

Coming in April

“From *Thoreau’s Seasons* to *Men of Concord*: N.C. Wyeth Inspired”
Concord Free Public Library Art Gallery
April 15th – September 18th 2016

In this landmark collaboration, the Concord Free Public Library and the Concord Museum have each brought together a selection of rich, evocative works of art and historical documents to tell the uniquely local story of N. C. Wyeth’s series of painted panels, *Men of Concord* and the Houghton Mifflin book.

Wyeth had long been fascinated with Thoreau, his life, work, and ideas. Years of drawing inspiration from his writings resulted in the beautiful boxed volume, *Men of Concord and some others, as Portrayed in the Journal of Henry David Thoreau*, edited by Francis H. Allen, illustrated by Wyeth, and published in 1936.

The library’s exhibit explores the origin and unfolding of the book itself, a project that spanned eighteen years from concept to completed work, as well as the intensely personal story of how three of the paintings became part of the library’s collection. Items in the exhibit include correspondence, photographs, Houghton Mifflin’s editions of Thoreau’s works, and a wide-ranging selection of N.C. Wyeth’s illustrations.

For their exhibition, *N.C. Wyeth’s Men of Concord*, the Concord Museum has gathered together all twelve original panels in one venue for the first time in eighty years, as well as charcoal drawings, watercolors, and related sketches by N.C. Wyeth and his son, Andrew.

Additional information on the exhibits and related programming will be forthcoming.