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# Witches and Vampires: When Old World Nightmares Invaded the New World

Join local authors Eileen O'Finlan and Eileen Charbonneau for a look at what happened when two European folk beliefs arrived in America.

**Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 PM**  
in the Program Room

Together Charbonneau and O'Finlan offer a presentation on how the European beliefs about witches and vampires followed those who emigrated to America, how these beliefs manifested in New England's early centuries, and how these two authors portrayed them in their novels.



Eileen O'Finlan's newest novel, *The Folklorist*, explores the New England Vampires Panic of the 19-th century and its echoes in 20-th century.



Eileen Charbonneau's recently released novel *Spectral Evidence*, relates the escape to Canada made by the children when Mary and Philip are accused of witchcraft during the hysteria of 1692.

