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**Women's History Month at Hartford Public Library**

March is Women's History Month. Here's what is going on at Hartford Public Library, 500 Main St., Hartford. More information: [www.hplct.org](http://www.hplct.org).

**Tuesday, March 1, 6-7:30 pm, Hartford History Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Free: *The Life & Song of Nina Simone: A Tertulia*.** Conversation led by Gail H. Woldu, professor of music at Trinity College, with performance by singer Margaux Hayes. One of a series of tertulias, a social gathering with literary overtones.

**Friday, March 4, noon to 1 pm, Atrium, Free.: *Preview of Women Composers Festival of Hartford*.** A short concert features highlights of the upcoming 16<sup>th</sup> annual festival (March 10-13), featuring the work of composer-in-residence Jessica Meyer and keynote speaker Liane Curtis. Festival information: [womencomposersfestivalhartford.com](http://womencomposersfestivalhartford.com)

**Thursday, March 10, 1 to 2:30 pm, Hartford History Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Free: *Hartford Women Changemakers: Tea with Ann Uccello*.** In 1967, Antonina "Ann" Uccello became the Mayor of Hartford, the first woman in the United States to head a capital city, during a period when most women were excluded from powerful positions. Students from Hartford's Grace Academy school will be there to ask questions. Marie Gionfriddo Hamilton, a former assistant registrar of voters for Hartford, will moderate. Paul Pirrotta, author of *Hartford "Mayor Ann Uccello: A Connecticut Trailblazer"* (2015) will be selling and signing books, and light refreshments will be served.

**Saturday, March 26, 10:15 am 12:15 pm, *Poets on Poetry*,** Hartford History Center 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. The poems of Heather McHugh will be discussed. Moderator Clare Rossini, artist-in-residence at Trinity College, also a poet. McHugh is a MacArthur and Guggenheim fellow, and recipient of the PEN/Voelcker Award for Poetry. She is appearing June 22 at the Sunken Garden Poetry Festival at the Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington. Rossini will read at Sunken Garden on July 20.

**Tuesday, March 22**, 6-8 pm, Hartford History Center, Free: **Sisters Are Doing It. Celebrating Women Executives and Entrepreneurs in Hartford**. This event celebrates historic women and women who are currently leaders in non-profit and for-profit organizations within Hartford. Panelists include: Patricia Kelley from Ebony Horsewomen; Ana Valentine from Cultura Mosaica; and Ciny Wolfe Boynton, author of "Remarkable Hartford Women."

**Wednesday, March 30**, 6 to 7 pm, Center for Contemporary Culture, Free: **Women in Media**. Columnist, Teacher and Author Susan Campbell will moderate a free-ranging discussion of women who are reporting, editing and broadcasting, in news venues in Hartford. Panelists are: Diane Smith, author, broadcaster, an anchor on CT-N; Marie Shanahan, assistant professor of journalism at the University of Connecticut, and former regional editor of AOL/Patch and Deputy Online Editor of The Hartford Courant; Diane Alverio, publisher of CTLatinoNews.com; and Renee Dinino, show host on The River, 105.9 and community relations for iHeartMedia.

**Thursday, March 31**, 6 to 7:30 pm, Hartford History Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Free: **Stacy Schiff's "The Witches," A Tertulia**. Alice Henton, visiting assistant professor of English at Trinity College, who specializes in Puritan writings will lead the discussion about the Salem witch trials. A tertulia is a social gathering with literary overtones.

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