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Ocean County Library recognizes Women's History Month

TOMS RIVER — March is Women's History Month and the Ocean County Library will recognize the achievements of women and their struggle for equality through a variety of special programs at its branches.

The programs will vary from historical re-enactments to films for adults to programs designed for a younger audience.

"Rosie the Riveter" is a living history presentation sponsored by the Friends of the Stafford Library and funded by the Horizons Speaker Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for Humanities produced by the American Historical Theatre.

Rosie is a cultural icon of the United States and a symbol of feminism and women's economic power. She represented American women who worked in factories and shipyards during World War II. The program will be held Thursday March 3 at the Stafford Branch 129 N. Main St., 609-597-3381.

The program, "Someone Must Wash the Dishes: An Anti-Suffrage Satire," will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday March 5 at the Barnegat branch, 112 Burr St., 609-698-3331. A Women's History Month Tea, sponsored by the Barnegat Recreation Committee, will be held at 1 p.m.

"Woman suffrage is the reform against nature," declares Marie Jenney Howe's unlikely, but irresistibly likeable, heroine. Howe, a pro-suffragist, wrote her Anti-Suffrage monologue in 1912 – eight years before women won the right to vote. Her fictional speaker is a charming, guileless enthusiast who believes that her efforts as a "womanly woman" will keep the home intact and save the nation from anarchy.

The film "Suffragette" will be screened at 6 p.m. Monday March 7 at the Tuckerton branch, 380 Bay Ave., 609-296-1470. It features early feminist movement history and focuses on women who were forced underground as they fought for equality. The 106 minute film is rated PG-13.

"Wonder Woman Night," is a teen and pre-teen program that will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday March 16 at the Barnegat branch, 112 Burr St., 609-698-3331. Wonder Woman, the first costumed super heroine, was created in December 1941 by Charles Moulton for DC Comics. The program will celebrate Women's History Month with crafts, games, comics, and will spotlight the heroic character that has been a source of inspiration for young people for decades.

Each of these programs is free but registration is required. To register call the branch or visit www.theoceancountylibrary.org

