

Suffrage
**CENTENNIAL
BLOCK
PARTY**

Aug. 29 to Sept. 4



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On behalf of the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission I would like to welcome you to the Women's Suffrage Block Party.

It is my sincere hope that you will enjoy our weeklong virtual event. Indiana has a tremendous array of fun and historical learning opportunities, and this event is arranged for the entire family to enjoy.

COVID-19 has provided many unprecedented challenges, including the risks of large gatherings and ensuring the health and safety of our family, friends, and neighbors. Due to the continued risks the virus presents, we decided to move our event to a virtual platform.

However, the virtual Block Party provides us with unlimited opportunities to include the entire state of Indiana; compared to a one day celebration in downtown Indianapolis.

Throughout the week, you will have the opportunity to join us in various activities including panel discussions with women's suffrage experts, trivia, crafts, and virtual or physical tours of the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites, the Eiteljorg, and Indiana Historical Society. To end the week, we will also be hosting personalized porch parties to recap the week's celebration.

I encourage you to participate in as many activities as possible and share your experience on social media using #SuffrageBlockParty. We know 2020 has been difficult, but we must continue working together.

I look forward to joining you this week in the celebration of women's suffrage as we continue to carve the path our ancestors so tirelessly began.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Crouch
Lt. Governor of Indiana

Thanks for joining us at the



Here are seven steps for creating an amazing suffrage celebration with your friends and family.

- 1. Explore your toolkit!** Inside you'll find everything you need to put together a great block party, including:
 - A bag of EqualiTea—perfect for enjoying at your porch party
 - A lapel pin to add to your favorite backpack, jacket or bulletin board
 - A fan to keep cool during your porch party
 - Craft kit to create your own suffrage banner
 - A flat suffragist for you to decorate and take along on your adventures
- 2. Make a plan for your week!** We've got workshops, discussions, performances and more! Check out a preview on page 3. Then, head to our website indianahistory.org/blockparty to reserve your spot.
- 3. Get crafty and show off your suffrage spirit!** Find supplies in your toolkit to make a suffrage banner or read our blogs to make your own sash or cockade with materials from around the house.
- 4. Can you get BINGO?** Complete activities, learn about your Hoosier heroines and join in the fun to win. Mark off activities on page 8.
- 5. Get inspired!** Hoosier suffragists were bold, brave and determined to get their right to the ballot box. They lived in all corners of our state and maybe even in your own backyard. Check out pages 9-10 for resources on how to discover more of our state's stories.
- 6. Throw a party!** Finish off your block party in style with a socially distanced porch party, just as the suffragists used to do.
- 7. Share your fun!** Don't forget to use #SuffrageBlockParty to share your suffrage story.

Visit www.indianahistory.org/blockparty for additional resources, details, updates and more.

This Toolkit is brought to you by:



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We're celebrating with a week of talks, parties, workshops and much more—online and in your own backyard.

Find the full list, more details including live streaming information, and how to register at www.indianahistory.org/blockparty.

Saturday, Aug. 29

- Join us for a **virtual Kick-Off** for our Block Party with special guests at 10 a.m.
- Enjoy **free admission** at Indiana Historical Society, Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites, and Eiteljorg Museum (pre-registration required).
- Listen to the **Sounds of Suffrage** and add your favorites on our Spotify playlist.
- Tune in online all day for talks from curator, behind the scenes peeks and artist performances.
- Grab a seat for a virtually delivered performance of **Digging In Her Heels**, a piece about the fight for the vote by Sally Perkins.

Aug. 30-Sept. 4

- Drop in each morning for **Coffee Talks** with Indiana Humanities to hear from our favorite thinkers and scholars and women in politics.
- Turn a page for suffrage. Tune in Monday through Friday to stream read alongs and learn more about our favorite books, with our **Stories of Suffrage**.

Looking for something to do during lunch? Tune in for **Lunch and Learn** videos streamed Monday through Friday over social media.

- Register to attend a **Women at the Statehouse Tour** offered Aug. 31 through Sept. 3 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 30

- Make your own suffrage banner using supplies in this toolkit at our **Crafting Her Story** workshop with Sarah Marsden.
- Learn what it takes to **Craft Your Own Historical Marker** with the Indiana Historical Bureau
- Do you know your suffragists from your suffragettes? Test your knowledge at **Trivia Night** with Indiana Humanities.

Monday, Aug. 31

- Explore the stories of women that are often left out of the suffrage story during **She's Not in Your History Book** with the Eiteljorg Museum.

Tuesday, Sept. 1

- Catch the gossip about Indiana's suffrage movement with Indiana State Museum and Historic Site staff across the state at **Spill the Tea**.

