Women’s History Month

Celebrate the generations of women who have left an enduring imprint on history with this collection of compelling books!

- **The Book of Gutsy Women: Favorite Stories of Courage and Resilience**
  by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton

- **Broad Band: The Untold Story of the Women Who Made the Internet**
  by Claire Lisa Evans

- **Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History**
  by Keith O’Brien

- **History vs. Women: The Defiant Lives That They Don’t Want You to Know**
  by Anita Sarkeesian & Ebony Adams

- **Jell-O Girls: A Family History**
  by Allie Rowbottom

- **Monster, She Wrote: The Women Who Pioneered Horror and Speculative Fiction**
  by Lisa Kroger and Melanie Anderson

- **Outsiders: Five Women Writers Who Changed the World**
  by Lyndall Gordon

- **The Queens of Animation: The Untold Story of the Women Who Transformed the World of Disney and Made Cinematic History**
  by Nathalia Holt

- **Smithsonian American Women: Remarkable Objects and Stories of Strength, Ingenuity, and Vision from the National Collection**
  edited by Victoria Pope and Christine Schrum

- **The White Devil’s Daughters: The Women Who Fought Slavery in San Francisco’s Chinatown**
  by Julia Flynn Siler

- **Women Warriors: An Unexpected History**
  by Pamela Toler

- **Women Who Rock: Bessie to Beyoncé, Girl Groups to Riot Grrrl**
  edited by Evelyn McDonnell
BOOK OF THE MONTH:
American Eden: David Hosack, Botany, and Medicine in the Garden of the Early Republic  [Non-fiction; Biography; Medical Botanists]
by Victoria Johnson

This finalist for a Pulitzer Prize focuses on the life of David Hosack, a doctor and botanist who created the Elgin Botanic Garden in New York City. It was the first public garden in the United States and was created to serve as an outdoor classroom. Hosack’s plan was to find and preserve every species native to North America, and study the medicinal properties of each. Though ambitious and respected by many, the Garden collapsed due to a lack of funding in 1812.

While the Garden failed, the influence of Dr. Hosack lingered for generations. His students went on to lead the next wave of advances in American botany, and his legacy lives on in our parks, gardens, pharmacology, and medical practices. Nevertheless, Dr. Hosack is mostly known as the doctor in attendance during the ill-fated duel between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr.

Author Victoria Johnson skillfully rescued his story from oblivion, weaving the tale of the doctor with a portrait of an up-and-coming New York City. As an authority on botanic gardens and professor of urban planning, Johnson delivers an engaging medley of the political, medical, and scientific history of the 19th century. American Eden is perfect for history lovers and a wonderful tribute to a forgotten pioneer.

Jen

All Staff Picks are available through the Ocean State Libraries system.

Colleen

- American Sherlock: Murder, Forensics, and the Birth of American CSI by Kate Winkler Dawson (eZone audiobook)  [Non-fiction; Criminologists; Forensic Science]
- Gay Like Me: A Father Writes to His Son by Richie Jackson  (eZone audiobook)  [Family Relationships; Sexual Identity; Autobiography]

JAYNE

- Incidental Inventions by Elena Ferrante  [Newspaper Columns; Writing]
- This Is How It Always Is by Laurie Frankel  [Fiction; Transgender Children; Family Secrets]

Kristin

- The Dozier School for Boys: Forensics, Survivors, and a Painful Past by Elizabeth Murray  [Crime; Corruption; Juvenile Prison]
- Ordinary Hazards: A Memoir by Nikki Grimes  [Verse; Foster Homes; Writers]

Mary Anne

- The Family Next Door by Sally Hepworth  [Domestic Fiction; Motherhood; Relationships]
- A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende  [Historical Fiction; Political Refugees]
- Waiting by Ha Jin  [Fiction; China; Arranged Marriage]

Niles

- Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation by Joseph Ellis  [American History; Statesmen; Anecdotes]
- Four Queens: The Provencal Sisters Who Ruled Europe by Nancy Goldstone  [Biography; Queens; Europe]