

Weston Historical Society and Friends of the Weston Public Library
Present

World War I Movie & Lecture Series



Movie: Wednesday, September 3rd, 7PM at Weston Library

The Guns of August

The film deals with the gathering storm of political and royal intrigue from 1910 to the assassination of Ferdinand in Sarajevo on 28 June 1914 and the important battles in the West, East of Europe as well as the naval war in the Mediterranean are covered.

Exhibition Opens: Thursday, September 11th

at Weston Historical Society

Exhibition will include artifacts, photos and personal memories from Westonites and their friend and families

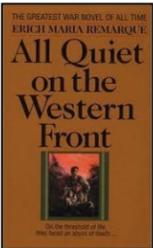


Lecture: Thursday, September 11th, 7:30PM at Weston Historical Society

The War To End All Wars—The Beginning

By Dr. Michael Nolan, History Professor, WCSU

Dr. Nolan earned his Masters degree at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst and his Ph.D. at Brandeis University in 2001. He currently teaches Modern European History at Western Connecticut State University.



Movie: Wednesday, September 17th, 7PM at Weston Library

All Quiet on the Western Front

Based on the book by Erich Maria Remarque this movie is a story of one young German soldier's profound disillusionment as a young recruit in the First World War. The film covers the lives of the men of the Second Company during the war, from their rigorous training, their battles and the loss of their friends and comrades.

Lecture: Thursday, September 18th, 7:30PM at Weston Library

WWI at Sea: The Vital Roles of Navies in the Great Trench

Dr. Glenn Gordinier, Mystic Seaport/Williams College

The popular memory of WWI is focused on the horrors of the trenches of Flandera and the killing zones of No Man's Land. The war in the Atlantic, however was pivotal in determining the conflict's outcome both for Americans and the combatants in Europe.

Lecture: Tuesday, September 23rd, 7:30PM at Weston Historical Society

The Strange Careers of General Pershing and the US Army

by Major Andrew Florney, West Point

Major Forney's research focuses on the general unpreparedness of Pershing and the US army and the levels of improvisation that both had to go through in order to fight the war

Movie: Thursday, September 25th, 7PM at Weston Library

Sergeant York

The movie is a biographical film about the life of Alvin York, one of the most-decorated American soldiers of World War. Sergeant York was a conscious objector and tried to avoid induction in the army but was refused. York, however, does report for duty and exhibits extraordinary leadership and bravery under fire, saving the lives of many of his men and captures an entire German Company.



Movie: Wednesday, October 1st, 7PM at Weston Library

War Horse

The message of this movie is universal, about the horror of war in which men and animals suffer and die, but for the animals there is no reason: They have cast their lot with men who have betrayed them. This World War I drama details the bond between young Albert Naraccott, a farmer's son from Devon, England and his loyal horse, Joey.

Lecture: Thursday, October 2nd, 7:30PM at Weston Library

The End of the War to End All Wars—the Aftermath—Impact on History

by Dr. Troy Paddock, History Professor, SCSU

This talk will center on the collapse of Germany at the end of WWI. March 3, 1918 the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk ended Russia's participation in the Great War and ceded to Germany a majority of Eastern Europe. By the second week of November that same year, the German military had collapsed and the consequences of the peace, including the rise of National Socialism and Adolf Hitler.