

In commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the **Ridgefield Library** and **Keeler Tavern Museum & History Center** have partnered to develop and host a series of free programs to explore the history and current understanding of this foundational document. The **America 250 in Ridgefield: A Deep Dive into the Declaration of Independence** program series includes America250 Community Conversations, providing opportunities for community members to read and discuss the Declaration of Independence, and a special **Declaration Deep Dive** lecture and learning series presented by subject scholars across many aspects of the Declaration of Independence. Our shared goal is to facilitate a considered and meaningful examination of what it has meant to be an American historically, and what it means today.



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# America 250 in Ridgefield:

A Deep Dive into the  
Declaration of Independence





## Declaration Deep Dive Series

Offered in Partnership with  
Keeler Tavern Museum & History Center

AUG 21 | 7:00PM | ON ZOOM

### **Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness: Britain and the American Dream**

Writer & Historian Peter Moore, University of Oxford

SEPT 21 | 3:30PM | RIDGEFIELD LIBRARY

### **Opening Keynote with Akhil Reed Amar, Sterling Professor of Law & Political Science, Yale University Law School in conversation with Author & Journalist Todd Brewster**

OCT 9 | 7:00PM | KEELER TAVERN MUSEUM & HISTORY CENTER

### **Women's Rights & the Declaration**

Dr. Leslie Lindenauer, Professor of History, WCSU

OCT 19 | 2:00PM | RIDGEFIELD LIBRARY

### **The Many Lives of the Declaration of Independence**

Dr. Michael Hattem, Historian & Associate Director of the Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute

DEC 4 | 7:00PM | ON ZOOM

### ***The Declaration's Journey at the Museum of the American Revolution***

Matthew Skic, Director of Collections and Exhibitions, Museum of the American Revolution, Philadelphia

SPRING 2026 | KEELER TAVERN MUSEUM & HISTORY CENTER

### **Closing Keynote with Dr. Antoinette Brim-Bell**

CT State Poet Laureate & Professor of English, CT State Community College, Capital Campus

## America250 Community Conversations Series

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SEPT 11 | 7:00PM | RIDGEFIELD LIBRARY

### **The Declaration of Independence: "Get to Know the Declaration of Independence: A Founding Document Close Reading"**

Ridgefield Library & KTMHC Staff

DEC 9 | 7:00PM | RIDGEFIELD LIBRARY

### **The Declaration of Independence: "They Said What? Responses to the Declaration of Independence"**

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## 2026 Programs

MAR 26 | 7:00PM | KEELER TAVERN MUSEUM & HISTORY CENTER

### **The Declaration of Independence "The Declaration at 250: Understanding 'Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness'"**

Ridgefield Library & KTMHC Staff

APR 27 | 7:00PM | RIDGEFIELD LIBRARY

### **Tabling the Declaration: A Community Collaboration**

Ramin Ganeshram, Executive Director, Westport Museum for Culture & History

## Additional Library Programming

Funded by the Friends of the Ridgefield Library  
Scholarly Series

SEPT 18 | 7:00PM | RIDGEFIELD LIBRARY

### **ArtScapades: The Art of American Independence: Beyond the Declaration**

Robin Hoffman & Jodi Stiffelman

OCT 23 | 6:00PM | RIDGEFIELD LIBRARY

### **Revolutionary Artifacts & the Stories They Tell**

Jennifer Matos, Elizabeth Burgess and Christine Pittsley, Museum of CT History

OCT 30 - NOV 13 | 7:00PM | RIDGEFIELD LIBRARY

### **Poetry Series: America's 250**

Barb Jennes, Ridgefield Poet Laureate Emerita

## Additional Programming

Offered by Keeler Tavern Museum & History Center

JUL 4 | 11:00AM - 3:00PM

### **July 4th Family Day & Townwide America250 Kickoff**

JUL 4-13

### **Exhibition: "America the Beautiful" presented by the Ridgefield Guild of Artists**

MONDAYS IN JULY | 7:00 PM

### **Poetry in the Garden Series with Barb Jennes, Ridgefield Poet Laureate Emerita**

OCT 19 | 4:00PM

### **Heritage in Motion with the Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra**