

Janet Parnes as Deborah Sampson

Adult Summer Reading

Discover “the story behind the story” of the only woman known to have disguised herself as a man and serve in the Continental Army undetected. Raised as an indentured servant in Middleborough, mistress-of-disguise Deborah Sampson, (aka Samson) dreamed of serving in the Continental Army. She persisted in developing a plan that made this dream a reality.

Deborah’s story dispels many of the myths that circulate about her and places her in relief against a backdrop of traditional Colonial culture. Peppered with props and surprises, this performance reveals the story behind this famous, principled deception and the character of the quiet rebel who pulled it off.

Registration is required.
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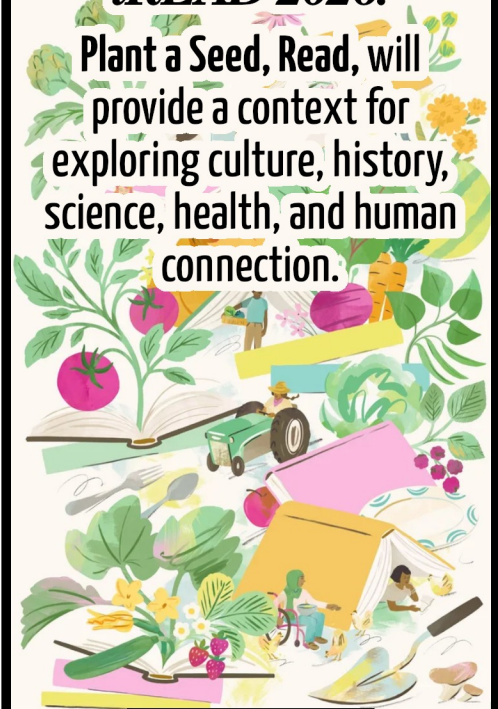
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