

## Women's History Month Tool Kit

This information is for suggested activities that have been used in various venues during past events. If a new idea is completed, it is hoped that the WHM Chair contacts the Manual of Instruction Chair to have this tool kit updated.

Special Note: Women's History is created everyday but is recognized by the USA President during the month of March. If your event is not held in March, it should still be recognized as a promotion of Women's History.

### Ideas for Events

- Women's History Museum – an event could be held within a school, organization or a community building whereby different women in history are researched and displays assembled highlighting their lives.
- Timelines – photographs of women with a short bio posted on a wall like a traditional timeline.
- Parades – participate in a community parade dressed as women in history. This could be July 4<sup>th</sup> parades, Labor Day parades, Memorial Day parades or even a Winter Carnival parade.
- Placemats – design placemats for children to color at area restaurants during March. Art students could design these as well in school – laminate them and donate to an area restaurant.
- Bookmarks – design book marks with woman's biography on the back side. Give out at a local library.—can also be a school projects.
- Donate books – biographies or books on strong women to local libraries
- Speech – hold a speech contest
- Debates – hold a debate with individual debating that their woman is the most influential of the century
- Store Front Displays – work with area businesses to make a store front display featuring women's history
- Radio or Television Promos – work with the area media to read 1 minute promos about women in history
- Newspaper Articles/Letters to Editors –work with area newspapers about submitting a woman of the week column
- Essay Contest – hold an essay contest using the yearly theme— group by age levels
- Dioramas –school project
- Family Histories – encourage events for individuals to learn about their women ancestors
- Dress up as a famous woman for a meeting
- International Women's Day – March 8<sup>th</sup>
- National Women and Girls in Sports Day – around Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>

- Susan B. Anthony Birthday – Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>
- Title IX honor—trace the history of female sports in a local area.
- Hold a Bingo night with the bingo card being information about women

**Hold a Movie Night –suggestions:**

- “North Country” is a 2005 American drama film inspired by the 2002 book *Class Action: The Story of Lois Jenson and the Landmark Case That Changed Sexual Harassment Law* by Clara Bingham and Laura Leedy Gansler, which chronicled the case of *Jenson v. Eveleth Taconite Company*.
- “You Are There” season 3, episode 22 (DVD) *The Trial of Susan B. Anthony* narrated by Walter Cronkite
- “Iron Jawed Angels” is a 2004 American drama film starring Hilary Swank, Frances O'Connor, Julia Ormond, and Anjelica Huston. It focuses on the American women's suffrage movement during the 1910s. The film follows political activists Alice Paul and Lucy Burns as they use peaceful and effective strategies, tactics, and dialogues to revolutionize the American feminist movement to grant women the right to vote.
- “Not for Ourselves Alone” is a 1999 documentary by Ken Burns, detailing the lives and achievements of Suffragettes Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony.

**Suggested resource links:**

- [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org) --The National Women's History Project, founded in 1980, is an educational nonprofit organization --Diverse resources and an annual theme—access to noted speakers
- [www.amightygirl.com](http://www.amightygirl.com) – Large collection of books, toys, and movies for parents, teachers, and others dedicated to raising smart, confident and courageous girls.
- <http://susanbanthonyhouse.org/index.php>
- Womens Rights National Park and Museum [www.nps.gov/wori/](http://www.nps.gov/wori/)

**Criteria for judging awards should include:**

- Media impact
- School interaction
- Community interaction
- Can be presented in hard copy or technological form