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## FREE BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES OFFERED AT THE BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

### *Reading Between the Lines: A Statewide program of the New York Council for the Humanities*

**BUFFALO, September 17** — In a unique collaboration, the New York Council for the Humanities has joined forces with the Buffalo Museum of Science to offer *Reading Between the Lines: The First Frontier: New York State and American Expansion, 1775-1890*, a monthly reading and discussion series that runs from **Wednesday, October 15, 2008 through Wednesday, January 21, 2009**.

"*Reading Between the Lines* offers an unusual twist on the standard book group format with focused thematic discussions led by humanities scholars," says Council Executive Director Sara Ogger. At the Buffalo Museum of Science the discussion leader will be Mary Foltz of SUNY/Buffalo. She will lead four discussion sessions each focused on a book related to the series theme:

*The Battle for New York: The City at the Heart of the American Revolution*, Barnet Schecter

*William Cooper's Town: Power & Persuasion on the Frontier of the Early American Republic*, Alan Taylor

*Wedding of the Waters: The Erie Canal and the Making of a Great Nation*, Peter L. Bernstein

*A Shopkeeper's Millennium: Society & Revivals in Rochester, NY 1815-1837*, Paul E. Johnson

Participants in the series read works of non-fiction and works of literature that are discussed within an historical context. The program is free and open to the public, although pre-registration is required. For more information about series dates and acquiring books, please contact Betsy Vazquez at 716.896.5200 x345.

*Reading Between the Lines* is designed to promote lively, informed conversation about humanities themes and strengthen the relationship between humanities institutions and the public. *Reading Between the Lines* series are currently being held in communities across New York State. The project is supported by the *We The People* initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information about *Reading Between the Lines: The First Frontier: New York State and American Expansion, 1775-1890* see the attached flyer or visit [www.nyhumanities.org/discussion\\_groups](http://www.nyhumanities.org/discussion_groups).

**About the New York Council for the Humanities**

*The New York Council for the Humanities is a private, non-profit organization that helps all New Yorkers to lead vibrant intellectual lives by strengthening traditions of cultural literacy, critical inquiry and civic participation. To find out more about the Council visit [www.nyhumanities.org](http://www.nyhumanities.org)*

*Reading Between the Lines for Adults was developed in partnership with the Center for the Humanities at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.*

**About the Buffalo Museum of Science**

*The Buffalo Museum of Science is the non-profit educational institution dedicated to the study and interpretation of the natural and physical sciences. Its extensive collections of over 600,000 specimens and artifacts represent all facets of the natural world with an emphasis on Western New York as well as man-made objects spanning the globe. Based at 1020 Humboldt Parkway and anchoring Buffalo's East Side in Olmsted-designed Martin Luther King, Jr. Park since 1929, the Museum presents a wide variety of programs and services for children, teachers, families, adults, and community organizations throughout each year. General admission to the Museum is \$7 adults; \$6 seniors (age 62+); \$5 students and children over 3; and free for members and children under 3. The Museum also operates Tift Nature Preserve in South Buffalo, a 264-acre urban wetland preserve on reclaimed former industrial land and also seasonally sponsors archaeological exploration at the Hiscock Site in nearby Genesee County, NY, one of North America's richest Ice Age sites.*

*For further information on the Museum and its upcoming activities, call 716-896-5200 or visit [www.buffalomuseumofscience.org](http://www.buffalomuseumofscience.org).*

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