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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AT THE LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

Free Exhibitions, Events, and Online Resources Focus on the Centennial of Women's Suffrage

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(Richmond, Virginia) – A book launch, two exhibitions, and even a downloadable coloring book mark a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment at the Library of Virginia during National Women's History Month this March.

Join us for the book launch of *The Campaign for Woman Suffrage in Virginia*, which explores the remarkable achievements of women who fought for the right to vote in the commonwealth. Costumed interpreters will kick off the event with a circa 1916 suffrage rally. Authors Brent Tarter, Marianne E. Julienne, and Barbara Batson are also the curators of *We Demand: Women's Suffrage in Virginia*, now on view in the Library's Exhibition Gallery. The story continues on the second floor with *Unfinished Business*, a series of panel displays examining the obstacles to citizenship that remained for many Virginians after passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920. See the **Free Events & Exhibitions** list below for details.

Can't make it to the Library? Visit a traveling version of the *We Demand* exhibition at one of these locations: edu.lva.virginia.gov/we-demand-traveling-exhibition. You can also create your own coloring-book version of women's suffrage posters, postcards, and other ephemera by downloading our *We Demand: Women's Suffrage in Virginia*-themed coloring book (bit.ly/ColoringCollections20). Looking for research resources or primary source documents for classroom use? We've got you covered. See the **Online Resources** list below for links.

Related images are available here (including caption/credit information):

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/erd2yozis7obgmq/AADcucpvwy-dBWciiqiU3NTba?dl=0>

Free Events & Exhibitions

BOOK LAUNCH & CELEBRATION

The Campaign for Woman Suffrage in Virginia

Thursday, March 12, 2020 | 5:30–7:30 PM | Lecture Hall & Lobby | Free

800 East Broad Street
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Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment! Join us for the launch of *The Campaign for Woman Suffrage in Virginia*, a new book that explores the remarkable achievements of women who fought for the right to vote in the commonwealth. Costumed interpreters from Maymont will kick off the event with a ca. 1916 suffrage rally that includes pro and con viewpoints before leading us into the Lecture Hall for a conversation with the authors. Brent Tarter, Marianne E. Julienne, and Barbara Batson—whose research unearthed new information and discovered women who have never before appeared in history books—are also the curators of the Library of Virginia's exhibition *We Demand: Women's Suffrage in Virginia*, running through December 5, 2020, in the Exhibition Gallery. Reception at 5:30 PM, program at 6:00 PM, book signings at 7:00 PM. To order a copy of the book online, go to bit.ly/2OaeNYI. For more information, contact Emma Ito at emma.ito@lva.virginia.gov or 804.692.3726.

EXHIBITION

We Demand: Women's Suffrage in Virginia

Through December 5, 2020 | Exhibition Hall & Lobby | Free

The story of Virginia's suffragists and their contributions to the fight for woman suffrage is little known. *We Demand: Women's Suffrage in Virginia* reveals how women created two statewide organizations to win the right to vote. Virginia suffragists were a remarkable group of talented and dedicated women who have largely been forgotten. They were artists and writers, business and professional women, and educators and reformers who marched in parades, rallied at the state capitol, spoke to crowds on street corners, staffed booths at state and county fairs, lobbied legislators and congressmen, picketed the White House, and even went to jail. Items on display include suffrage postcards and memorabilia such as pinback buttons and badges, as well as banners from the Virginia branch of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, photographs, and film footage. This exhibition is a project of the Task Force to Commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote. A traveling version is also available. Find the schedule here: edu.lva.virginia.gov/we-demand-traveling-exhibition.

EXHIBITION

Unfinished Business

Through November 21, 2020 | 2nd Floor | Free

Extending the right to vote to women was a milestone in American history. But much work remained to ensure that all citizens had a fair and equal voice in governing the country and shaping its policies. *Unfinished Business*, a series of panel displays on the Library of Virginia's second floor, explores the fundamental question of citizenship through obstacles that limited suffrage to some Americans, including the Equal Rights Amendment (first introduced in 1923), extending citizenship to America's indigenous peoples, eliminating the poll tax and literacy tests, and the continuing advocacy for restoration of rights to felons. This exhibition complements *We Demand: Women's Suffrage in Virginia*, running through December 5, 2020, in the Exhibition Gallery.

CIVIC CONVERSATIONS: A SMALL-GROUP DISCUSSION SERIES

A Conversation about Feminism

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 | 6:00–8:00 PM | Conference Rooms | Free

This small-group discussion series encourages informed conversations around complex topics affecting Virginia. On the second Wednesday of each month, the Library will screen a segment from a documentary film, followed by a round-table conversation with input from a moderator and historical expert from the Library. Attendees are encouraged to share their perspectives with the group. March 11's event features a screening from the Netflix documentary *Feminists: What Were They Thinking* with conversations about current and historic feminist terminology and attitudes. For more information, contact Emma Ito at emma.ito@lva.virginia.gov or 804.692.3726.

Online Resources

Downloadable Coloring Book on Women's Suffrage in Virginia
bit.ly/ColoringCollections20

***We Demand: Women's Suffrage in Virginia* exhibition website**
edu.lva.virginia.gov/wedemand/

Women's History in Virginia – a compilation of resources
edu.lva.virginia.gov/viriniawomen

Virginia Changemakers – Virginia Women in History Honorees
edu.lva.virginia.gov/changemakers/va-women

Women's History Documents for Educators
edu.lva.virginia.gov/dbva/items/browse?tags=Women%27s+History

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