the best ways to house and protect personal archives. Topics will include proper ways to handle letters, books, photographs, and other media; common conservations needs; threats to paper and electronic media; and the dangers of non-archival storage products.

For more class offerings., See Fall *The Balch Column*

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Recently Catalogued Books, Partial Listing -- More to Come Next Issue

Sharmila Bhatia's *Vital Records*
 George G. Denny, Jr.'s *Historic Prince George County: A Confluence of Cultures*
 E. S. Craighill Handy's *A Genetic Study of Family Lines in Virginia*
 The Junior Women's Club of Loudoun's *Loudoun County Favorites*
 Loudoun County Office of Economic Development's *Dulles International Airport Industrial Sites in Loudoun County*
 Steven D. Tuttle's *Sources for Genealogists*
 James D. Walker's *World Conference on Records: Preserving Our Heritage, Aug 12-15, 1980*
 William Forbes Adams's *Ireland and Irish Emigration to the New World From 1815 to the Famine*
 The Daughters of the American Revolution, Iowa Society's *Revolutionary War Soldiers and Patriots Buried in Iowa*
 Mary B. Kegley's *Glimpses of Wythe County, Virginia and Glimpses of Wythe County, Virginia: Volume 2*
 William A. R. Goodwin's *The Record of Bruton Parish Church*
 William A.R. Goodwin's & Archer Rutherford's *Bruton Parish Church Restored and its Historic Environment*
 Cornelius Walker's *The Life and Correspondence of Rev. William Sparrow, D.D*
 Virginia Armistead Garber's *The Armistead Family, 1635-1910*
 Jill M. Sullivan's *Bands of Sisters: U.S. Women's Military Bands During World War II*
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 Eva Weber's *Great Photographers of the Civil War*
 David Phillip's *Maps of the Civil War: The Roads They Took*
 Robin Smith's & Ron Field's *Uniforms of the Civil War: An Illustrated Guide for Historians, Collectors, and Reenactors* William
 C. Davis's *Portraits of the Civil War*
 John J. Newman's *Research in Indiana Courthouses: Judicial and Other Records*
 Edwin Forbes's *Thirty Years After: An Artist's Memoir of the Civil War*
 Terry A. McNealy's *Bucks County: An Illustrated History*
 George N. Barnard's *Photographic Views of Sherman's Campaign*
 Robert H. Nelson's and Emma L. Nelson's *James M. Corns: The Ancestry and Life of a Warrior*
 The Virginia Genealogical Society's *Fairfax County [Virginia] Road Orders 1749-1800*

Hendrik Hartog's *Someday All This Will Be Yours: A History of Inheritance and Old Age*
 Alan T. Nolan and Sharon Eggleston Vipond's *Giants in Their Tall Black Hats: Essays on the Iron Brigade*
 Zoë Burkholder's *Color in the Classroom: How American Schools Taught Race, 1900-1958*
 Juan Gonzáles and Joseph Torres' *News for All The People: The Epic Story of Race and the American Media*
 Ruma Chopra's *Unnatural Rebellion: Loyalists in New York City During the Revolution*
 Gregg S. Clemmer's *Valor in Gray: The Recipient of the Confederate Medal of Honor*
 Frank C. Armstrong, Jr.'s *Flight...Yesterday. Today...*
 John A. Brayton's *Transcription of Lower Norfolk County, Virginia Records: Volume One, Wills and Deeds, Book D, 1656-1666 and Transcription of Lower Norfolk County, Virginia Records: Volume Two, Record Book C, 1651-1656*
 Frank E. Fields's *28th Virginia Infantry (2nd Edition)*
 Allan Nevin's *Ordeal of the Union. Vol. 1, Fruits of Manifest Destiny 1847-1852 and Ordeal of the Union. Vol. 2, A House Divided, 1852-1857*
 J. G. Randall's and David Herbert Donald's *The Civil War an Reconstruction*
 Bette A. and Kamm Y. Schreiner's *Genealogical & Local History Books in Print*
 Paul Stillwell's *Trailblazer: The U. S. Navy's First Black Admiral*
 John S. Moore's *A History of Broad Run Baptist Church, Fauquier County, Virginia, 1762-1987*

Recently Processed Manuscript Collections (02/12-04/12)

Friends of the Stone House at Harper Park, 1996-2009
 (M 057)
James E Copeland Scrapbooks, 1892-1925(M 070)
Address by Reverend John Dunn, 1818 (SC099)
Sam Legard Photograph Collection (VC 0037)
Research Materials Regarding Decision to Replace Frederick Douglass Elementary School Leesburg, VA, 1938-1971
 (M 073)
Jim Birchfield Photograph Collection (VC 0041)
L. Dow and Annie Hess-Israel Warner Deed, 1875
 (SC 0100)
Noble R. Tavenner-Israel Warner Deed, 1852 (SC 0101)
Charles Smith-Robert Coe and James Monroe Bond and Court Notice, 1822 (SC 0102)
 Additions to the *Sesame Club Records* (M027)
 Additions to *The Ladies Board of INOVA Loudoun Hospital Records* (M046).

New and Renewing Members

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Journey Through Time
 by Black History Committee of Friends of the
 Thomas Balch Library \$ 5.00

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 Fourth Earl of Loudoun**
 by Douglas W. Foard, Ph.D. \$ 15.00

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT THOMAS BALCH LIBRARY

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2012 FTBL FUNDRAISING EVENT

SPEAKER: ANTHONY S. PITCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2012 AT FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

AT HISTORIC BIRKBY HOUSE, LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

TO REQUEST AN INVITATION TO THIS SPECIAL EVENT, PLEASE CALL 703-737-2166

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OTHER ACTIVITIES AT THOMAS BALCH LIBRARY

Thomas Balch Library Advisory Commission sponsors the annual Loudoun History Awards and an award for excellence in historical research at the annual Loudoun County Public School Social Science Fair. It meets at the Library the second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. The public is always welcome.

Friends of the Thomas Balch Library, Inc., a 501(c)3 corporation organized to provide support for Thomas Balch Library, meets at the Library every other month. The public is always welcome. For more information call 703/737-2166 or visit www.balchfriends.org.

Black History Committee of Friends of Thomas Balch Library, Inc., meets at the Library the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 PM. The public is always welcome. For information visit: www.balchfriends.org.

Loudoun County Civil War Round Table meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM except January and February. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in Loudoun County's history during the American Civil War. Meetings are held at TBL unless otherwise noted. Next up: *The Twin Rivers Campaign* - Greg Biggs

Programs sponsored by Thomas Balch Library are held in the downstairs meeting room and are free unless otherwise noted. Due to limited seating we recommend registering in advance by calling 703/737-7195. For updated news on events visit our website at: www.leesburgva.gov/ThomasBalchLibrary/publications or follow us on Facebook. Thomas Balch Library is located at 208 W. Market St., Leesburg, VA 20176.