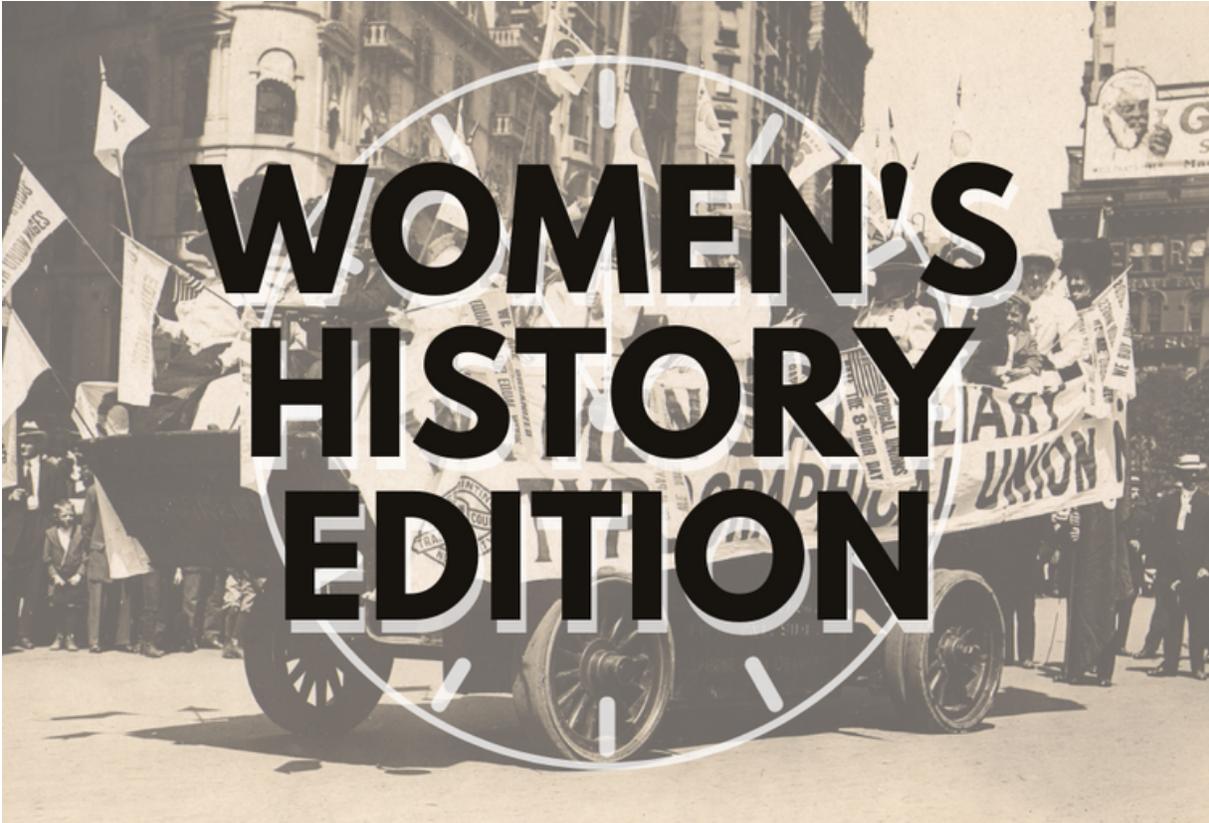


# The Teen Times

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In the March issue of *The Teen Times*, the RPL Youth Services Team focuses on Women's History, bringing you book, film, & television recommendations, a spotlight on our teen programming, and some fun activities.

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## Programming Spotlight

March's programming spotlight is our **DIVERSITY READING CHALLENGE**.

There is beauty in crafting a diverse world, and reading books that mirror that world. Join us in reading as many books as you can featuring diverse characters to win a prize!

This challenge is going on through

Beanstack which you can register for using the QR code below!

In this challenge you'll read books to complete a bingo card. Once you fill out the card completely, you can return to us for a prize!

This reading challenge runs from **March 1st to April 30th**.



Scan this to  
sign up!



