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# The Thomas Balch Chronicle

The Newsletter of Friends of the Thomas Balch Library of the Town of Leesburg, Virginia  
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*A Library for History and Genealogy*

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## Friends' Fundraiser Number Six A Great Success: Great Food, Drink & History

On Sunday, August 18, approximately seventy-five guests enjoyed a lovely late afternoon, with great wine and delicious bites from Purple Onion Caterers, in a perfect setting at historic Thomas Birkby House in Leesburg.

The real treat, however, was 'A Lesson in History' provided by author and historian Joseph W. A. Whitehorne. Please see **page two** for James Lucier's report on this most intriguing 'history lesson.'

Ron Rust, Friends of the Thomas Balch Library, Inc. president, was very pleased with the turnout. He indicated that this fundraiser netted nearly \$11,000.00 for the Friends' endowment fund, in keeping with prior fundraisers. And plans are already underway for next year's event, planned for August 24, 2014. All proceeds help support activities of the Thomas Balch Library of the Town of Leesburg.



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**L to R: Travis and Suzi Worsham, with Rick & Debbie Turner enjoying the festivities at Thomas Birkby House.**

## Check These Great Classes

Fall means 'Back to School' and at Thomas Balch Library, it's the start of a great array of free classes. These include subject-specific training by experienced staff or guest speakers. Classes are limited in size, with registration required. Classes are held the first Thursday of each month. For complete descriptions of the upcoming classes for Fall and Winter, please check your copy of the new *Balch Column*, just out. Below is a sampling, and there surely must be something to interest every taste. Check them out:

- Oct. 3: Introduction to On-Line Genealogical Resources at Thomas Balch Library.
- Nov. 7: Preservation for Home Archives.
- Dec. 5: Traditional Genealogical Resources at Thomas Balch Library
- Feb. 6: Information Seeking Strategies for Historical Research
- Mar. 6: Burned County Records in the South

**Hitch up the rig -  
It's time for these  
events, near and far:**



Eighth Annual **Virginia Forum**, March 13-15, 2014 at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. Theme this year: "Traffic."

**National Genealogical Society 2014 Family History Conference:** May 7-10, 2014, Richmond, Va. Theme: "Virginia: the First Frontier."

## TBL Advisory Commission Seeks History Award Nominations

Each year, since 1993, the Thomas Balch Library Advisory Commission has sponsored the Loudoun History Awards. And each year, this event recognizes the contributions of historian John E. Divine (1911-1996) in preserving local and regional history.

This year's presentation will be on Sunday, November 10 at 2 PM in the lower level meeting room at the Library. Mark your calendars now for this event. The wide variety of historical interest deserves particular attention, as each of the four nominees is honored.

To become involved in the nomination process, contact Alexandra S. Gressitt, Library Director for full information, or you can pick up a new brochure describing the entire method. Do it now, as the nominations process will soon close.

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## Whitehorne Gives Gripping Account of 1814 Niagara Campaign

By James P. Lucier

Lt. Col. Joseph W. A Whitehorne (U.S. Army Ret.) gave the Friends of the Thomas Balch Library a gripping account of the struggle between U.S. and British forces in the Niagara campaign of 1814 at the annual fundraising gala, held August 18 at historic Birkby House in Leesburg's old town.

The beautiful white pavilion in the formal gardens of Birkby House was an improbable backdrop for Dr. Whitehorne's meticulous, and sometimes grisly, account of the battles which raged up and down the short Niagara River, which flows out of Lake Erie and drops 165 feet to the level of Lake Ontario. Even as Washington was burning, far greater losses were taking place on the Niagara Frontier.

Fort Erie had been constructed on the Canadian side in 1767 in a strategic location at the junction of Lake Erie and the Niagara. It was directly across from the U.S. shipyard and later military encampment at Black Rock, a few miles north of Buffalo. The opposing armies kept crossing the river at this point, each creating devastation on both sides.

At the northern end, where the Niagara flowed into Lake Ontario, Fort George on the Canadian side faced the massive Fort Niagara, originally constructed by the French, on the other. Fierce fighting took place around the forts, which were taken, abandoned, and retaken as the battles raged back and forth. In the end both Fort Erie and Fort George were destroyed, and the toll of battle was counted in thousands dead on both sides.

Although American historians have considered the War of 1812 as "The Second War of Independence," its interpretation depends upon the view of the observer. "The Canadians know that they won it," said Dr. Whitehorne. "The Americans think that they won it, and the British know nothing about it," he added.



