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Experience America's Dawning Years At Toms River Library

TOMS RIVER – The Ocean County Library, Toms River Branch will host a trio of programs during March that explore the roles of women, dialogue and media in building a new nation immediately after the American Revolution.

- **Revisiting the Founding Era: Teens Debate,** 5:30 p.m. Monday, Mar. 9. Ocean County teens will illustrate how dialogue and rhetoric helped to form, structure and ratify the U.S. Constitution. For ages 12-18.
- Making America in the Media, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 12. Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission Division Director Tim Hart and Claude Taylor, Monmouth University Advisor in Residence for Academic Transition and Inclusion, will discuss how media communicated America's founding era.
- **Over Here, Molly Pitcher,** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Mar. 18. A dramatic interpretation of the lives of women who "belonged to the army" during the American Revolution. "Molly" recalls events at Valley Forge, Monmouth and Morristown.

The programs are part of Revisiting the Founding Era, a three-year national initiative of the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History presented in partnership with the American Library Association and the National Constitution Center, with generous support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The branch is located at 101 Washington Street.

Registration is required for these free programs. To register, call the branch, 732-349-6200, or visit <u>www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events</u>.