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David Library Will Launch Fall Lecture Series October 7
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  “Defiance of the Patriots” author Carp to Speak on the Real “Tea Party”
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  Series Covers “Turning Points in the American Revolution”
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  (Special Events/Calendar Listing: Lectures)

WASHINGTON CROSSING, PA -- The David Library of the American Revolution will begin its Fall 2010 Lecture Series on October 7 with a talk on the Boston Tea Party by Benjamin L. Carp, author of the new book *Defiance of the Patriots: The Boston Tea Party and the Making of America*. The Boston Tea Party is the first of five “Turning Points in the American Revolution” to be examined in the lecture series, which is being underwritten by a grant to the David Library by the Bucks County Commissioners.

David Library lectures are admission free and open to the public. The lecture on the Boston Tea Party will begin at 7:30 PM and will take place in Stone Hall at the David Library, 1201 River Road, Washington Crossing.

On the evening of December 16, 1773, a group of disguised Bostonians boarded three merchant ships and dumped more than forty-six tons of tea into Boston Harbor. The Boston Tea Party, as it later came to be known, was an audacious and revolutionary act...
that set the stage for war and cemented certain values in the American psyche that many still cherish today. But why did the Tea Party happen? Whom did it involve? What did it mean? The answers to these questions are far from straightforward. In *Defiance of the Patriots*, Benjamin L. Carp tells the full story of the Tea Party—exploding myths, exploring the unique city life of Boston, and setting this extraordinary event in a global context for the first time. Revealing many little-known historical facts, Carp considers the Tea Party’s uncertain legacy, presenting a compelling and expansive history of an iconic event in America’s tempestuous past.

Benjamin L. Carp is Associate Professor of History at Tufts University. His first book is *Rebels Rising: Cities and the American Revolution*. His lecture at the David Library will be followed by a book-signing reception where *Defiance of the Patriots* will be available for purchase. Seating is limited; reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling (215)493-2233 ext. 100.

“Turning Points” to be covered in upcoming lectures at the David Library include the Battle of Bunker Hill and the signing of the Declaration of Independence. For the full schedule, visit www.dlar.org.

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