Ft. Erie Bastion explodes, but incident does not end the siege.

GOOGLE IMAGE, WAR OF 1812

In 1987, workmen building a subdivision at Snake Hill, just south of the restored Fort Erie, uncovered human remains. This discovery triggered an archeological survey of what proved to be the orderly burial of 31 young men. Virtually nothing remained except the bones and the uniform buttons which proved them to be all U.S. troops slain in the battles.

Dr. Whitehorne, as a U.S. Military Historian, was called in to be a technical advisor to the excavations. Forensic analysis led to many deductions. All the bodies were buried with their feet to the west, according to the Christian custom of being prepared for the Resurrection.

The average age of the dead was 22, and, surprisingly, they were six feet tall. Their bones contained little lead, suggesting that they were rural or lower class—the upper class ate from pewter plates (a lead alloy), while ordinary folk did not. Bone lesions where muscles had been attached showed a life of heavy labor. Worst of all was the appalling effect of 19th century artillery: In 26 complete skeletons, there were 56 fractures. All of the remains were returned to the United States and buried as heroes with military honors.

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Dr. Whitehorne is the author of many books on military strategy, including *While Washington Burned—the Fort Erie Campaign of 1814*.

## **Did You Know?**

As promised in our Summer issue, we are continuing our interesting and informative series of *True or False* and *Did You Know* segment, as compiled and presented last October, by Donna Bohanon, Events Coordinator for the Black History Committee at the dedication of the new Frederick Douglass Elementary School in Leesburg:

### **True or False**

There is a mural at the Thomas Balch Library depicting the entire history of the African Americans in Loudoun County.

**True:** There are two murals at the Balch that honor African Americans in Loudoun County.

On November 2, 2002 at the Balch Ball, the Friends of the Balch Library proudly presented a mural now placed below the skylight in the library's Margaret Mercer Room. Painted by renowned muralist William Woodward, the mural is comprised of four 29"x 22" panels depicting four aspects of Loudoun County history. One of the panels references one aspect of African American history in Loudoun County. The committee felt it important to display expanded depictions of African Americans and commissioned William Woodward to create another work of art; a painting that depicts other aspects of African American life, history and contributions to Loudoun County. The images include an African American stone mason, an African American family (past to present), a Church, African American horsemen, and a World War II Soldier.

### **Did you know?**

African Americans played an important role in Loudoun County's equestrian community; as highly successful horsemen and jockeys African American horse events such as the Colored Horse and Colt Shows were once held at the Emancipation Grounds in Purcellville and in St. Louis near Middleburg. Some notable African American Horsemen were Silas Randall, Colonel "Knot" Brooks and Chauncey Brown. (Information and Research from Deborah Lee moderator notes from Roundtable Discussion on African American Horsemen of Loudoun County held on October 10, 2004.) To find out more about Silas Randall and Colonel "Knot" Brooks, see *The Essence of a People II*.

### **Artist Sherry Zavares Sanabria Shows in NC and DC**

The Lee Hansley Gallery in Raleigh, N.C., will be displaying, from Sept. 5 through Oct. 9, a number of Sherry Sanabria's works, *Painting as Structure*.

Known for her images of, among others, desolate and deserted buildings, she is highly skilled in her use of light in her interpretations of these structures. She will be showing her series "The Corrections: Prisons and Mental Hospitals" at Hillyer Art Place in Washington, D.C. from Dec. 6 to Dec. 21.



See William Woodward website Murals, A Loudoun County Story <http://williamwoodward.com/WilliamWoodward/Murals.html>. (More information can be found at the Friends of the Balch Library website: [www.balchfriends.org/amural.htm](http://www.balchfriends.org/amural.htm).)

Also, Balch has several works of art depicting African Americans in Loudoun County including a portrait of Howard W. Clark, Sr. and a work of art donated by Katherine Summers, Illustrator of *In the Watchfires*.

