

Women's History Month

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The world has always had legendary women warriors, innovative female artists and powerful queens. But most women's names are lost to history, because until very recently females had limited roles in public life, and often had little control over their own lives. During the past 100 years, however, women have been making up for lost time. Since U.S. women won the right to vote in 1920, their lives have changed radically. Today's women are students, activists, business leaders, scientists, athletes, politicians, Nobel prize winners and more. As women's opportunities expanded, so too has their influence. Women today can be at the forefront of public life, including fighting for social justice, marching for equality and working in many different ways to ensure a better world for all. The notion that women's rights are human rights no longer seems so radical, and today's little girls truly believe that they can do anything.

Women's History Month is a time to applaud the achievements of all women—our mothers, grandmothers and the mothers who came before them. During the month of March, we acknowledge the accomplishments of those women who made it into the history books as well as the many more whose labors went unrecognized by society. The Orange County Library System's guide to Women's History Month, libguides.ocls.info/womenshistory, is full of resources about amazing females whose contributions made a significant impact upon the world. It includes biographies of specific women who shaped history, books and DVDs about women's rights today and links to library databases, websites and mobile resources. From *Uppity Women of Medieval Times* to *Rad Women Worldwide*, all books are available for home delivery from the library. Order one today and celebrate the powerful women who made history and continue to make history today!