

**The Elizabeth Public Library Local History and Special Collections
presents:**

*When Artwork Speaks:
Eyewitness Images from the American Revolution*

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

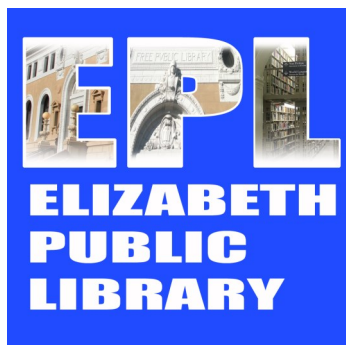
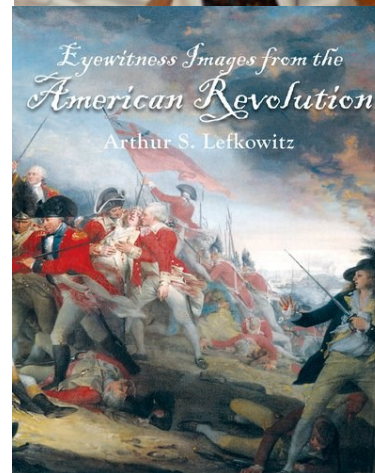
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Main Library Auditorium

Despite the absence of photography and combat illustrators, the American Revolutionary War was accurately recorded by a number of artists. Historian Arthur Lefkowitz, author of *The Long Retreat*, *George Washington's Indispensable Men*, *Bushnell's Submarine*, and *Benedict Arnold's Army*, presents a color slide presentation of 18th century artistry through studio-executed history paintings, portraits, illustrations, and rapidly drawn field sketches. While some of the artwork presented may look familiar, Mr. Lefkowitz offers historical information on each piece, and new insight about the artists who created them. Pictures have been gathered from a variety of museum collections and, using high quality images, interesting details that are frequently lost when the pictures are reproduced in books come to life.

Central to the presentation are portraits of George Washington, as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.

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