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 Beecher 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/mcchtml/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)

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 Brittanica)
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/nawtime.html
Alice Paul’s Fight for Suffrage (PBS Kids Go)
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)

Nobel Prize Awarded Women
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/

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*


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

Other websites where you will find useful information:
New York Public Library

Brooklyn Public Library

Queens Library

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