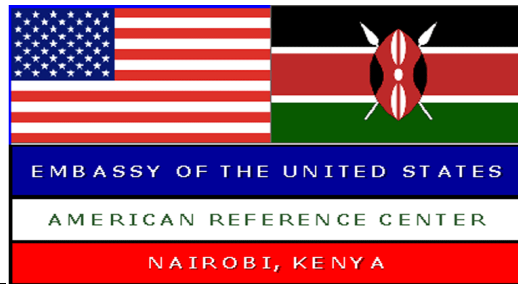




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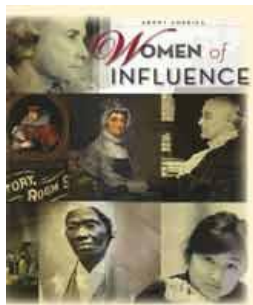
## Women's History Month Resources

**Introduction.** *International Women's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world. It is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political. It is an occasion for looking back on past struggles and accomplishments, and more importantly, for looking ahead to the untapped potential and opportunities that await future generations of women.*

**U.S. Census Bureau** gives historical background of National Women's History Month back to March 8, 1857, when women from New York City factories staged a protest over working conditions. International Women's Day was first observed in 1909, but it wasn't until 1981 that Congress established National Women's History Week to be commemorated the second week of March. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month. Every year since, Congress has passed a resolution for Women's History Month, and the President has issued a proclamation. [http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/facts\\_for\\_features\\_special\\_editions/014522.html](http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/014522.html)

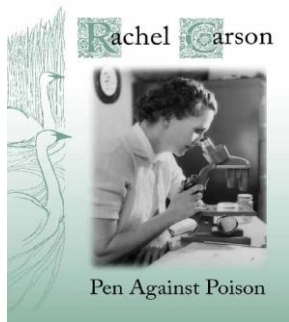
**The theme for International Women's Day 2010 is "Equal Rights, Equal Opportunities, Progress for All".** <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/feature/iwd/>

### About America: Women of Influence.- Available in ARC Library



*This publication summarizes how 21 notable American women broke new ground, some by championing equal rights for all and others by their accomplishments in fields such as government, literature, and even in war.*

<http://www.america.gov/media/pdf/books/womeninfln.pdf#popup>



**Rachel Carson: Pen Against Poison – Available in ARC Library**

*Rachel Carson was a quiet woman who stirred extraordinary controversy that persists decades after her death. Her 1962 book *Silent Spring* brought worldwide attention to the harm to human health and the environment wrought by mishandling of a powerful pesticide, fomenting the environmental movement. In the 100th anniversary year of Carson's birth, this publication examines how occasionally in history a book with a powerful idea can bring about peaceful but dramatic change in a democratic society.*

<http://www.america.gov/publications/books/rachel-carson-pen-against-poison.html>

**Presidential Proclamation - Women's History Month:** <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/presidential-proclamation-womens-history-month>

**The American.gov People & Places website:** *The page talks about first lady Michelle Obama as woman of influence, who serves as a role model for other women who strive to balance their professional careers and their roles as mothers and wives.* [http://www.america.gov/michelle\\_obama.html](http://www.america.gov/michelle_obama.html)

**The American.gov People & Places website:** *Featuring photo gallery of women's history.* <http://www.america.gov/amlife/people.html>

**The America.gov.** *The page talks about Oprah Winfrey who believes that education is freedom and the open door to anybody's future. She talks about the power of learning.* [http://www.america.gov/oprah\\_school.html](http://www.america.gov/oprah_school.html)

**Women of courage:** *Around the world, women are challenging their societies to uphold freedom and human rights. Many take great risks to accomplish great things. Here are some of their stories.* <http://www.america.gov/women-courage.html>

**Office of Global Women's Issues at the State Department:** *works for the political, economic, and social empowerment of women.* <http://www.state.gov/s/gwi/>

**Distinguished Women Worldwide: Past and Present:** *This site has biographies of the most distinguished women from a global perspective who contributed to our culture in many different ways.*

**Discovering American Women's History Online:** *This database provides access to digital collections of primary sources (photos, letters, diaries, artifacts, etc.) that document the history of women in the United States. These diverse collections range from Ancestral Pueblo pottery to Katrina Thomas's photographs of ethnic weddings from the late 20th century.* <http://library.mtsu.edu/digitalprojects/womenshistory.php>

**Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1600 to 2000:** *Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1600-2000 is a resource for students and scholars of U.S. history and U.S. women's history. The collection seeks to advance scholarly debates and understanding at the same time that it makes the insights of women's history accessible to teachers and students at universities, colleges, and high schools. The collection includes more than 90 document projects or archives and 2,800 documents and 125,000 pages of additional full-text sources, written by more than 2,240 primary authors. It also*

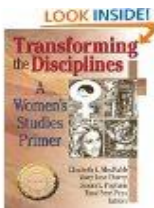
includes book, film, and website reviews, notes from the archives, and teaching tools. It continues to grow with two new issues/releases annually. <http://womhist.alexanderstreet.com/>

**Global Fund for Women:** *The Global Fund for Women is an international network of women and men committed to a world of equality and social justice. We advocate for and defend women's human rights by making grants to support women's groups around the world.* <http://www.globalfundforwomen.org/cms/>

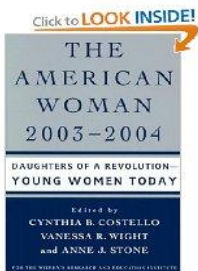
**American Women, Reference Guide: A Gateway to Library of Congress's Resources for the study of Women's History and Culture in the United States:** *This is considered to be "a first stop for using Library of Congress resources to do research in the field of American women's history. It presents some digital items; however, it serves primarily as a comprehensive guide to the entirety of the Library's holdings on women's history. It includes exhibits that feature women and how to find women within exhibits where they're not featured. Essays examine women as a symbol 1590-1800, the women's suffrage parade of 1913, and the equal rights amendment."*

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/awhtml/index.html>

**Some selected books on Women Issues available in the American Resource Center Library for check out**



**Transforming the Disciplines: a woman's studies primer** by Elizabeth L. MacNabb "is one of the first women's studies books to show feminist scholarship as an active force, changing the way we study such diverse fields as architecture, bioethics, history, mathematics, religion, and sports studies. In almost thirty essays, *Transforming the Disciplines* exemplifies the changes achieved by feminist thought."



**The American Woman 2003-2004: Daughters of a Revolution - Young Women Today** by Cynthia B. Costello "Answers the question many of us have been asking: how enduring was the gender revolution? The answer comes in an informative examination of young women's work and family lives, the first in-depth look at how 30 year old women of today are transforming the institutions of marriage and motherhood and altering the workplace in the process"

**Women's issues and social work practice** by Elaine Norman "it emphasizes on both the masculine and feminine roles. While it consistently incorporates standard sociological concepts and theories, it does not presuppose substantial knowledge of the discipline"

**Women in Mass Communication: challenging gender values** by Pamela J. Creedon "As women become more prominent in the media field, a number of significant questions must be addressed and answered. How will the increasing number of professional women affect the media? As more women enter the field, what impact will they have on the job market?"

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