Women’s History Month: Resources for Teachers and Staff

Women’s History Month is a time to celebrate ordinary and extraordinary women, explore women’s achievements and struggles throughout history, and acknowledge all the amazing contributions of women to our society. The 2021 theme for Women's History Month is “Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to Be Silenced.” However, it is important to acknowledge that not all women were granted the right to vote at the same time. We must consider the importance of intersectionality and how it further marginalized groups of women based on race, gender and sexual orientation. Native American, Asian American, Latinx and African American suffragists had to continue the fight for the right to vote long after the 19th Amendment was ratified. These women demonstrated resilience by refusing to be silent.

Springhurst Library Media Specialist Lauren Rodriguez, Middle/High School Library Media Specialist Ellen Elsen, and K-8 Literacy Coordinator Michelle Yang-Kaczmarek have teamed up with Dobbs Ferry Public Library Children’s Librarian Gina Elbert to create this resource list to help your classes dive deeper into the contribution of women to society. Our hope is that this history will not just stay in March but will be celebrated all year long highlighting the determination, courage and perseverance of women.

Booklist
Below is a list of published books. You can access items marked with a blue dot (●) through the Dobbs Ferry school libraries and items marked with a yellow dot (●) through the Dobbs Ferry Public Library. Please contact your librarians to put them on hold and/or learn more information about the formats in which these titles are available.

Picture Books
- Mae Among the Stars by Roda Ahmed ●●
- That Book Woman by Heather Henson ●●
- The Quickest Kid in Clarksville by Pat Zietlow Miller ●
- Kamala and Maya’s Big Idea by Meena Harris ●
- My Name Is Not Isabella: Just How Big Can a Little Girl Dream? by Jennifer Fosberry ●
- Born to Ride: A Story About Bicycle Face by Larissa Theule ●
- Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beatty ●●
- Astronaut Annie by Suzanne Buckingham Slade ●●
- Just Like Me by Vanessa Brantley-Newman ●
Elementary Nonfiction

- *She Was the First!: The Trailblazing Life of Shirley Chisholm* by Katheryn Russell-Brown
- *Little People, Big Dreams: Rosa Parks* by Lisbeth Kaiser
- *Sally Ride: a photo biography of America’s pioneering woman in space* by Tam E. O’Shaughnessy
- *Shirely Chisholm is a Verb!* by Veronica Chambers
- *What Do You Do with a Voice Like That? The Story of Extraordinary Congresswoman Barbara Jordan* by Chris Barton
- *Sylvia and Marsha Start a Revolution! The Story of the Trans Women of Color Who Made LGBTQ+ History* by Joy Michael Ellison and Teshika Silver
- *The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a young civil rights activist* by Cynthia Levinson
- *The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read* by Ria Lorraine Hubbard
- *Hidden Figures: the true story of four black women and the space race* by Margot Lee Shetterly
- *Talkin’ about Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman* by Nikki Grimes and E.B. Lewis
- *Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad* by Ann Petry
- *Game Changers: The Story of Venus and Serena Williams* by Lesa Cline-Ransome
- *Brave, black, first: 50+ African American women who changed the world* by Cheryl Willis Hudson
- *Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré* by Anika Denise
- *For the Right to Learn: Malala Yousafzai’s Story* by Rebecca Langston-George
- *Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx* by Jonah Winter
- *Ocean Speaks: How Maire Tharpe revealed the ocean’s biggest secret* by Jess Keating
- *Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family’s Fight for Desegregation* by Duncan Tonatiuh
- *Pass Go and Collect $200: The Real Story of How Monopoly Was Invented* by Tanya Lee Stone
- *Mother Jones and Her Army of Mill Children* by Jonah Winter
- *The Only Woman In The Photo: Frances Perkins & Her New Deal for America* by Kathleen Krull
Middle Grade Fiction
- Betty Before X by Ilyash Shabazz and Renee Watson
- The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly
- Full Cicada Moon by Marilyn Hilton
- Zora and Me by T.R. Simon and Victoria Bond
- The Moon Within by Aida Salazar
- Watch Us Rise by Renee Watson and Ellen Hagan
- Flygirl by Sherri L. Smith
- The Hired Girl by Laura Amy Schiltz
- Uprising by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- I Can Make This Promise by Christine Day
- Indian No More by Charlene Willing McManis