***The Black History Committee of the Friends of Thomas Balch Library, Inc., is seeking new members to join us in our exciting and valuable activities.***

***We welcome all people interested in furthering the scope of Black History throughout our county. . . and beyond.***

***We meet every fourth Tuesday at 7 pm at the Library.***

***Want to know more?***

***Contact: Thomas Balch Library***

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## Newly Catalogued Books, May-July 2013

- Broadwater, John D. *USS Monitor: A Historic Ship Completes its Final Voyage*
- Coffin, Howard *The Battered Stars: One State's Civil War Ordeal During Grant's Overland Campaign*
- Kierner, Cynthia A. & Loux, Jennifer *Changing History: Virginia Women Through Four Centuries*
- May, Gary *Bending Toward Justice: the Voting Rights Act and the Transformation of American Democracy*
- Rice, James D. *Tales from a Revolution: Bacon's Rebellion and the Transformation of Early America*
- Steffes, Tracey Lynn *School, Society, and State: A New Education to Govern Modern America, 1890-1940*
- Lewis, David L., ed. *Red Activists and Black Freedom: James and Esther Jackson and the Long Civil Rights Revolution*
- Simpson, Pamela H. *Corn Palaces and Butter Queens: A History of Crop Art and Dairy Sculpture*
- Daise, Ronald *Reminiscences of Sea Island Heritage*
- Harrison, William H. *Brookfield Farm: Farming in Loudoun County*
- Lowry-Avery Clan Society *Thirteenth Reunion of the Lowry-Avery Clan*
- Hansen, Kevan M. *Map Guide to German Parish Registers. Kingdom of Prussia - Province of Brandenburg II, Regierungsbezirk Frankfurt an der Oder with full index of included towns*
- Roberts, T. R. *Eminent Welshmen: A Short Biographical Dictionary of Welshmen Who Have Obtained Distinction from the Earliest Times to the Present*
- Sams, Conway W. *The Conquest of Virginia: The Second Attempt*
- Fleming, Thomas *A Disease in the Public Mind: A New Understanding of Why We Fought the Civil War*
- Swann-Wright, Dianne *A Way Out of No Way: Claiming Family and Freedom in the New South*
- Smith, Caleb *The Oracle and the Curse: A Poetics of Justice from the Revolution to the Civil War*
- Watson, Samuel J. *Jackson's Sword: the Army Officer Corps on the American Frontier, 1810-1821*
- Crow, Jeffrey J. *The Black Experience in Revolutionary North Carolina*
- Dorr, Robert F. *Mission to Berlin: the American Airmen Who Struck the Heart of Hitler's Reich; Mission to Tokyo: The American Airmen Who Took the War to the Heart of Japan*
- Archer, Richard *As if an Enemy's Country: the British Occupation of Boston and the Origins of Revolution*
- Agnani, Sunil M. *Hating Empire Properly: The Two Indies and the Limits of Enlightenment Anticolonialism*
- Schafer, Daniel L. *Anna Madgigine Jai Kingsley: African Princess, Florida Slave, Plantation Slaveowner*
- Friend, Craig T. *Kentucky's Frontiers*
- Schaw, Janet *Journal of a Lady of Quality: Being the Narrative of a Journey from Scotland to the West Indies*
- Hildeburn, Charles S.R. *Baptisms and Burials from the records of Christ Church, Philadelphia, 1709-1760*
- Weaver, Richard *Whiskey Hill*
- Knaff, Donna B. *Beyond Rosie the Riveter: Women of World War II in American Popular Graphic Art*
- Williams, Harold A. *The Baltimore Sun, 1837-1987*
- Samet O'Leary, Jan, et al *Hood College*
- O'Shaughnessy, Andrew Jackson *The Men who lost America: British Leadership, the American Revolution, and the Fate of the Empire*
- Rickard, John Nelson *Advance and Destroy: Patton as Commander in the Bulge*
- Kelso, William M. *Jamestown: The Buried Truth*
- Craig, Lee A. *Josephus Daniels: His Life and Times*
- Boghardt, Thomas *The Zimmermann Telegram: Intelligence, Diplomacy, and America's Entry into World War I*
- Virginia Beach Public Library *The Beach: a History of Virginia Beach, Virginia*
- Burke, Elizabeth & Onesty, Catherine *Vienna Remembered (1610-1900)*
- Dobson, David *The People of Edinburgh, 1725-1775, The People of Glasgow, 1725-1775, and Irish vital records from The Scots Magazine, 1739-1826*
- Simmons IV, Rev. Thomas William *An Open Door: A Century Sharing God's Bounty, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1912-2012*
- Peirson, Charles Lawrence *Ball's Bluff, an Episode and its Consequences to Some of Us*
- Loudoun-Douglass Alumni Association *Welcome Loudoun Douglass Alumni*
- Goldman, Stuart D. *Nomonhan, 1939: the Red Army's Victory That Shaped World War II*
- Broussard, Jinx C. *African American Foreign Correspondents: A History*
- Butler, Stuart L. *Defending the Old Dominion: Virginia and its Militia in the War of 1812*
- Cox, Marcus S. *Segregated Soldiers: Military Training at Historically Black Colleges in the Jim Crow South*
- Fergus, Claudius K., *Revolutionary Emancipation: Slavery and Abolitionism in the British West Indies*
- Hansen, Kevan M. *Map guide to German parish registers, Kingdom of Prussia-Province of Brandenburg, City of Berlin*
- Hollan, Catherine B. *Philadelphia Silversmiths and Related Artisans to 1861*
- Keehn, David C. *Knights of the Golden Circle: Secret Empire, Southern Succession, Civil War*
- MacKenzie, George N., ed. *Colonial Families of the United States of America*
- McDaniel, W. Caleb *The Problem of Democracy in the Age of Slavery: Garrisonian Abolitionists and Transatlantic Reform*
- Nelson, Peter *A More Unbending Battle: the Harlem Hellfighters' Struggle for Freedom in WWI and Equality at Home*
- Patterson, James T. *Brown v. Board of Education: A Civil Rights Milestone and its Troubled Legacy*
- Ray, William C. *Mount Gilead, History & Heritage*