Wednesday, Sept. 2

- Join political scientists to dig into the effects of the 19th amendment at **Putting the Vote to Work**.

Thursday, Sept. 3

- Discover how to find your family's suffragist at **Finding Your Female Ancestors**, a genealogy workshop from the Indiana State Library.
- Bring your favorite drink for a special edition of the Indiana Historical Society's **History Happy Hour**, as we look at **The Long March to Voting**.

Friday, Sept. 4

- Finish out your block party in style with a socially-distanced **Porch Party**, with the Harrison Center for the Arts.
- Take a break during your party to stream our special **wrap-up presentation** at 4pm.



SOCIAL DISTANCE PORCH PARTY KIT

Porching has become an Indianapolis tradition. The Harrison Center encourages people to gather on their own porches to share food and drink to help cultivate a sense of community in our urban neighborhoods. It's a good time to practice your "Hey Neighbor" wave. These are some resources we've gathered to help make porching easy!

Learn more about the porching movement at www.harrisoncenter.org/porch.



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GROCERY LIST

Be creative! You can serve anything at a porch party, but these are some of our favorite options. Porch parties are also a great time to serve a family recipe!

SAVORY

- Cheese, charcuterie, crackers.
- Nuts and olives.
- Veggies - pickles are fun, too!
- Pretzels and chips.

SWEET

- Fruit! Strawberries, peaches, and other seasonal favorites.
- Cookies and chocolate.
- Ice cream! You could have a whole sundae bar.

DRINKS

- Lemonade or iced tea.
- Cocktails or cold beer are great for adults.

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DRINK RECIPES

Strawberries and mint are easy additions to many classic drinks to make them more festive! Try adding them to your favorite lemonade recipe or to a gin and tonic for an adult beverage.

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MUSIC

Put on some of your favorite tunes to enjoy in the background. Here are some playlists we've made especially for porching:

- Visit the Harrison Center's Spotify page to find your perfect Porch Party playlist.
- Check out the City Gallery's porching set on SoundCloud for a whole playlist of local music about porching in Indy!

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CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Share stories:
When did you vote for the first time?
Why do you think voting is important?
How often do you vote?
- Who are your favorite Hoosier Heroines?
- Break out the dominos and cards, or make your own neighborhood scavenger hunt!

Don't forget to take pictures and tag @porchpartyindy & #socialdistanceporching!



A Long March to Voting

Women didn't always have the right to vote in the United States. What today seems like an obvious part of our democracy was controversial in 1920. It took almost 70 years for Hoosier women to achieve the right to vote, from the first Indiana Women's Right Association meeting in 1851 to the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. The fight was long and the process messy, with thousands of women in Indiana (and across the country) advocating, organizing,

marching and petitioning to secure their right to the ballot box. When Governor James P. Goodrich finally signed the constitutional amendment on January 16, 1920, he proclaimed it an "act of tardy justice."

To learn more about the dramatic and complex story of Indiana's fight for suffrage and the women behind the movement, visit <http://indianasuffrage100.org/indiana-womens-suffrage-history> or join the Indiana Historical Society for *History Happy Hour: The Long Road to Voting* on Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Key Words to Know

Amendment – an article added to the U.S. Constitution.

Enfranchise – to give the rights of citizenship to a group of people, especially the right to vote.

Suffrage – the right to vote or the act of voting.

Suffragette – a woman seeking the right to vote through organized protest. This term was first used in Great Britain to mock the movement. Suffrage advocates overseas adopted the term. It usually refers to women who were willing to break the law in order to get the right to vote.

Suffragist – a person advocating that the right to vote be extended to more people, especially to women. This was what American women called themselves while advocating for their own right to vote.

Thousands of Hoosier heroines fought for the right to vote. Here are just a few who made their mark in Indiana.

Want to know more? Check out page 9 for tips and tricks for researching your local suffragists.



SUE ROSS

Carrie Barnes

Teacher, speaker, and president of Equal Suffrage Society, Branch 7, who promoted suffrage amongst the Black community.



INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

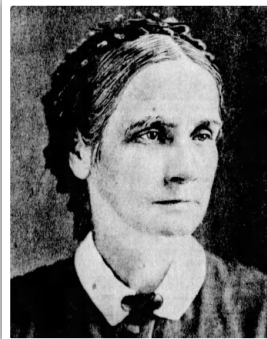
May Wright Sewall

National leader of the suffrage movement and founder of over 50 women's rights organizations, including the Indianapolis Equal Suffrage Society.



Grace Julian Clarke

Daughter of a congressman, journalist, tireless advocate for women's rights and founder of many clubs, including the Woman's Franchise League of Indiana.



