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Hoboken Public Library Receives Women’s Suffrage Award

Award underwrites March 21 program celebrating 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment

HOBOKEN, NJ, January 13 – The New Jersey Council for the Humanities recently presented a Women’s Suffrage & Beyond Program Award to the Hoboken Public Library enabling the library to present a Zoom program on Sunday, March 21, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote.

The program is entitled “SHOUT! Poetry for Suffrage,” and features a dramatic poetry reading by Emmy-nominated actress and award-winning poet Susanna Rich. This collection of original poetry and dramatic dialogues are written from the points of view of prominent suffragettes from 1848-1920 who were instrumental in the passage of the 19th Amendment. Some of the suffragettes portrayed include Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Lucy Burns, Ida B. Wells, and New Jersey’s own Alice Paul.

Along with the poetry readings, Ms. Rich will display photos of the suffragettes, briefly discuss their backgrounds and contributions to the 72-year fight for women’s suffrage, and conclude the program with a lively and thought-provoking discussion. Adding a bit of flair to the presentation, Ms. Rich will be attired in period appropriate dress.

Since 2008, Ms. Rich has been writing, producing, and performing one-woman interactive poetry experiences for Wild Nights Productions, LLC. She is the author of five poetry collections, including *Ashes, Ashes: A Poet Responds to the Holocaust*, *Beware the House*, *Surfing for Jesus*, and *Cobb Field: A Day at the Ballpark*. She received a Fulbright Fellowship in Creative Writing and was a Professor of English at Kean University where she received a Presidential Excellence

Award for Distinguished Teaching. Her one-woman dramatic poetry performances transform poetry with the use of sound, music, lighting, dance, and stagecraft, and have twice been nominated for Emmy Awards.

This virtual program is supported by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities through the "*NJ Women Vote: The 19th Amendment at 100*" initiative.

The program is free and open to the public. Details will be posted on the Events Calendar of the Library's website at www.HobokenLibrary.org.

About the Hoboken Public Library: Founded in 1890, the Library is a cultural and educational centerpiece of the City of Hoboken, NJ. Its mission is to connect people with each other, ideas, and opportunities, and to support lifelong learning, personal growth, and community development. Full details on the Library, its programs and services, and collections – including a renowned Local History Collection – are available at www.HobokenLibrary.org. The Library building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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If you would like more information about this event, please contact Mark Curiale, at the Library, at 201-420-2346 x 5207.

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