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Women's History: Resources at the Civic Center Library



Marie Curie
(Polish physicist)

Reference Books

[*American Women in Science: A Biographical Dictionary*](#). ABC-CLIO (1994)

This book contains “400 profiles of noteworthy women scientists who began their careers prior to 1950.” Each profile provides a brief biography of the scientist including educational background and employment history, and a bibliography. **Reference 925**

[*American Women in Sport, 1887-1987: A 100-Year Chronology*](#). Scarecrow Press (1989)

“The purpose of this book is to recognize the accomplishments of American women athletes in the 100 years from 1887 to 1997.” The book is divided “into four time periods based on the societal views of women in sport as well as on the changing organizational control of women’s athletic competition in the United States.” **Reference 796.019**

[*Bloomsbury Guide to Women’s Literature*](#). Prentice Hall General Reference (1992)

This “guide to women’s literature around the world, from ancient times to the present day” contains essays covering the history of women’s literature in individual countries, information on specific authors and works, and bibliographies. **Reference 809.8928**

[Chronology of Women's History](#). Greenwood Press (1994)

This chronology “lists some of the landmarks in women’s history from 20,000 B.C. to 1993.” Entries for specific dates provide information on daily life, government, literature and visual arts, performing arts, athletics, activism, industry, science, education, and religion. **Reference 909.02**

[The Encyclopedia of Women's History in America](#). Facts on File (1996)

This encyclopedia covers “over 300 years of movements, breakthroughs, legislation, court cases, and notable women.” It provides information about “the organizations founded [by women], the books and newspapers published, the speeches given, the documents signed, the demonstrations and conventions held, the task forces and committees convened,” and more. **Reference 920.72**

[Extraordinary Women of the Medieval and Renaissance World: A Biographical Dictionary](#). Greenwood Press (2000)

This book contains biographies of 70 notable women of the Middle Ages and Renaissance, including “artists, builders, mystics, political leaders, religious activists, diarists and dramatists, poets and writers, and scholars.” **Reference 920.72**

[First of All: Significant "Firsts" by American Women](#). Holt, Rinehart and Winston (1980)

This book “offers fascinating and little-known background material on some special American women – some of whom gained fame and fortune, other notoriety, and still others nothing at all for having accomplished something first.” Topics include armed services, arts and entertainment, business, religion, science, and sports.

Reference 305.40973

[Handbook of American Women's History](#). Sage Publications (2000)

In addition to “articles on key people, events, and ideas that have shaped the history of women in the United States,” this handbook provides bibliographies of “primary and secondary sources to which interested readers can turn for more information.”

Reference 305.4

[International Encyclopedia of Women and Sports](#). Macmillan Reference USA (2001)

This encyclopedia contains biographies of women athletes worldwide; articles on individual sports; information on organizations, events, and national programs; and more.

Reference 796.082

[Mothers: 100 Mothers of the Famous and the Infamous](#). Paddington Press (1976)

This book provides brief profiles of the mothers of a random selection of “notable men and women,” including Muhammad Ali, Dwight Eisenhower, Karl Marx, Greta Garbo, and others. **Reference 920.72**

[*Notable American Women, 1607-1950: A Biographical Dictionary.*](#) Belknap Press of Harvard University Press (1971)

This three-volume biographical dictionary, “the first large-scale scholarly work in its field,” contains profiles of nearly 1,400 prominent women. The index features a subject guide to the dictionary; topics include abolitionists, astronomers, authors, feminists, historians, social leaders, and more. In 1980, Belknap Press published an update to the dictionary, entitled [*Notable American Women: The Modern Period.*](#)

Both titles located in Reference 920.73

[*Notable Black American Women.*](#) Gale Research (1992)

This book features “biographical essays on 500 [African American] women of achievement.” The essays “combine life histories with information on the key people, places, institutions, and events that have had an impact” on the lives of the women profiled. **Reference 920.7**

[*Notable Women in Mathematics: A Biographical Dictionary.*](#) Greenwood Press (1998)

