

Chester County author Bruce Mowday offers free lectures to libraries, historical societies and civic organizations

Topics include local history and publishing

UWCHLAN _ Chester County author Bruce Mowday is offering to give free lectures to area libraries, historical societies and civic organizations.

“Providing programs for area organizations is a way to highlight the rich history of Chester County,” said Mowday, who is also Chair of the Chester County Historical Society. “The population of Chester County is growing and many new residents are not familiar with the county and its strong ties to the founding of this country.”

Besides the free lectures Mowday is offering to give a 10 percent discount on signed copies of any his eight books to non-profit organizations for their libraries until the end of September. A ninth book on walking tours of West Chester is to be released this fall by Schiffer Books of Atglen.

One of the lectures deals with Chester County politics and is based on a book released this year by Squire Cheney Books. The book, *The Republican Committee of Chester County: 150 Years of Public Service*, was written by Craig Lincoln Tucker and Mowday.

Mowday has written four books for Arcadia Publishing on *West Chester*, *Coatesville*, *Downingtown* and *Along the Brandywine River*. His talks on the towns deal with the pictorial history of each while the talk on the Brandywine River deals with the theme that the Brandywine is really America’s river because the development of the nation can be told from what took place near the river.

His first book was *Unlikely Allies: Fort Delaware’s Prison Community in the Civil War*. The book, published by Stackpole Books, dispels the notion that Fort Delaware was as brutal as the South’s infamous Andersonville. Mowday is also scheduled to talk about Fort Delaware and sign books at Hibernia Days at Hibernia Park on August 26 and August 27.

Mowday’s book on the Battle of Brandywine, *September 11, 1777: Washington’s Defeat at Brandywine Dooms Philadelphia*, and his book on marketing for authors, *The Selling of an Author: A Marketing Guide for Writers to Increase Book Sales*, were published by White Mane Publishing. He gives talks on both subjects.

For information on all of Mowday’s books, see www.mowday.com. His email is mowday@mowday.com and he can be reached at 610 873-0727.

“Giving the talks to the civic organizations and other non-profits is a way to give back to this wonderful community,” Mowday said.