Dr. Mary Frame Thomas

Pioneering physician, abolitionist and dedicated suffragist who kept the suffrage cause going for four decades.



HAMILTON, INDIANA WRITERS

Helen Gougar

Lawyer, journalist and advocate for temperance and women's rights from Lafayette. First woman to argue in front of the Indiana Supreme Court.



WILLARD, A WOMAN OF THE CENTURY

Zerelda Wallace

First lady of Indiana, temperance advocate and national suffrage speaker. Testified before the U.S. Senate on women's right to vote.



DUNN, INDIANA AND INDIANANS

Dr. Amelia Keller

First female faculty at IU Medical School and founder of Women's Franchise League of Indiana. Keller helped to elect Indianapolis' first female school board commissioner.



INDIANAPOLIS NEWS, 1913

Esther Griffin White

Journalist, politician and poet who published her own suffrage newspaper, *The Little Paper*, from her home in Richmond.



Make your own Suffrage Banner

During the fight for equal rights, suffragists often made banners and signs that they carried in marches or put in front of buildings. Make your own banner to show your support for suffrage.

Learn more about banners and make your own with us! Join us for *Crafting Her Story* with designer and artist Sarah Marsden on Sunday, Aug. 30, at 1 p.m. Find out more and register for this event at indianahistory.org/blockparty.

Supplies:

- 2+ sheets of felt
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 pattern for decorative pieces
- Embroidery Thread
- Needle
- Thin wooden rod
- Fabric or tacky glue
- Decorations (Optional, not included)
- Banner Stencils

Steps:

1. Gather all your supplies. Many of them will be in your Suffrage toolkit!
2. Pick a piece of felt for your background. Cut it into the shape of your banner.
3. Use the other color(s) of felt to cut out your decorative pieces. Lay them out on your background and glue into place. Leave the top inch of your banner blank for later.
4. Sew your decorative pieces into place with needle and thread. Add some embellishments.
5. Fold the top ½ inch of your banner towards the back. Glue or sew this flap down, creating a sleeve at the top of the banner.
6. Feed the small wooden rod through the newly created sleeve until approximately 1 inch is sticking out on each side of the banner.
7. Hang your banner: Cut a piece of thread that is roughly 16 inches long. Tie a piece of that thread to one end of the wooden rod and the other end of the thread to the opposite end of the rod.
8. Pick out a nice place to display your new banner!

Grab your markers and get ready to have some fun!

Bring along this card and mark off different activities as you complete them during the Suffrage Centennial Block Party.

- Some activities are things that you are encouraged to do while practicing social distancing.
- Other activities are research questions that ask you to learn more and have a conversation with your friends and family.
- Let us know when you get BINGO by sharing your card using the hashtag #SuffrageBlockParty!

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Find a Historical Marker that talks about women.	Research a female artist from Indiana. Go see their work!	Find out how to register to vote or help a friend.	Visit a local park that is named after a woman.	Research a local suffragist – what did women do in your area to fight for the vote?
Participate in a Lunch and Learn during the Suffrage Block Party.	Make your own sash.	Visit the Indiana Statehouse to see the suffrage plaque on the third floor.	Grab your pocket constitution and find the 19th Amendment – what does it say?	Host your own Porch Party.
Put together a suffrage outfit – use white, purple and yellow clothing!	Add a song to our Sounds of Suffrage playlist on Spotify.	Free Space	Read the Seneca Falls Declaration of Sentiments.	Read a book from our recommended list.
Listen to a podcast on women's suffrage.	Research your elected officials – what are all of the positions up for election this year?	Attend an event during the Suffrage Party.	Visit the new piece of art about suffrage on the fourth floor of the Statehouse	Learn more about female suffrage using the Indiana Historical Society's online collections.
Research the dates of the nearest elections. When is election day in Indiana?	Visit a museum with an exhibit on women or suffrage.	Make a suffrage banner.	Learn about the word "suffrage" – what does it mean and why is it important?	Do a little research: How and when did other groups gain the right to vote?



Find Your Local Suffrage Story

Thousands of women from every corner of Indiana fought to win the right to vote. Some of them may have been part of your own family or lived in your neighborhood. Follow these tips to try and find some Hoosier heroines from your backyard.

- **Visit your local historical society, museum, or local library.** Even if they are closed at the moment, send them an email to find out what resources they have on local suffragists.
 - Tip: Many of these organizations have online catalogs. Try searching your family name, the name of your local neighborhood, or words like “suffrage” or “suffragist” and see what you find!
- **Dig into some old newspapers!** Newspapers from all over the state have been digitized and are easily searched from your own couch for FREE on Hoosier State Chronicles. (<https://newspapers.library.in.gov/>)
 - Tip: Try looking at individual newspapers in your area between 1851 and 1920 or using key words like “vote” and “women.”
- Indiana has fantastic statewide organizations that are collecting, preserving and digitizing suffrage and women’s political history.

