LOCAL HISTORY SERIES
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THURSDAYS | 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

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Women of Northeast Wisconsin—Dreamers and Doers
with AAUW members Dotty Juengst, Eileen Littig, and Sara Ramaker

The Green Bay Area Branch of the American Association of University Women have published two volumes of “Dreamers and Doers”. This program highlights a few of the women included in these books. You may not know the names of these women, but very likely have benefited from their work. This presentation will take a historical perspective of women of influence in the area. Organizations, government services, and cultural facilities are all part of the work featured. Additionally, there will be a short video on Maria Hinton of the Oneida Nation, author of the dictionary of the Oneida language.

AAUW Branch members Dotty Juengst, Eileen Littig, and Sara Ramaker will provide the unique stories of how the women featured played an active role in their community. Additionally, these speakers have played an active role in the AAUW Branch in Green Bay and many other worthwhile organizations in Brown County.

Fires on Both Sides of the Bay in 1871
with Barb Englebert Chisholm and Peshtigo Fire Museum

The fires of the fall 1871 not only affected the western shore of the bay of Green Bay but also the eastern shore. There has been much speculation and folklore about these fires. Learn what is known about the origins of the fires. The presentations will focus on the destruction on both sides of the bay, the human loss, the effect on the economy and the change in communities which were the result.

Barb Englebert Chisholm, of the Belgian Heritage Center in Namur, will tell the story of the fire on the eastern shore of the bay. Barb has been researching and speaking about the Belgian culture in Northeast Wisconsin for many years.

Curators from the Peshtigo Fire Museum will present the history of the fire on the west shore of the bay. The Peshtigo Fire Museum acquired its current building in 1963 and over the years has acquired many artifacts associated with the fire.

The Local History Series is proudly supported by the Friends of the Brown County Library.
October 21

**Lincoln Among the Badgers: Rediscovering Sites Associated with Abraham and Mary Lincoln in Wisconsin**  
with Steven K. Rogstad

This study represents the first scholarly treatment of the visits Abraham and Mary Lincoln made to the Badger State. Although they collectively visited Wisconsin five times, they traveled into the state at different times and never together. Abraham Lincoln entered the state’s borders for the first time in 1832 during his military service in the Black Hawk War, returning in 1859 to make speeches in Milwaukee, Beloit, and Janesville. Mary traveled northern Wisconsin and Racine in 1867, returning five years later to take advantage of the healing waters of Waukesha.

Steven Rogstad was born in Racine, Wisconsin, and received his BA in Communication from the University of Wisconsin. He is the Executive Director of the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. For 40 years he has taught seminars and courses on Lincoln-related topics at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Carroll College, Kenosha Civil War Museum, and other educational institutions. He has served as Secretary and Editor for the Lincoln Fellowship of Wisconsin and as Review Editor of the Lincoln Herald, published by Lincoln Memorial University. In 2009, Mr. Rogstad’s “Lincoln Moments” were broadcast daily on Racine radio as part of the national Lincoln Bicentennial celebration.

**BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AND SIGNING AT ALL PROGRAMS.**

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October 14

**The French History of Wisconsin, 1634 - 1840**  
with Professor Patrick Jung

For over two centuries, the French were the second largest group in Wisconsin after the American Indians. Upon their arrival, the French forged deep and intimate ties with the Indian communities of Wisconsin. The two groups heavily intermarried and in the process created a new people, the Metis, a biracial society that borrowed heavily from both American Indian and French cultures. While France ceded its North American empire to Britain in 1763, the French continued to have a strong presence in Wisconsin at fur trade centers such as Green Bay and Prairie du Chien until the advent of large-scale white settlement in the 1840s.

Professor Patrick J. Jung is a professor of history at the Milwaukee School of Engineering. He received his Ph.D. in History and Anthropology from Marquette University. Professor Jung has been interested in the early history of Wisconsin throughout his career authoring several books including “The Black Hawk War of 1832” and “The Misunderstood Mission of Jean Nicolet”.

This will be Professor Jung’s third presentation for the Local History Series. In 2019, his program focused on the location of Jean Nicolet’s landing in northeast Wisconsin.

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October 7

**Green Bay Fire Department in the 1920s—The Good and the Ugly**  
with David Siegel

Two very contrasting periods occurred in the history of the Green Bay Fire Department during the 1920s. A positive change consisted of the complete and fairly rapid conversion from horse-drawn to motorized fire apparatus. The ugly period occurred when tensions between inter-department factions worsened into conflict and chaos—eventually brought under control by the right man at the right time becoming fire chief.

David Siegel has been with the Green Bay (Wisconsin) Metro Fire Department since 1997 and was promoted to Captain in 2021. In addition, he is a paramedic and the science officer for the hazardous materials team. Previously, he worked as a biochemist after earning BS (1986) and MS (1989) degrees in that field from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Researching and writing the book “Forces of Change, Events that Led to the Development of the Green Bay Fire Department, 1836 – 1895.” (released 2016) combined a passion for the fire department, a life-long love of history and an inner-drive to know more.