In *Bunker Hill: A City, a Siege, a Revolution*, historian Nathaniel Philbrick tells the story of the first, and perhaps bloodiest, major battle of the Revolutionary War. From the Boston Tea Party to the skirmishes at Lexington and Concord, Philbrick details the events that led to the vicious engagement now known as the Battle of Bunker Hill, when the patriots proved beyond recourse that they were willing to lay down their lives for independence.

A dozen town departments and civic organizations have joined the Belmont Public Library in organizing activities that celebrate the book and this dramatic chapter in the history of “Boston Strong.” We hope you will join us for the following events.

**Mon., April 7**  
**Books and Bites Explores the American Revolution**  
*11 AM  Assembly Room, Belmont Public Library*  
Look at the Revolution from three very different perspectives. Martha Reagan will discuss *Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin* by Jill Lepore; Nelson Bolen will discuss *1776* by David McCullough; and children’s librarian Deborah Borsuk will discuss *Chains: Seeds of America* by Laurie Halse Anderson.

**Sat., April 12**  
**Freedom Trail Tour: Taking the High Ground**  
*10 AM  Information about meeting location provided at registration*  
Join National Park Service Rangers for a half-mile, 45-minute walk in Charlestown to the Bunker Hill Monument. Retrace the footsteps of the British soldiers and marines who assaulted the hill, losing almost half their troops in a costly victory. Register at 617-993-2870 or [www.onebookonebelmont.com](http://www.onebookonebelmont.com) starting March 26.

**Wed., April 23**  
**Phillis Wheatley, Revolutionary Poet**  
*7:30 PM  Assembly Room, Belmont Public Library*  
Phillis Wheatley, a Boston slave born in Gambia, became one of the foremost poets in early America. John Stauffer, Professor of English, American Studies, and African American Studies at Harvard University, tells the story of Wheatley’s remarkable life and the revolutionary nature of her poetry. Co-sponsored by Belmont Against Racism, the Belmont Historical Society, and the Human Rights Commission.

**Wed., April 30**  
**The Revolution in Boston – As Seen at the Museum of Fine Arts**  
*7:30 PM  Assembly Room, Belmont Public Library*  
Suzi Fonda, Manager of Teacher Programs and School Partnerships at the MFA, presents treasures from the MFA’s collection of Revolutionary era art, including portraits of the key leaders who Philbrick brings to life in *Bunker Hill*.

**Sat., May 3**  
**Music on Saturday: The Fenway Brass Quintet Plays American Music**  
*3 PM  Assembly Room, Belmont Public Library*  
Spencer Aston, Powers Music School Faculty, and his quintet perform music heard from the Revolution to the Civil War, including broadside ballads and the compositions of William Billings.
Tues., May 6  Author Nathaniel Philbrick discusses *Bunker Hill: A City, a Siege, a Revolution*
7:30 PM  Beech Street Center, 266 Beech Street, Belmont
Nathaniel Philbrick will read from and talk about his most recent bestseller, winner of the 2013 New England Book Award for Nonfiction. Philbrick’s other books include National Book Award winner *In the Heart of the Sea* and Pulitzer Prize finalist *Mayflower*. After a question and answer session, books will be available for purchase and signing.

**Book Discussion Groups**
Everyone is welcome at the following discussions of *Bunker Hill*:

**Wed. March 19**  3 PM Flett Room, Belmont Public Library
Led by librarian Corinne Chan, Belmont Public Library

**Fri., April 11**  11 AM 2nd Floor Conference Room, Beech Street Center, 266 Beech St.
Led by librarian Miriam MacNair, Belmont Public Library

**Teen and Children’s Events**

**Thurs., April 24**  The British are Coming! Visit by members of British 10th Regiment of Foot
2 PM  Assembly Room, Belmont Public Library
Hear the British perspective on the American Revolution and try an 18th century military drill under the guidance of Rob Lee and several other members of His Majesty’s 10th Regiment of Foot, a group dedicated to portraying the life of the British troops garrisoned in the Boston area during the War for Independence. For students ages 10 and up. Sign up at [www.belmont.lib.ma.us](http://www.belmont.lib.ma.us) or 617-993-2870.

**Sat., April 26**  Jason Russell House Tour
10 AM  Information about meeting location provided at registration
Jason Russell was killed at the doorstep of his Arlington home by British troops ransacking and burning homes on their retreat from Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775. Daniel Leclerc, former Belmont selectman and history teacher, will lead a tour of the house and tell more about that fateful day. Recommended for families with children ages 8 and up. Limited space, registration required; sign up at 617-993-2880.

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