

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Weekly Newsletter

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March is Women's History Month!

Growing out of a small-town school event in California, Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society. The United States has observed it annually throughout the month of March since 1987.

Source: <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/womens-history-month>

About Women's History Month

Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982, as "Women's History Week." Throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as "Women's History Week." In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month." Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, Presidents Clinton, Bush, and Obama have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

Source: <https://womenshistorymonth.gov/about/>



Harriet Tubman (1820–1913)

One of the most important Union spies and scouts during the Civil War, Tubman was a Black woman who had escaped from slavery. She led over 300 people in their escape from slavery via the system of safe-houses known as the Underground Railroad.



Dolores Huerta (b. 1930)

Before the 1960s, farm workers in the U.S. were not paid even the minimum wage, and had no influential representatives to fight for their rights. Huerta, a long-time Chicana labor activist, co-founded the United Farm Workers union in 1962, served for over two decades as the union's vice-president and chief lobbyist, and was a savvy labor contract negotiator and nationwide speaker.

Executive and Legislative Documents

The Law Library of Congress has compiled guides to commemorative observations, including a comprehensive inventory of the [Public Laws, Presidential Proclamations and congressional resolutions](#) related to Women's History Month.

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Other Dedicated Web Sites

- [National Endowment for the Humanities](#)
- [National Archives](#)
- [National Park Service](#)
- [Smithsonian Education](#)
- [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#)

Celebrate Women's History Month at MassBay

**Wednesday, March 6, 2019
12:00PM-2:00PM | Library Atrium**

Victorian Gossip Girl | Annie Adams Fields

Mrs. Fields has incredible influence on literary decisions at Ticknor and Fields Publishing House and a great ear for gossip! Counting Nathaniel Hawthorne, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow amongst her closest friends, she witnessed a great deal of Victorian revelry at her waterside museum in Beacon Hill. No short of a Gossip Girl, Mrs. Fields wrote about her guests' embarrassing moments in her novel *Authors and Friends* and shares them with you during an intimate teatime conversation.

Join Mrs. Fields, as she hosts you and your guests for an afternoon tea. There will be cookies, laughter and disbelief, and even some blushing cheeks, when you hear the tantalizing tales of the Victorian Gossip Girl!



Rachel Carson (1907–1964)

*Carson is considered the mother of the environmental movement. A writer and biologist, she touched off an international controversy about the environmental effects of pesticides with her 1962 book, *The Silent Spring*. The book became a best-seller and the foundation of modern ecological awareness.*



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