“This volume features substantive biographical essays on 59 women from around the world who have made significant contributions to mathematics from antiquity to the present. Designed for secondary school students and the general public, each profile describes major life events, obstacles faced and overcome, [and] educational and career milestones.” **Reference 920.72**

[*Notable Women in World History: A Guide to Recommended Biographies and Autobiographies.*](#) Greenwood Press (1998)

This guide provides an annotated list of “the best biographies and autobiographies [published since 1970] of 500 of the most notable women throughout world history.” **Reference 928**

[*Statistical Handbook on Women in America.*](#) Oryx Press (1996)

This statistical resource on women contains “over 260 tables and 80 charts” reproduced “from federal government sources (including unpublished tables) and nongovernmental publications.” Topics include population, birth trends, employment, health, and education. **Reference 305.409**

[*Women's World: A Timeline of Women in History.*](#) HarperPerennial (1995)

This book provides a chronology of notable women, works, and events from 35,000 B.C. to 1993. **Reference 305.409**

[*Women Remembered: A Guide to Landmarks of Women's History in the United States.*](#) Greenwood Press (1986)

This guide lists U.S. historical sites such as statues and homes of notable women, institutions founded by women, places named after historical women, and public artwork created by women. **Reference 917.3**

The Women's Sports Encyclopedia. Henry Holt and Company (1997)

This encyclopedia provides “historical, biographical, and statistical information” on women in sports. Arranged by type of sport, the book covers basketball, tennis, gymnastics, swimming, target sports, skating, and more. It also features an appendix of “Fantastic Firsts.” **Reference 796.082**



The Library Catalog

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- [Women -- History](#)
- [Women -- United States -- History](#)
- [Women's rights -- History](#)



Databases

Biography Resource Center

<http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/lb/main/databases.cfm#biographies>

This database contains biographical information on nearly 60,000 notable women worldwide, from past and present. It is searchable by occupation, nationality, ethnicity, year of birth and death, and other characteristics. The database is available in the library, and articles may be printed at no charge. It is also accessible from home with a MARINet library card. For more information on home access, check our website at <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/LB/main/authentication.cfm>.





Shirley Chisholm
(American legislator)

Websites

American Women's History: A Research Guide

<http://www.mtsu.edu/~kmiddlet/history/women.html>

This website provides links to hundreds of websites and digital collections of primary source material related to the history of women in the United States. The website is browsable by subject, and also by U.S. state. Maintained by a librarian at Middle Tennessee State University.

Criminals & Notorious Women

http://womenshistory.about.com/od/criminals/Criminals_Notorious_Women.htm

This website provides information on “infamous and famous women suspected or convicted of crime through history.” In addition to information on Lizzie Borden, Emma Goldman, and other individuals, it also covers female spies and pirates.

Encyclopedia Britannica’s Guide to Women’s History

<http://www.britannica.com/women>

This site from Encyclopedia Britannica provides biographies and selected writings and video of “300 women who changed the world.” It also features an overview of the history of feminism, and information on women’s suffrage and holidays that celebrate women.

Marin Women’s Hall of Fame

<http://www.marinwomen.org/>

Founded in 1988, this organization is dedicated to “discovering and honoring women who serve as role models, demonstrate excellence and contribute to the well-being of Marin County.” The site features profiles of the nearly 90 women who have been honored by the organization.

National Park Service: Women's History Month

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/feature/wom/>

“This site showcases historic properties listed in the National Register, National Register publications, and National Park units commemorating the events and people, the designs and achievements that help illustrate the contribution of women” to the history of the United States.

National Women's History Museum

<http://www.nmwh.org/>

This museum is a “nonpartisan, nonprofit educational institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women.” The website contains online exhibits on topics such as women in industry, American women Olympians, the suffrage movement, and women spies. It also features brief biographies of notable women, and lesson plans for teachers.

Women's History Month

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/womenshistory1.html>

This site contains a timeline of the Women's Rights Movement in the U.S., quotations by women, lists of prize winners, statistics, essays and quizzes, and more. From the online almanac InfoPlease.



Emma Goldman
(American anarchist)



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