

New England Institute of Technology and East Greenwich Free Library

together host events in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.



From the National Park Service Sesquicentennial Commemoration

Upcoming Library Events to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War

Wednesday, June 12th, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM – The Gettysburg Gun

Silverman Community Room, East Greenwich Free Library

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, EG Library is offering a program depicting the role that Battery B, First Regiment Rhode Island Light Artillery, had in that historic battle. The lively presentation will feature a short award-winning documentary about the Gettysburg Gun with commentary and a question and answer session with Captain Phil DiMaria of Battery B. This free program is open to the public; no registration is required, but seating is limited, so plan to arrive a little bit early.

Thursday, June 13th, 6:00-8:00m Glory [movie]

Silverman Community Room, East Greenwich Library

A feature film depicting the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, the first formal unit of the US Army to be composed entirely of African American men. With Matthew Broderick, Denzel Washington and Morgan Freeman; won three Academy Awards. Adult presentation (rated R for violence) is free.

Friday, June 14th, 1:00-4:00pm

Lincoln [movie]

Silverman Community Room, East Greenwich Library

A matinee of this film starring three-time Oscar winner Daniel Day-Lewis will be shown for free this afternoon, but be forewarned and prepared – it is quite lengthy at 150 minutes.

Saturday, June 15th, 9:00am - 3:00pm

LIVING HISTORY EVENT-

Outdoor encampment,

Battery B, Civil War artillery regiment

with cannon firings at

11:00am and 1:00pm.

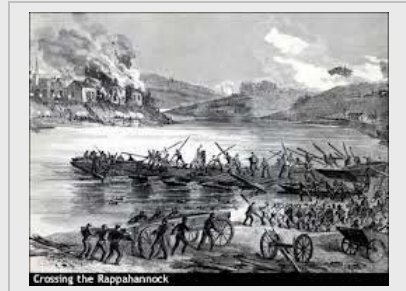
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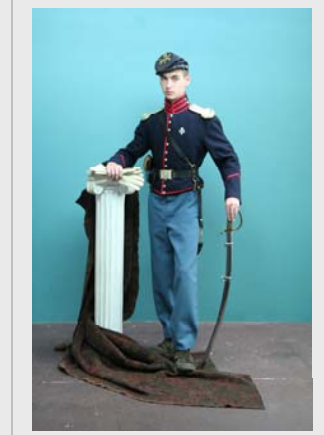
(the encampment will be set up in the fields next to New England Tech, on Division Road, with plenty of parking available in the many lots surrounding the campus.)

NEIT and East Greenwich Free Library together will host a recreation of an authentic Civil War battlefield encampment, featuring the soldiers, tents and artillery cannons from Battery B, First Regiment Rhode Island Artillery. All are welcome to visit the recreated encampment from 9-3, mingling with the soldiers in this living history display. The Battery will "fire" their cannons twice that day, at 11:00am and 1:00pm.

This free event is open to all.



Battery B 1st Rhode Island Light Artillery



Battery "B" 1st RI Light Artillery: In response to the call to arms at outbreak of the American Civil War, the Original Battery "B" would see service as part of the Army of the Potomac, and serve in most of the major battles fought by that part of the Union Army. From Balls Bluff in 1861 to the surrender at Appomattox, the men of Rhode Island and the surrounding communities served faithfully, and to the credit of the Union's smallest state.

From the website: <http://www.batterybri.org/>