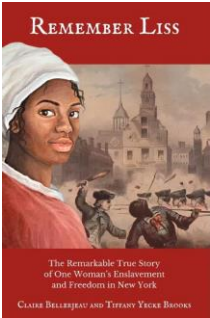


Professional Development for School Librarians Working With Social Studies Teachers February 8, 2024



Remember Liss - The Remarkable True Story of One Woman's Enslavement and Freedom in New York ~ In this workshop, you will learn about the incredible life of an enslaved Black woman from New York named Liss. Born in the 1760s, Liss was enslaved by the Townsend family of Oyster Bay, Long Island, whose son was Robert Townsend aka "Culper, Jr." - George Washington's lead spy in Manhattan during the Revolutionary War. Mid-war, Liss escaped with a British commander, only to be re-enslaved in Manhattan by another enemy officer. As the Culper Spy Ring used secret codes and invisible ink to smuggle vital information to Washington, Liss may also have engaged in intelligence gathering for the Patriot cause. Liss's escape with the British, re-enslavement in Manhattan and later Charleston, and her complex struggle for freedom sheds new light on the lives of thousands of other forgotten African Americans during the founding era in New York. **YOU ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO BRING A SOCIAL STUDIES/HISTORY TEACHER WITH YOU.**

Presented by **Claire Bellerjeau**, Historian and Author of "Remember Liss: Enslavement and Espionage in New York"

9:00 am – 12:00 pm ~ SCLS Auditorium

Register <https://www.mylearningplan.com/WebReg/ActivityProfile.asp?D=10057&H=1&I=4475052>

Ancestry Classroom ~ Discover how exciting a collaborative partnership between a School Library Media Specialist and Social Studies Teacher can be using AncestryClassroom™. AncestryClassroom™ provides educators with access to classroom resources, professional learning tools, and Ancestry® historical record collections at no cost to help students find their personal place in history. During this professional development session, Susan and Peggy will discuss their entire collaborative process and attendees will leave with a complete inquiry based research unit plan. Now in its fourth year, this research journey has provided students with powerful connections to their own family and has allowed the Social Studies curriculum to come alive in relevant and exciting ways. Access to the AncestryClassroom™ platform will be provided during this training allowing attendees to experience firsthand the myriad of resources available. Susan will also address how to apply for the AncestryClassroom™ grant.



Presented by **Susan Henke Brinkman** - Library Media Specialist & **Peggy Valley** - 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher
Bayport Blue Point UFSD - James Wilson Young Middle School

12:30 – 2:30 pm ~ SCLS Auditorium

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