

Free
Event

~Celebrating~
**WOMEN IN
LONDON**

~Heritage Fair 2018~

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
9AM-3PM
CENTRAL LIBRARY, 251 DUNDAS ST.**

*Activities for all ages. Local exhibitors. Speakers.
~Everyone welcome~*

Photo from film "Women on the March", National Film Board

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HERITAGE FAIR

Celebrating Women in London

In honour of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, the 2018 Heritage Fair will shine a light on the role women have played in shaping our community. Join the London Heritage Council and London Public Library on Saturday, February 17, 2018 for "Celebrating Women in London", a commemoration of the contribution of women in our city. The event will feature prominent guest speakers, interactive activities such as pottery making, henna tattooing, pop-up theatre, a film screening, and a drumming circle, as well as an informative "Exploration Zone" featuring 20+ organizations, all showcasing women in our community.

SPEAKERS Stevenson & Hunt Room

10AM-10:45AM

Leslee White-Eye was the first woman to serve as Chief of the Chippewas on the Thames First Nation in 2015.

11AM-11:45AM

Saidat is a motivational Hip-Hop artist, children's entertainer, speaker, author, singer and songwriter.

1PM-1:45PM

James Stewart Reaney is a journalist who will speak about Victoria Grace Blackburn, managing editor of the London Free Press in 1918.

INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES Flex Space (located inside the Library)

1. London Muslim Mosque: Henna tattoo, learn how to wear a hijab, and write your name in Arabic (9:30am-2:30pm)
2. London Clay Art Centre: Learn pottery making from female potters (9:30am-2:30pm)
3. Indigenous Drumming: Warrior Womyn of the +Positive Drum group. (12pm-1pm)

FILM Tonda Room (12-1pm)

WOMEN ON THE MARCH

This 1958 feature film (58 min.) from the National Film Board of Canada is an exploration of the women's suffrage movement. The Suffragettes realized they would have to become radical and militant if the movement was going to be effective. This resulted in many demonstrations and imprisonments until the women's vote was finally granted.

EXPLORATION ZONE Hudson Bay Passageway (9 am – 3 pm)

1. 427 Wing and Spirit of Flight Aviation Museum will showcase the history and continued contribution of women to Canada's military effort.
2. Architectural Conservancy of Ontario will highlight key women of London's heritage community who have advocated for the area's historic buildings.

3. Brescia University College will highlight the contribution of women in education by sharing Brescia's unique history.
4. Brick Street Cemetery will highlight some of the remarkable pioneer women of Westminster Township who are buried at their site.
5. Children's Museum will highlight the story of Carol Johnston who started the first Children's Museum in Canada in 1977.
6. Eldon House will illustrate the determination of the Harris women in seeing their rights and freedoms exercised, within the confines of their time and class.
7. Fanshawe Pioneer Village will share the rich legacy and achievements of London and Middlesex County women through objects, images and stories garnered from their historical archives and permanent collection.
8. Fugitive Slave Chapel Restoration Project will highlight the lives of two women, Christina Jenkins Howson, publisher of the Dawn of Tomorrow, and her daughter, Kay Livingston, who started the national Council of Black Women.
9. Heritage London Foundation will showcase Elsie Perrin Williams, with highlights from their celebration of 'A Hundred Years of the Elsie Perrin Williams Estate.'
10. Jet Aircraft Museum will highlight the role that women have played in the history of the organization.
11. London & Middlesex Historical Society will have a display showcasing well-known women in London, as well as female members who have contributed greatly to the Society.
12. London Clay Art Centre will highlight the early players in the promotion of clay arts in Southwestern Ontario, as well as the current women members of the London Potters Guild who have been and still are the driving force behind the fund raising, purchase restoration, operations and future directions of the London Clay Art Centre.
13. London Community Players will feature the many jobs women have in the organization, including their pivotal role in the creation of the theatrical troupe.
14. London Muslim Mosque will showcase the power and dedication of women which helps sustain their organization.
15. London Police Service will highlight the role that women police officers have played in London Police Services.
16. Ivey Family London Room will feature displays about significant London women including librarians and their role in the community.
17. Museum London will use archival materials pulled from their extensive collections to highlight aspects of Canadian women's history.
18. Museum of Ontario Archaeology will share the story of Elsie Jury, a leading female archaeologist that fostered the acceptance of women in Ontario Archaeology.
19. Ontario Genealogical Society will highlight how and where to find information about women of London/Middlesex County over the last 200 years.
20. Royal Canadian Regiment Museum will feature information on the role of women in the Canadian military through time and will display women's WWII uniforms.
21. Secrets of Radar will highlight the story of Dr. Elizabeth Laird, a physicist who was granted a PhD at a time when women weren't even allowed the vote (1901) as well as the many women who contributed to the war effort.
22. Sisters of St. Joseph will present archival photographs tracing the 150 year history of the Sisters in London, and highlighting their contributions to healthcare, education and social services.
23. Western University Archives will display an extensive collection of archival materials relating to significant London and area women or organizations.
24. Women & Politics will highlight the struggles and barriers that women have faced as they entered and stood in the political arena fighting to create a just society.
25. Women's Canadian Club is an organization dedicated to preserving Canadian identity and will highlight women's roles in doing so.