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# Book Recommendations: Strong Women

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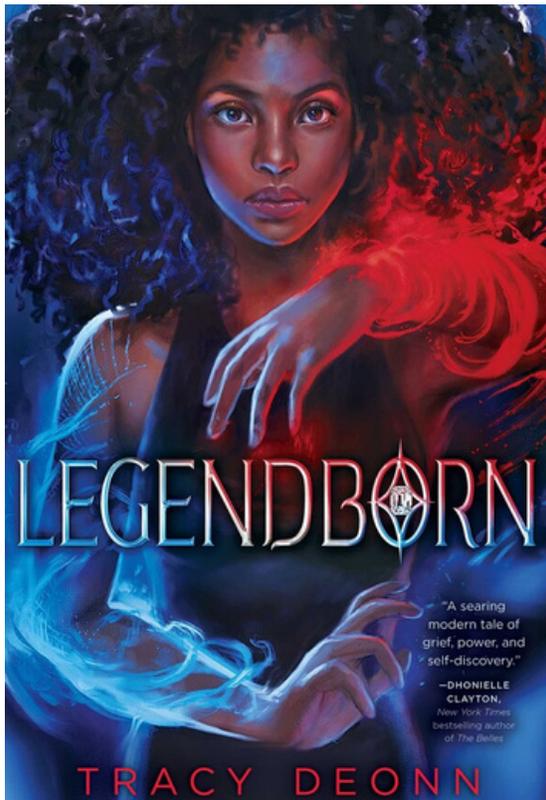
## Legendborn by Tracy Deonn

After her mother dies in an accident, sixteen-year-old Bree Matthews wants nothing to do with her family memories or childhood home. A residential program for bright high schoolers at UNC-Chapel Hill seems like the perfect escape—until Bree witnesses a magical attack her very first night on campus.

A flying demon feeding on human energies.

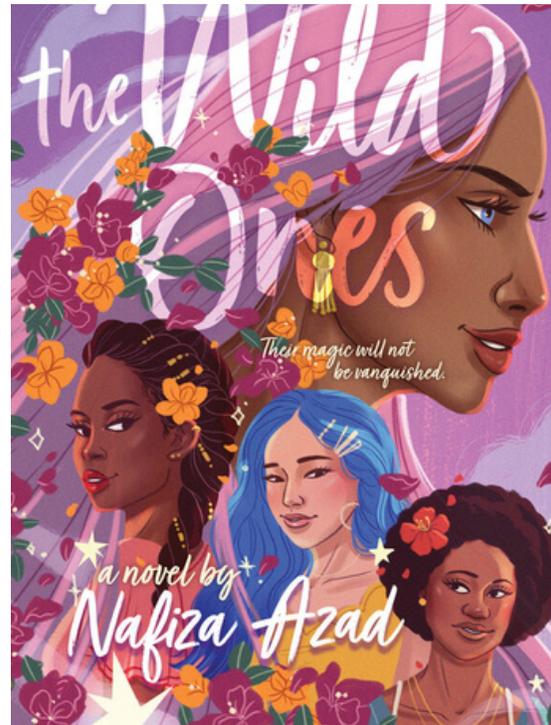
A secret society of so called “Legendborn” students that hunt the creatures down.

And a mysterious teenage mage who calls himself a “Merlin” and who attempts—and fails—to wipe Bree’s memory of everything she saw.



## Dealing in Dreams by Lilliam Rivera

Set in the near future, Dealing in Dreams is about sixteen-year-old Nalah who leads the fiercest all-girl crew in Mega City. Her dream is to give up her questionable lifestyle and move to the exclusive Mega Towers. Now Nalah must prove her loyalty to the city’s benevolent founder for a chance to live in the Mega Towers. She must cross the border in a search of the mysterious gang the Ashé Riders. But the closer she gets to her goal the more she loses sight of everything—and everyone—she cares about.



## The Wild Ones by Nafiza Azad

Meet the Wild Ones: girls who have been hurt, abandoned, and betrayed all their lives. It all began with Paheli, who was once betrayed by her mother and sold to a man in exchange for a favor. When Paheli escapes, she runs headlong into a boy with stars in his eyes. This boy, as battered as she is, tosses Paheli a box of stars before disappearing.

With the stars, Paheli gains access to the Between, a place of pure magic and mystery. Now, Paheli collects girls like herself and these Wild Ones use their magic to travel the world, helping the hopeless and saving others from the fates they suffered.