Check out some of these institutions:

- **The Indiana Historical Society** (<https://indianahistory.org/>) has several large collections dedicated to the fight for suffrage here in Indiana. Check out the “Indiana Women’s Suffrage Association,” “League of Women Voters,” or the “Indianapolis Woman’s Club” records.

- Want to find out about the stuff behind suffrage? **The Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites** (<https://www.indianamuseum.org/>) has you covered, along with operating state historic sites in every corner of Indiana.
- **Indiana State Library** (<https://www.in.gov/library/>) has great collections on Grace Julian Clarke and Marie Stuart Edwards, who fought tirelessly to get the vote, among others. Many of these pieces are digitized, so you can explore from your couch.
 - Tip: Join the Indiana State Library for a workshop on *Finding Your Female Ancestor*, Thursday, Sept. 3 at 3 p.m. Registration information is available at indianahistory.org/blockparty.
- Explore the **Indiana State Archives** for government records related to female suffrage. See the speeches that suffragists made in front of the state senate—and the senators’ responses. Check out those and other records at <https://www.in.gov/iara/>.
- Have cabin fever and looking to get out of the house? **Try finding a historical marker near you**, like the one in Dublin, Indiana, marking the location of Indiana’s First Women’s Rights Convention in 1852. Find more markers at <https://www.in.gov/history/markers/>.
- Dive deeper into Indiana’s Suffrage story. Pick up a copy of *We Must Be Fearless: The Woman Suffrage Movement in Indiana* by Anita Morgan.

Don’t forget to keep track of your findings and share them with us using the hashtag #SuffrageBlockParty.

Want to learn more about women's suffrage?

Check out these resources:

Books (Ages 0-9)

- *Around America to Win the Vote: Two Suffragists, A Kitten and 10,000 Miles* by Mara Rockcliff
- *Elizabeth Started All the Trouble* by Doreen Rappaport
- *Equality's Call: The Story of Voting Rights in America* by Deborah Diesen
- *How Women Won the Vote: Alice Paul, Lucy Burns and their Big Idea* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
- *I Could Do That!* by Linda White
- *Ida B. Wells: Let the Truth Be Told* by Walter Dean Myers

Books (Ages 10 - 18)

- *Fighting for Equality: A Life of May Wright Sewall* by Ray E. Boomhower
- *Giant Steps: Suffragettes and Soldiers* by Mary Blair Immel
- *Roses and Radicals: The Epic Story of How American Women Won the Right to Vote* by Susan Zimlet and Todd Hasak-Lowy
- *Things a Bright Girl Can Do* by Sally Nicholls
- *Votes for Women!: American Suffragists and the Battle for the Ballot* by Winifred Conkling
- *Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom (With a Few Flat Tires Along the Way)* by Sue Macy

Books (Adults)

- *American Apartheid: The Native American Struggle for Self-Determination and Inclusion* by Stephanie Woodard
- *Century of Struggle: The Woman's Rights Movement in the United States* by Eleanor Flexner and Ellen Fitzpatrick
- *Exploring Women's Suffrage through 50 Historic Treasures* by Jessica Jenkins

- *The Illustrated Feminist: 100 Years of Suffrage, Strength, and Sisterhood in America* by Aura Lewis
- *Jailed for Freedom: A First-Person Account of the Militant Fight for Women's Rights* by Doris Stevens
- *Lifting as We Climb: Black Women's Battle for the Ballot Box* by Evette Dionne
- *We Must be Fearless: The Woman Suffrage Movement in Indiana* by Anita J. Morgan
- *Women Against Women: American Anti-Suffragism, 1880-1920* by Jane Jerome Camhi

Websites

- 2020 Women's Vote Centennial Initiative - <https://www.2020centennial.org/>
- Indiana Women's Suffrage Centennial - <http://indianasuffrage100.org/>
- Native Americans and American Indians - <http://www.suffragettes2020.com/resources/native-american-and-american-indians>
- Teach a Girl to Lead - <https://tag.rutgers.edu/>
- Women's Rights National Historical Park, New York - <https://www.nps.gov/wori/index.htm>
- Indiana Historical Bureau Blog Post - <https://blog.history.in.gov/>

Videos

- *Iron Jawed Angels* (2004)
- *Suffragette* (2015)
- *The Vote* (2020) American Experience PBS

Podcasts

- Gal's Guide to the Galaxy
- The History Chicks
- Stuff You Missed in History Class
- Talking Hoosier History



www.indianahistory.org/blockparty