

# **Women's History Month: A Pathfinder**

## **Introduction:**

This is a pathfinder for Women's History Month (the month of March in the United States). It can help lead you to resources about Women's History. Women's History, as you might imagine, is a gigantic topic. It can include the entire history of women in the world or in the United States. You will want to narrow this topic into an area that interests you. One of the topics you might investigate is how women got the right to vote. Other topics could be the history of women in sports, or in science, or in writing or the arts. You might even want to select one particular woman and learn about her life. Remember: if you have a dream in life, and you can find one person who has accomplished a similar dream, then you can follow their example and reach your own dream.

## **Getting Started:**

Below is a list of some of the Dewey Decimal Classification Numbers for Women's History. Look for these numbers on the spines of the books in the library. Also included is a list of keyword terms you can enter in a library catalog or search engine as you begin your research.

## **Dewey Decimal Classification Numbers:**

Women's History 305.4  
Women's Rights 324.6  
Women Inventors 609.2  
Women in Sports 796  
Collective Biography 920.7  
Biography -- B

## **Keyword Terms for Searches:**

When searching online or in an online catalog, a keyword search may be simpler. Try some of the following keywords:

Women's history  
Women's history month  
Women's history timeline  
Women's rights  
Women's suffrage  
Women and vote  
Seneca Falls  
Feminism  
American Equal Rights Association (AERA)  
Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)  
National Organization for Women (NOW)

The following is a list of women who have made substantial contributions to American Society and the world at large. It is, by no means, a complete list of the many women who were influential in making substantial records or strides towards equality for women.

Abigail Adams  
Maya Angelou  
Susan B. Anthony  
Joan of Arc  
Elizabeth Blackwell  
Rachel Carson  
Mary Cassatt  
Marie Curie  
Emily Dickinson  
Amelia Earhart  
Queen Elizabeth I  
Betty Friedan  
Billie Holiday  
Frida Kahlo  
Helen Keller  
Lucretia Mott  
Georgia O'Keefe  
Florence Nightingale  
Rosa Parks  
Rosie the Riveter  
Eleanor Roosevelt  
Sacagawea  
Elizabeth Cady Stanton  
Gloria Steinem  
Harriet Beacher Stowe  
Mother Theresa  
Sojourner Truth  
Harriet Tubman  
Alice Walker

**Databases:**

Léman Manhattan: Grolier Online, Proquest, EBSCO & Questia

**Internet Sources:**

Women's History (Library of Congress—American Memory)

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/mchtml/womhm.html>

Women's History (Biography.com)

<http://www.biography.com/womens-history/index.jsp>

American Women's History: A Research Guide  
(A list of resources created by Ken Middleton, a reference librarian at Middle Tennessee State University)

<http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kmiddlet/history/women.html>

Women's History Month (Library of Congress, National Archives, and all)

<http://womenshistorymonth.gov/>

Women's History Month (Infoplease)

<http://www.infoplease.com/womens-history-month/>

Celebrate Women's History Month

(Resources from the New York Times)

<http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/teaching-topics/celebrate-womens-history-month/>

Women's History Month (History Channel)

<http://www.history.com/topics/womens-history-month>

Women's History Month (Time for Kids)

<http://www.timeforkids.com/minisite/womens-history-month>

National Women's History Museum (includes Online Exhibits and Resources)

<http://www.nwhm.org/>

Girl Museum: Blog

<http://girlmuseum.blogspot.com>

Places Where Women Made History (National Park Service)

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/travel/pwwmh/>

Women Who Changed History (Scholastic)

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/women/>

300 Women Who Changed the World (Encyclopedia Britannica)

<http://search.eb.com/women>

Women of Influence (Fact Monster/Pearson Education)

<http://www.factmonster.com/ipka/A0768438.html>

Jewish Women's Archive

<http://jwa.org/>

One Hundred Years toward Suffrage: An Overview (Library of Congress)

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/naw/nawsttime.html>

Alice Paul's Fight for Suffrage (PBS Kids Go)  
[http://pbskids.org/wayback/civilrights/features\\_suffrage.html](http://pbskids.org/wayback/civilrights/features_suffrage.html)

The First Ladies (The White House)  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/first-ladies>

Eleanor Roosevelt: American Experience (PBS)  
(Companion site to the film)  
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/eleanor/index.html>

Women in Congress (U.S. House of Representatives)  
<http://womenincongress.house.gov/>

Women Soldiers of the Civil War (National Archives)  
<http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1993/spring/women-in-the-civil-war-1.html>

Nobel Prize Awarded Women  
[http://nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/lists/women.html](http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/lists/women.html)

Marie Curie and the Science of Radioactivity (American Institute of Physics)  
<http://www.aip.org/history/curie/>

Biographies of Women Mathematicians (Agnes Scott College)  
<http://www.agnesscott.edu/lriddle/women/women.htm>

100 Greatest Female Athletes (Sports Illustrated)  
[http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/siforwomen/top\\_100/1/](http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/siforwomen/top_100/1/)

Clara Database of Women Artists (National Museum of Women in the Arts)  
<http://clara.nmwa.org/index.php?g=search&action=home>

Georgia O'Keefe Museum  
<http://www.okeeffemuseum.org/biography.html>

Emily Dickinson Museum  
<http://www.emilydickinsonmuseum.org/timeline>

Women's History I.Q. Quiz  
<http://www.nwhp.org/resourcecenter/historyquiz.php>

Women in World History  
<http://www.nwhp.org/resourcecenter/linkshistory.php>

**Look for these nonfiction books in the Léman Manhattan library:**

*World Book Encyclopedia* (See article on “Women’s Movement” and individual biographies)

Bausum, Ann. *With Courage and Cloth: Winning the Fight for a Woman’s Right to Vote*

Blumenthal, Karen. *Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX, the law that changed the future of girls in America*

Bolden, Tonya. *33 Things Every Girl Should Know About Women’s History: From Suffragettes to Skirt Lengths to the E.R.A.*

Fradin, Dennis Brindell and Fradin, Judith Bloom. *Fight On: Mary Church Terrell’s Battle For Integration*

Freedman, Russell. *The Voice That Changed A Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights*

Miller, Brandon Marie. *Good Women of a Well-Blessed Land: Women’s Lives in Colonial America*

Stone, Tanya Lee. *Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared*

Thimmesh, Catherine. *Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women*

Weller, Sheila. *Girls Like Us: Carole King, Joni Mitchell, Carly Simon – and the Journey of a Generation*

Woolf, Virginia. *A Room of One’s Own*

**Other websites where you will find useful information:**

New York Public Library

<http://www.nypl.org/>

Brooklyn Public Library

<http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/>

Queens Library

<http://www.queenslibrary.org/index.aspx>

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