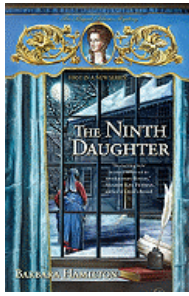


## Mystery Book Club

Thursday, April 22—7 pm  
adults

Come & discuss the book "The Ninth Daughter" by Barbara Hamilton.

"When a murder occurs in the home of their friend and fellow patriot, Rebecca Malvern, John is accused of the gruesome crime, which was seemingly perpetrated to obtain a secret Sons of Liberty document. With both her husband's good name and the fate of the Sons of Liberty at stake, Abby must uncover a conspiracy that could cost them all their freedom-and their lives." (Bookletters)



## How John Adams Read History: The Classics and the Puritans in a Revolutionary Library

Sunday, May 16—3 pm



Dr. Peterson & Dr. Winterer will present John Adams, his library, & how books influenced him & others during this time in history. Dr.

Winterer specializes in 18th & 19th Century American intellectual & cultural history at Stanford University. Dr. Peterson of UC Berkeley is currently in the process of writing "The City-State of Boston: The Rise and Fall of an Atlantic World, 1630-1865."



## Politics and Principle: the Leadership and Political Legacy of John Adams

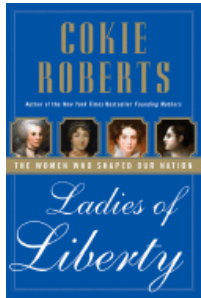
Sunday, May 23—3 pm

Ben Krupicka finds John Adams especially interesting because of Adams' desire to combine personal virtue & political leadership & he feels Adams is an important political figure given his role in the birth of the nation's two-party system.

## Lunch Time Book Club

Wednesday, June 2—12 pm,  
adults

Come & discuss the book "The Ninth Daughter" by Barbara Hamilton. "Roberts brings to life the extraordinary accomplishments of women who laid the groundwork for a better society. Almost every quotation here is written by



a woman, to a woman, or about a woman. From first ladies to freethinkers, educators to explorers, this exceptional group includes Abigail Adams, Margaret Bayard Smith, Martha Jefferson, Dolley Madison, Elizabeth Monroe, Louisa Catherine Adams, Eliza Hamilton, Theodosia Burr, Rebecca Gratz, Louisa Livingston, Rosalie Calvert, Sacajawea, and others." (Bookletters)



## Opening Reception

Friday, April 30—7 pm

Come & meet President John Adams & get a sneak peek at the exhibit. Light refreshments will be served.

## Dress, Eat, and Write as John Adams Did!

Monday, May 3—3:30 pm, ages 7-12

Come & learn about John Adams & what life was like during his time. You'll get to experience wig making & try your hand at calligraphy! You can enjoy some popular colonial-day treats & try games that 18th-Century kids played.

Calligraphy

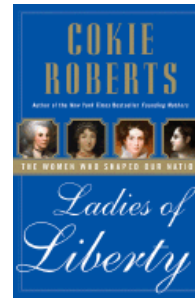


## Evening Book Club

Wednesday, May 19—7 pm,  
adults

Come & discuss the book "Ladies of Liberty: the Women Who Shaped Our Nation" by Cokie Roberts.

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## John Adam and the Freedom of Speech

Sunday, June 6—3 pm

Dr. Taylor of UC Davis will be speaking on John Adams & the Freedom of Speech. Dr. Taylor's research interests include in "Early American History (colonial, revolutionary, and early republic) and history of the American West.



Believing that an “ample and well chosen Assortment of Books” could serve both intellectual and political purposes, President John Adams (1735-1826) assembled one of the greatest private libraries in early America. This remarkable collection of books provides first-hand insight into how John Adams shaped American history and how he was shaped through his lifelong dedication to reading and books.

Through photo-reproductions of these annotated volumes, viewers will witness one of our founding fathers wrestling with intellectual and political ideas at every stage in his long life – as a boy, university student, Boston lawyer, revolutionary, diplomat, President and citizen of the early American republic.

The traveling exhibition is based upon the gallery exhibition of the same name mounted by the Boston Public Library in 2006, the first public display of Adams’ complete 3,500-book collection. The John Adams Library has been on deposit at the Boston Public Library since 1894.

*John Adams Unbound* has been organized by the Boston Public Library and the American Library Association Public Programs Office. This traveling exhibition has been made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities: great ideas brought to life. Our local sponsors are Benicia Main Street, Benicia Historical Museum at the Camel Barns, Benicia Chamber of Commerce, and the Vallejo Visitor’s Center.



Jane Stuart, *Abigail Adams*, undated. Oil painting. After the original 1800-1812 portrait by her father, Gilbert Stuart. National Park Service, Adams National Historical Park, Quincy, Massachusetts.

For more information,  
special events,  
and resources:

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# John Adams Unbound Special Events



Unknown artist, *John Adams*, undated. After the original 1783 portrait by John Singleton Copley. National Park Service, Adams National Historical Park, Quincy, Massachusetts.

*John Adams Unbound*, the traveling exhibit will be at the Benicia Public Library, April 30-June 11, 2010.

For more information and corresponding events, go to:

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