## News from the Library Director:

Thomas Balch Library continues to thrive and collections grow because of ongoing support from the community and visitors from across the country. In June the Kettoctin Chapter of the NSDAR, a longtime supporter of Thomas Balch Library, donated *New York in the American Revolution: A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians* by Eric Grundset. This is the first in a series of volumes projected to cover the original thirteen colonies.

Often the library receives collections related to families in the area. These frequently include invaluable but inadequately identified images of people. One such collection, Cooper Fry Scott Family Papers 1816-1950 (M76), was recently processed by Lisa DeZarn, a Library Associate. The grandson of Nicholas, William Martin Fry (b.1833), married John Cooper's daughter, Mary Amanda, on 03 January 1856 in Loudoun County. At the time of their marriage, William was listed in the census as a shoemaker.



Together, Mary Amanda Cooper Fry (10 March 1833-22 April 1917), and William Martin Fry (b.1833), had ten children: Sarah C. (b. 1857), Anna (b. 1859), John W (1861-16 January 1922), Charles H. (b.1863), Ida (b .1865), Rose Mary (b. 1868), Eliza L. (b. 1869), Frank (b. 1870), Mary M. (Mattie) (1871- 5 December,1937) and David T. (b. 1874).

The photograph (vc\_0047\_008) entitled "Amanda Cooper Fry's Children" remains a mystery. Which children? Any assistance in identification would be appreciated. We could use help in identifying a number of other individuals depicted in photographs in the Cooper Fry Scott Family Papers (M 076). Please contact [balchlib@leesburgva.gov](mailto:balchlib@leesburgva.gov) or call 703-797-7195 if you are able to provide positive identification on this photograph or others in this collection.

Library Staff join me in expressing appreciation for the support Friends of the Thomas Balch Library, Inc. continues to provide the library. From underwriting honoraria for the lectures series to covering the cost of electronic databases the Friends are always ready with a helping hand. Their annual fundraiser, held August 18 at the historic Thomas Birkby House (ca. 1779), featured author Joseph Whitehorne discussing The Fort Erie Campaign of 1814. It was a wonderful event, enjoyed by all who attended.

Over 35,000 people visited the library in the last fiscal year to conduct research, tour our exhibits, and attend lectures. To assist visitors we provide a variety of brochures and pathfinders available in print versions or online at our website. Revised editions of the Thomas Balch Library informational brochure and the On-Site Electronic resources brochure are now available. Additionally the fall issue of the Balch Column, detailing upcoming classes, lectures, tours and exhibits is also available online and in print.

As always it will be a pleasure to welcome you when visiting the Library or when attending programs and exhibits.