Middle Grade Nonfiction
- Finish the Fight!: The Brave and Revolutionary Women Who Fought for the Right to Vote by Veronica Chambers
- Forward: My Story by Abby Wambach
- Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Candace Fleming
- Life in Motion (Young Reader’s Edition) by Misty Copeland
- Heart of a Champion by Michelle Kwan
- The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian’s Art Changed Science by Joyce Sidman
- First Girl Scout: The Life of Juliette Gordon Low by Ginger Wadsworth
- I Got This: To Gold and Beyond by Laurie Hernandez
- Becoming RBG: Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s Journey to Justice by Debbie Levy
- Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall by Anita Silvey
- Women in Art: 50 Fearless Creatives who Inspired the World by Rachel Ignotofsky
- My Family Divided: One Girl’s Journey of Home, Loss, and Hope by Diane Guerrero
- She Did It!: 21 Women Who Changed the Way We Think by Emily Arnold McCully
- Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 Tales of Extraordinary Women by Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo
• HERstory: 50 Women and Girls Who Shook Up the World by Katherine Halligan and Sarah Walsh
• Super Women: Six Scientists Who Changed the World by Laurie Lawlor
• Eleanor Roosevelt: Fighter for Justice by Ilene Cooper
• Dreaming in Code: Ada Byron Lovelace, Computer Pioneer by Emily Arnold McCully
• Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Philip Hoose
• The Rebellious Life of Ms. Rosa Parks by Brandy Colbert
• The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor by Sonia Sotomayor
• Condoleezza Rice: A Memoir of My Extraordinary, Ordinary Family and Me by Condoleezza Rice

Young Adult Fiction
• Watch Us Rise by Renee Watson and Ellen Hagan
• The Hired Girl by Laura Amy Schiltz
• The Downstairs Girl by Stacey Lee
• Furia by Yamile Saied Mendez

Young Adult Nonfiction
• Say Her Name by Zetta Elliott
• Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen by Jazz Jennings
• In the Country We Love : My Family Divided by Diane Guerrero
• Wonder Women: 25 Innovators, Inventors, and Trailblazers Who Changed History by Sam Maggs and Sophia Foster-Dimino
• Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History (Young Readers' Edition) by Keith O'Brien
• Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who ROCKED the World by Pénélope Bagieu
• Jane Against the World: Roe V. Wade and the Fight For Reproductive Rights by Karen Blumenthal
• Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly
• History vs Women by Anita Sarkeesian and Ebony Adams
• Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose
• The Rebellious Life of Ms. Rosa Parks by Brandy Colbert
• Gloria Steinem: A Life by Winifred Conkling
• The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor by Sonia Sotomayor
• Radioactive!: How Irène Curie & Lise Meitner Revolutionized Science and Changed the World by Winifred Conkling
• Condoleezza Rice: A Memoir of My Extraordinary, Ordinary Family and Me by Condoleezza Rice
Resources

History.com: Women’s History Month 2021
National Women’s History Month Museum
International Women’s Day
Women’sHistoryMonth.gov Teacher Resources
Women’s History Month 2021 Resources
Not All Women Gained the Vote in 1920

Additional Book Lists

Here Wee Read: 25 Children’s Picture Books for Women’s History Month
Social Justice Books: Women’s History Month: A Book Every Day
A Mighty Girl: New Mighty Girl Books for Women’s History Month 2020
A Mighty Girl: True Colors: Mighty Girl Books for Pride Month
Sharon H. Chang: 12 Kids Books About Asian Women
Hispanic Mama: 5 Children’s Books about Latina Women
A Mighty Girl: 60 Empowering Books Starring Latina Mighty Girls
Pebble Go: Discover Great Women from History
A Mighty Girl: 50 Children’s Books Celebrating Native American and Indigenous Mighty Girls