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1 Jessie Haas presents 'Dearest Blood' at Putney Library

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3 TEXT BODY:

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4 Local author Jessie Haas will present on the process of
5 researching and writing her latest novel, *Dearest Blood: A*
6 *Romance of the Revolution*, at Putney Public Library on Tuesday,
7 June 9, at 6:30 p.m.

8 *Dearest Blood* is a biographical novel inspired by the
9 true story of Fanny Montresor, a young woman with a secret
10 identity whose love and loyalties crossed both sides of the
11 American Revolution.

12 Set in Westminster in 1775, the first section takes Fanny
13 through the turmoil that led to the Westminster Massacre. The
14 novel then shifts to 1783 when Fanny, now a young widow,
15 returns to Westminster hoping to recover her Tory stepfather's
16 confiscated land. Also on the hunt for that land is Vermont hero
17 Ethan Allen.

18 Haas grew up in Westminster on a farm owned in 1775
19 by a militiaman who fought at Bunker Hill. Her writing career
20 has been dominated by a love of horses and history. She sold her
21 first book, *Keeping Barney*, a month before graduating from
22 Wellesley College.

23 Forty-one books later, she has award-winning picture
24 books, poetry, novels, and nonfiction to her credit, including four
25 books about Westminster. She is the president of the Westminster
26 Historical Society, and an expert on the Westminster Massacre.
27 She owns two Morgan mares, and continues to farm, garden, and
28 ride on the home place.

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