*Alexandra S. Gressitt, Library Director*

## Newly Processed Manuscript Collections – May - July 2013

WAGE Radio Collection 1958-2003

(M085,AV006, OMB017, VC0053)

Southern Railway Right-of-Way Map, ca. 1910  
(OMB 018)

Oversized Family Charts (OMB 019)

## Exhibits for Fall 2013

### Margaret Mercer Room

- September The Washington & Old Dominion RR,  
from the Northern Virginia Park Authority  
Archives - Tracy Gillespie  
October Friends of Balls Bluff - Ken Fleming  
November Loudoun County Scenes -  
Loudoun Photography Club  
December Loudoun Symphony - Kathy Zeigler

### Lower Level Meeting Room

- September Images of Loudoun County - Gary Meste  
October -  
December Loudoun Contours:  
Aerial Views of Our Heritage  
- Jim Hanna  
January-  
March Scene from Northern Virginia  
- Ofelia Knapp

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Page Six to enlist your friends  
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Friends of the Thomas Balch Library, Inc. was organized in 1995 as a 501(c)3 corporation. The membership stretches from coast to coast, due to the unique nature of the Library's collections and the faithful support of genealogists and history lovers everywhere.

The board members and committee members of the Friends are active participants in collecting and preserving information from Loudoun County as well as surrounding areas.

The Library, owned by the Town of Leesburg, underwent a major renovation, in 2001-2002, and the Friends organization was heavily involved in the massive fundraising effort. The success of that effort is evident today in the bright, comfortable, and most complete history and genealogical research library in Northern Virginia.

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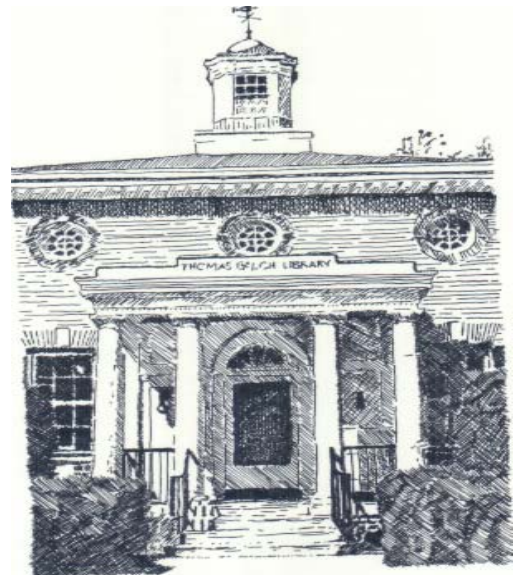
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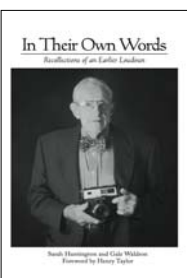


## There are Books for Sale at TBL!

A short time ago, we were asked why a particular work by a local author was not included on our Publication Order Form in the *Chronicle*. While we explained that listing includes publications funded by the Friends of Thomas Balch Library, Inc., we realized there are a number of books, videos, and pamphlets available *for sale* at Thomas Balch Library. Many of these are the result of the talent and effort of local authors and artists. We think they should receive some exposure and publicity. All items sold by the library help fund its work through the Town of Leesburg.

So, how do you find them? We draw your attention to a handsome revolving kiosk located near the entrance of the John Janney Room at TBL. Here you will find sample copies of these publications, arranged by topic such as Towns and Villages; Photographic History; Churches and Cemeteries; Loudoun Transportation; Abstracts and Legal Records – even Old Fashioned Recipes.

For instance, you will find *In Their Own Words: Recollections of an Earlier Loudoun* by photographer Sarah Huntington and author Gail Waldron, who, in 2001 interviewed and photographed, and thus preserved, thirty-two memory and images of some of Loudoun's seniors, presented with a Foreword by author and Pulitzer Prize Poet Henry Taylor.



Included are DVDs, such as *300 Miles to Freedom* produced by Richard Bryer. Another outstanding DVD available here is *Nichols: The Last Hardware Store*, produced by Lincoln Studios. And you will find *The Bulletin of the Historical Society of Loudoun County, Virginia*, featuring articles by members, on a wide number of topics. One treasure is the hardcover volume of the *Bulletins for 1957-1976*.

Often available is the most recent Balch Program speakers' book, in case you didn't pick one up at the lecture. These tend to be in short supply, so check them out as soon as possible following the lecture.

You will find *Index Loudoun County Land Deed Books, A-Z, 1757 through 1845*, and *Index Loudoun County Wills, 1757 through 1850*. Also *Loudoun County Births, 1853-1896* and *Loudoun County Census 1810 through 1920*.

Of course, included in the display is the complete catalogue of the Friends' publications, including those of the Black History Committee. Incidentally, one of the best-sellers at the library continues to be the five volume *Loudoun Discovered: Communities, Corners & Crossroads* by local historian and mapmaker Eugene M. Scheel. These are available for order by phone, or use the order form here.

