



State Library of Pennsylvania Lunch and Learn Series

Scorched Earth: General Sullivan and the Senecas

What: Meet John Moore, author of the Revolutionary Pennsylvania Series

Where: State Library of Pennsylvania, Room 321 Forum Building, 607 South Drive, Harrisburg, PA

When: Wednesday, November 7, 12:00 noon

Step back in time with Northumberland author John L. Moore. His new book about the Pennsylvania frontier: *Scorched Earth – General Sullivan and the Senecas* reports on the experiences of Pennsylvania and Pennsylvanians during the American Revolutionary War. *Scorched Earth* tells how the invasion force, consisting of thousands of Continental soldiers, marched across the Pennsylvania frontier from Easton, Pa., up the Susquehanna River, and into western New York where the Senecas and other Iroquois nations siding with the British lived. Along the way, the soldiers burned every Indian village and destroyed every native farm they found. Drawing upon first-person accounts kept by Sullivan's officers, the author chronicles how during August and September 1779, the troops devoted more time to destroying cornfields than to fighting Indians. In the end, more Indians starved to death during the following winter than were killed in battle by Sullivan's soldiers. The book is a companion volume to Moore's *Tories, Terror, and Tea*, which Sunbury Press published in 2017. It is available at local bookstores or online through Sunbury Press.

Storyteller John L. Moore uses dramatic techniques and audience participation to convey true stories about real people who lived on Pennsylvania's frontier during the 18th century. Dressed as a frontiersman, Moore brings people of the frontier to life by telling their stories with suspense, horror, humor and colorful anecdotes. He adds to the effect by employing such props as tomahawks, knives, antique axes and cowbells. Moore often introduces himself as Susquehanna Jack, a retired Indian fighter and frontier ruffian who wanders from tavern to tavern in search of audiences for his stories about Pennsylvania life during the Indian wars including the French & Indian War and the American Revolutionary War



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