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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