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The Louisville Free Public Library celebrates Women's History Month through music, storytelling, and hands-on projects

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (February 28, 2020) – The Louisville Free Public Library will offer more than 40 programs honoring Women's History in March, including book discussions, historical reenactors and talks, craft projects, lectures, film screenings, displays, and games.

Kicking things off is the Iroquois Library's annual **International Women's Day Celebration**, honoring women from around the world who empower their communities here in Louisville (March 7, 1 p.m., Iroquois Library). Historians will shed light on **The History of the Ursuline Sisters in Louisville** (March 10, Crescent Hill Library), and the life of road and track cyclist **Tillie Anderson** with the Frazier History Museum (March 21, 1 p.m., Highlands/Shelby Park Library). The Carnegie Center for Art & History will revisit the life of **Lucy Higgs Nichols**, who escaped slavery to become a nurse in the American Civil War, and we will mark the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment with a Kentucky Chautauqua performance of suffragette Madeline McDowell Breckinridge in **Votes for Women** (March 28, 1 p.m., Iroquois Library). Explore Underground Railroad conductor Harriet Tubman's life with renowned historian and author **Erica Armstrong Dunbar** (March 24, 7 p.m.), and join State Representative Attica Scott, poet Hannah Drake, and other local leaders to discuss the politics of black hair at **My Hair, My Crown: Liberating Black Hair** (March 28, 1 p.m., Western Library).

Composer and pianist Rachel Grimes will perform a special selection from her folk opera and film, *The Way Forth* which covers two centuries of Kentucky history through women's voices. As an added treat, this performance will take place in the historic and acoustically-unique, marble-lined south lobby of the Main Library. Space for **Rachel Grimes: Selections from The Way Forth** is limited, please call (502) 574-1623 to reserve a spot, or visit www.lfpl.org/mylibrary (March 21, 6 p.m., Main Library).

University of Louisville professor of English Dr. Karen Hadley will cover the lives and lasting influence of authors Mary Shelley and Jane Austen in the four-week Short Course **Shelley, Austen, & the Phantoms of Conventionality Short Course** (Thursdays, March 26-April 16, 6:30 p.m., Main Library). Other book discussions will cover the lives of Cokie Roberts, Dorthea Lange, Henrietta Lacks, Jeannette Walls, Hedy Lamarr, and NASA mathematicians Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson.

Children and teens can celebrate Women's History at special storytimes, dance parties, sciences projects, games, and art programs like **Make Your Own Zine** (March 31, 3 p.m., Fairdale). Explore the world of villainesses in popular culture and literature at the Portland Library with **She's Bad!: Notorious Villainesses** (March 28, 1:30 p.m.), and learn more about famous women pilots like Amelia Earhart and Bessie Coleman at **STEAM Club: Paper Airplanes** (March 7, 1:30 p.m., Shively).

Find all these programs and more at LFPL.org/WomensHistory.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Music Mondays: Girl Power Dance Party

Monday, March 2, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Shawnee Library

Teen Movie: *Hidden Figures*

Tuesday, March 3, 3:30 p.m., Northeast Regional Library

Girl Power Storytime

Tuesday, March 3, 7 p.m., Highlands/Shelby Park Library

Book Discussion: *Half Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls

Wednesday, March 4, 6:30 p.m., Highlands/Shelby Park Library

Girl Power Storytime

Thursday, March 5, 11 a.m., Jeffersontown Library

Teen Movie Trivia Night: *Harriet Tubman*

Thursday, March 5, 5 – 8 p.m., Main Library

Northeast Page Turners: *Rebel Voices* by Louise Kay Stewart

Thursday, March 5, 6 p.m., Northeast Regional Library

Family Storytime: *Girl Power*

Saturday, March 7, 11 a.m., Northeast Regional Library

International Women's Day

Saturday, March 7, 1 p.m., Iroquois Library

STEAM Club: *Model Airplanes*

Saturday, March 7, 1:30 p.m., Shively Library

Women's History Film: *Suffragette*

Saturday, March 7, 2 p.m., Fairdale Library

Book Discussion: *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly

Tuesday, March 10, 10:30 a.m., Shively Library

Middletown Movie Night: *On the Basis of Sex*

Tuesday, March 10, 5:30 p.m., Middletown Library

History of the Ursuline Sisters in Louisville

Tuesday, March 10, 7 p.m., Crescent Hill Library

Northeast Medieval Combat Society: Joan of Arc Edition

Wednesday, March 11, 4 p.m., Northeast Regional Library

Movie Screening: *Harriet*

Thursday, March 12, 4:30 p.m., Portland Library

Documentary Screening: *Time for Ilhan*

Saturday, March 14, 1 p.m., Iroquois Library

Book Bingo: Notable Women

Saturday, March 14, 2 p.m., St. Matthews Library

Book Discussion: *Founding Mothers* by Cokie Roberts

Monday, March 16, 7 p.m., Northeast Regional Library

Mystery Book Discussion: *Girl Waits with Gun* by Amy Stewart

Tuesday, March 17, 2 p.m., Main Library

Book Discussion: Women Biographies

Wednesday, March 18, 10:15 a.m., Jeffersontown Library

Book Discussion: *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly

Wednesday, March 18, 4 p.m., Fairdale Library

Book Discussion: *Learning to See: A Novel of Dorothea Lange* by Elise Hooper

Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m., Bon Air Library

Book Discussion: *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict

Thursday, March 19, 1 p.m., St. Matthews Library

Healthy Discussions: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lack*

Thursday, March 19, 6:30 p.m., Main Library

Frazier History Museum Presents: Tillie Anderson

Saturday, March 21, 1 p.m., Highlands/Shelby Park Library

Film Screening: *Ruby Bridges*

Saturday, March 21, 2 p.m., South Central Regional Library

Rachel Grimes: Selections from *The Way Forth* Concert
Saturday, March 21, 6 p.m., Main Library

Remembered: the Life of Lucy Higgs Nichols
Monday, March 23, 6 p.m., Portland Library

Book Discussion: *I Am Malala*
Tuesday, March 24, 6 p.m., Middletown Library

Erica Armstrong Dunbar, Craig Buthod Author Series
Tuesday, March 24, 7 p.m., Main Library

Book Discussion: *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict
Wednesday, March 25, 1 p.m., Crescent Hill Library

Shelley, Austen & the Phantoms of Conventionality Short Course with Dr. Karen Hadley
Thursdays, March 26 - April 16, 6:30 p.m., Main Library

My Hair, My Crown! Liberating Black Hair
Saturday, March 28, 1 p.m., Western Library

Votes for Women!
Saturday, March 28, 1 p.m., Iroquois Library

She's Bad! Notorious Villainesses
Saturday, March 28, 1:30 p.m., Portland Library

Finding Your Female Ancestors
Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m., Main Library

History Hour: Marie Daly
Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m., Shawnee Library

Mixtape Club: Women Musicians
Saturday, March 28, 2:30 p.m., Bon Air Library

Girl Power Family Art Night
Monday, March 30, 6 p.m., Shively Library

Music Mondays: Women Composers
Monday, March 30, 6:30 p.m., Portland Library

Film Screening: *Queen of Katwe*
Tuesday, March 31, 2 p.m., South Central Regional Library

Make Your Own Zine

Tuesday, March 31, 3 p.m., Fairdale Library