

The Friends of the Danvers Library present

(BITTER) SWEET HISTORY:

Exploring 18th Century Chocolate from Bean to Beverage!

Thursday, April 16 6:30 p.m.

The Peabody Institute Library of Danvers, Gordon Room

Free and open to the public! Register at danverslibrary.org



Historian and educator Michele Gabrielson will lead a journey into the world of 18th-century chocolate. Her interactive program explores the fascinating history of chocolate during the 1700's, when this once-exclusive beverage became a beloved delicacy across the world. And she will trace the origins of chocolate, from Mesoamerica to Europe and back to the American colonies. The trip will end with a **sampling of chocolate** that would have been enjoyed by colonial New Englanders!

Michele Gabrielson is an award-winning, local history teacher and historic interpreter of the 18th century. She serves on several historical committees dedicated to helping preserve the history of colonial America, and received the 2025 Teacher of the Year Award from the Massachusetts Daughters of the American Revolution.



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