## An Enchantment of Ravens by Margaret Rogerson

With a flick of her paintbrush, Isobel creates stunning portraits for a dangerous set of clients: the fair folk. These immortal creatures cannot bake bread or put a pen to paper without crumbling to dust. They crave human Craft with a terrible thirst, and they trade valuable enchantments for Isobel’s paintings. But when she receives her first royal patron—Rook, the autumn prince—Isobel makes a deadly mistake. She paints mortal sorrow in his eyes, a weakness that could cost him his throne, and even his life. Furious, Rook spirits Isobel away to his kingdom to stand trial for her crime. But something is seriously amiss in his world, and they are attacked from every side.

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# Programming Schedule & Highlights

## Programming Schedule

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
MAR 8	4:00 - 5:00 PM	WRITING CLUB
MAR 9	3:30 - 4:30 PM	MAKE EDIBLE MOSAICS
MAR 15	5:00 - 6:00 PM	FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT: DISNEY
MAR 18	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	ROLL FOR INITIATIVE

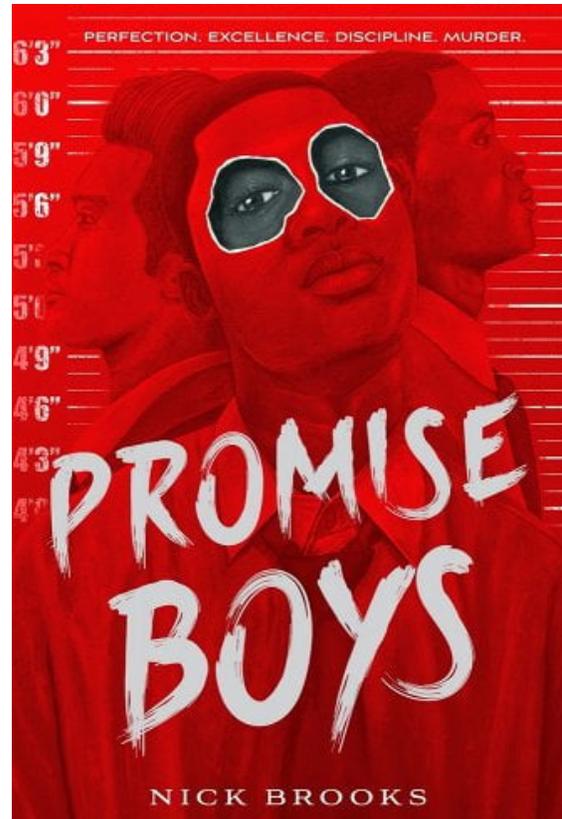
## Recommended Video Games:



Animal Crossing | Nintendo Switch, cozy island building



Mario Party Superstars | Nintendo Switch, multiplayer games



*Promise Boys* by Nick Brooks

## What Did We Read in February?

In the month of February, Sarah read many things including some new picture books, but the best book of YA fiction they read last month was **"Promise Boys" by Nick Brooks**.

This book centers on three teens of color who must investigate their principal's murder to clear their own names. This book was thrilling and insightful, an absolute must-read for anyone who is a fan of murder mysteries!

## Teen LitCrate Boxes

If you're between the ages of 13 and 18 and you have trouble figuring out what to read next, the Youth Services Department has a solution for you!

The YA LitCrate is a mystery box filled with books and goodies for you to enjoy! All you have to do is fill out a form to let us know what you enjoy reading, and we'll give you a call when it's ready to pick up.

The books and box must be returned, but the gifts inside are yours to keep!

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# Film/Television Reviews: Female Empowerment

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## She-Ra: Princess of Power

She-Ra, Princess of Power, leads a rebellion to free her land of Etheria from the monstrous invaders the Horde.

This animated show is a reboot of the series from the 1980s and is currently available on Netflix with 5 total seasons!