We plan to provide a sample or two of interesting books for sale in each issue, for your information.

The Library accepts VISA and MasterCard credit cards, as well as check or cash payment. The library is able to take phone and mail orders, which must be paid in advance with the usual methods. There is a flat \$5.00 fee to cover shipping costs. Orders of three books are shipped for only \$7.00.

To place your orders, contact the library at 703-737-7195 or at [www.leesburgva.gov/services.library](http://www.leesburgva.gov/services.library) or go to the Thomas Balch Library site on Face Book.

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### Loudoun Discovered: Communities, Corners & Crossroads

- Volume 1 **Eastern Loudoun: Goin' Down the Country**
  - Volume 2 **Leesburg and the Old Carolina Road**
  - Volume 3 **The Hunt Country and Middleburg**
  - Volume 4 **Quaker Country and the Loudoun Valley**
  - Volume 5 **Waterford, the German Settlement and Between the Hills**
- each volume: \$ 20.00

- Set of all 5 volumes plus Eugene Scheel's **New Historical Map of Loudoun County** \$100.00
- Individual copies of the **Historical Map** \$ 10.00
- The Essence of A People: Portraits of African Americans Who Made a Difference in Loudoun County, Virginia** \$ 15.00
- The Essence of A People II: African Americans Who Made Their World Anew in Loudoun County, Virginia and Beyond** \$ 15.00
- Loudoun County's African American Communities A Tour Map and Guide** \$ 5.00
- A Taste of Loudoun County: Our Favorite Recipes 1903-1951 Home Interest Club Cookbook - Centennial Edition** \$ 10.00
- A Story of Round Hill, Loudoun County, Virginia** by Ann W. Thomas \$ 20.00
- In the Watchfires: The Loudoun County Emancipation Association, 1890-1971** by Elaine E. Thompson \$ 20.00
- George Washington Carver: Scientist, Artist, & Musician** by Lemoine D. Pierce \$ 10.00
- Journey Through Time** by Black History Committee of Friends of the Thomas Balch Library \$ 5.00
- "The Imperious Laird": John Campbell, Fourth Earl of Loudoun** by Douglas W. Foard, Ph.D. \$ 15.00
- Billy Pierce: Dance Master, Son of Purcellville** by Lemoine D. Pierce \$ 15.00
- Loudoun 1757: On the Border of Mayhem Loudoun County 250th Anniversary Lecture Series** \$ 15.00
- Leesburg 250th Anniversary Lecture Series (2008)** Hosted by Thomas Balch Library, includes booklet & 2 DVDs \$ 15.00

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**Add to "Don't Miss" List:  
2013 Loudoun History Awards  
November 10 – 2 PM**

### Calendar of Events at Thomas Balch Library

Please see the Fall/Winter Issue of *The Balch Column* for full description of TBL Sponsored Programs

- Sunday, 22 Sept. – 2PM *Congo: The Miserable Expeditions and Dreadful Death of Lt. Emory Taunt, USN*—Andrew C. A. Jampoler.  
Sunday, 29 Sept. – 2PM *In the Shadow of the United States Capitol: Congressional Cemetery and the Memory of the Nation*  
Abby A. Johnson and Ronald M. Johnson.  
Sunday, 6 Oct. – 2PM *Pirate Alley: Commanding Task Force 151 Off Somali* RADM Terry McKnight, USN (Ret.)  
Monday, 7 Oct. – 7PM *Clerk's Office Tour, Loudoun County Courthouse Historic Records* John Fishback  
Saturday, 19 Oct. – 9-12 *Leesburg Tour* James P. Roberts  
Sunday, 20 Oct.– 2PM *Circle of Treason: A CIA Account of Traitor Aldrich Ames and the Men He Betrayed*  
Sandra Grimes  
Sunday, 27 Oct.– 2PM *The Summer of '63 – The Civil Rights Movement in Danville, VA* Emma C. Edmunds and  
James Hershman, Jr.  
Sunday, 3 Nov.– 2PM *Philadelphia Silversmiths and Related Artisans to 1862* – Catherine B. Hollan  
Sunday, 10 Nov., 2PM *Loudoun History Awards*

### 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](http://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](http://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.

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](http://www.leesburgva.gov/ThomasBalchLibrary/publications) or follow us on Facebook.