Home Is Where The Heart Is
A Maine Historical Society Reading and Discussion Program

Join us this January through May for our sixth annual MHS reading group.

“Home is Where the Heart Is” takes as its stepping off point the 2014-2015 MHS museum exhibit, Home: The Longfellow House and the Emergence of Portland.

Session readings explore themes of homes vs. houses, family, place, and community in fiction, non-fiction, and poetry with a historical resonance. There are even a couple haunted houses in the mix!

Image: Wadsworth-Longfellow House, ca. 1880

DETAILS

WHEN: Fourth Tuesdays: Jan. 27, Feb. 24, Mar. 24, Apr. 28, May 26 ~ 6:30-8PM
WHERE: Lecture Hall, Maine Historical Society, 489 Congress Street, Portland
COST: $20 MHS members / $30 non-members
Includes handouts, supporting materials, facilitation, and refreshments.
FACILITATOR: Larissa Vigue Picard, Director of Education, Maine Historical Society
REGISTER: By Friday, January 23! Space is limited. To register, please return the form below, stop by the museum store, or call Larissa at (207) 774-1822 x215 to register over the phone.

Yes, please register me for the 2015 MHS Book Group!

Name: _______________________________ Email: _______________________________
Address: ___________________________ City/State/Zip: _________ Phone: _____________
FEE (please select correct amount): $20 MHS Member / $30 Non-member $ _________
PAYMENT: Check enclosed for $ _________ OR charge to (circle) Visa / MC:
Card no. _____________________________ Exp. date __________ 3-digit security code ________
Signature ______________________________

Cancellation Policy: No refunds after January 23 UNLESS the program is cancelled by MHS. Cancellation by MHS would only occur if fewer than six people have registered as of January 23. Anyone registered at that point will receive a full refund.
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READING LIST

January 27: Home is Where the Heart Is
- *The Little House*, Virginia Lee Burton: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yql0Jkt4-RA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yql0Jkt4-RA) (or you may wish to find the actual children's book and read it yourself)

Background reading/viewing (optional):
“Home: The Longfellow House and the Emergence of Portland,” John Mayer and Dana Twiss: [https://www.mainememory.net/sitebuilder/site/2514/page/4016/display?use_mmn=1&popup=1](https://www.mainememory.net/sitebuilder/site/2514/page/4016/display?use_mmn=1&popup=1)

February 24: The American Dream: Houses vs. Homes
- “Living Smaller,” Witold Rybczynski, from *Looking Around: A Journey Through Architecture* (handout)
- “Houses and Homes,” Scott Russell Sanders, from *Staying Put: Making a Home in a Restless World* (handout)
- *House*, Tracy Kidder (book)

March 24: This House is Haunted! House as Psychological Space
- *The Little Stranger*, Sarah Waters (book)

April 28: Homes We Adopt—and Adapt To
- “On Dumpster Diving,” Lars Eighner: [http://www.tarleton.edu/Faculty/sword/On%20Dumpster%20Diving.pdf](http://www.tarleton.edu/Faculty/sword/On%20Dumpster%20Diving.pdf)
- *The Good Braider*, Terry Farish (book)

May 26: One House, Many Generations

Books must be acquired on your own. URLs are supplied for titles available online. Handouts will be supplied to you when you register.