Sarah's Rating: ★★★/5

## Jessica Jones

When a tragedy puts an end to her short-lived career as a superhero, Jessica settles in New York City and opens her own detective agency, called Alias Investigations, which seems to be called into cases involving people who have special abilities. Suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome, Jessica wants to do good, but her primary interest isn't in saving the world, it's saving her apartment and getting through each day.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5



## Hidden Figures

Three brilliant African-American women at NASA -- Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson -- serve as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race and galvanized the world.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

## The Hate U Give

Starr Carter is constantly switching between two worlds -- the poor, mostly black neighborhood where she lives and the wealthy, mostly white prep school that she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is soon shattered when she witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend at the hands of a police officer.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

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# Activities Corner

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## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



### Word Bank:

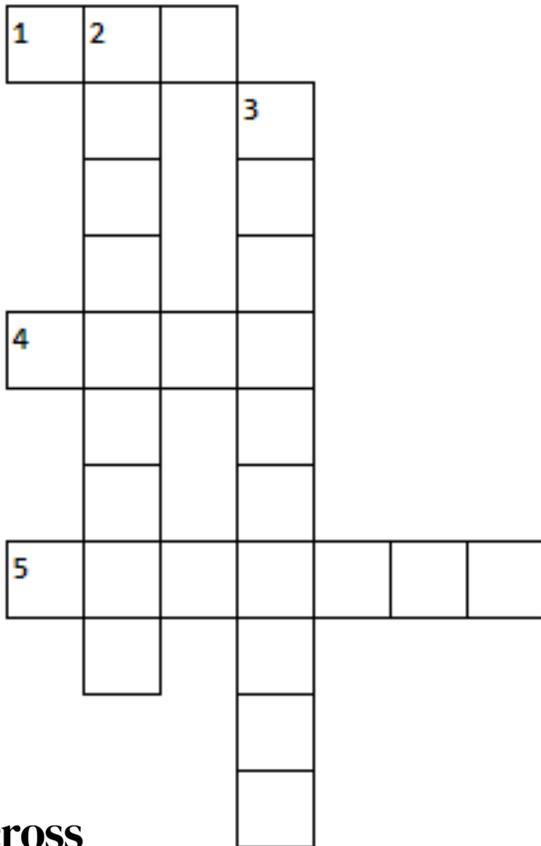
GIRL POWER	SUFFRAGE	EQUALITY
FEMINISM	VOTING RIGHTS	ROSA PARKS
MAE JEMISON	PERSISTENCE	NIGHTINGALE

Bring back a completed word search for a sticker!

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# Activities Corner, cont.

## Women's History Month Crossword Puzzle



### Across

1. Women still don't have equal footing with men when it comes to this:
4. Suffragettes fought for women's right to do this:
5. Florence Nightingale pioneered this profession

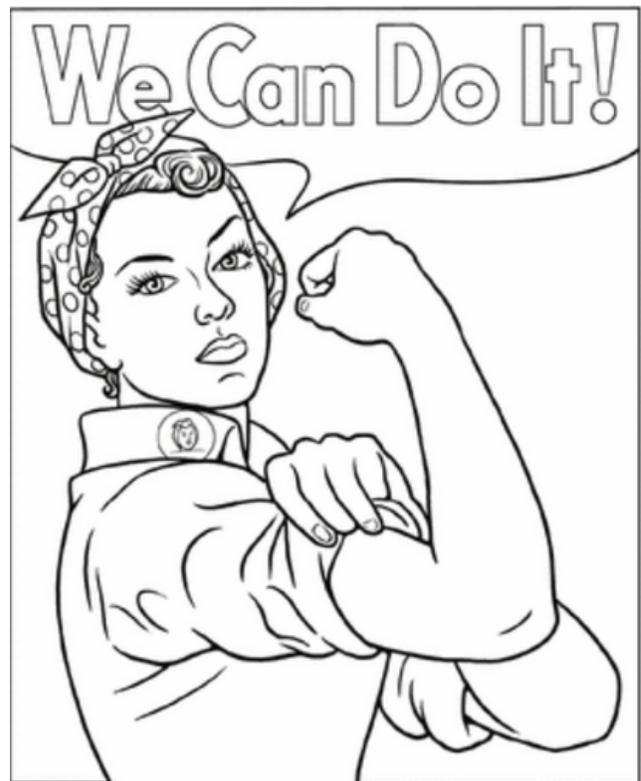
### Down

2. Sally Ride was NASA's first female this:
3. This famous author of "Pride & Prejudice" helped pave the way for female writers

## Sudoku 9x9

	2		5				1	9
3	6		7					2
8		1				7		
1	3			4	5		7	
	4	9			8		5	3
		8	3		2			
6			1	3				4
4	8	7	2			3	6	
9	1		8		4	5	2	7

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