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- What:** "Great Girls in Michigan History" Discussion and Book Signing with author Patricia Majher
- When:** Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 2 p.m.
- Where:** Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame
213 W. Malcolm X Street, Lansing, MI 48933
- Cost:** Free admission, free parking (City lot shared with the Cooley Gardens)

***Great Girls in Michigan History* Lecture and Book Signing**

Lansing, MI –The Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame (MWHOF) is pleased to announce a lecture and book signing for *Great Girls in Michigan History* with author Patricia Majher. This event will take place on Saturday, March 28 at 2pm at the museum located at 213 W. Malcolm X Street in downtown Lansing. This event, sponsored by the Wayne State University Press, is free and audiences of all ages are encouraged to attend.

A deep-sea diver, a dancer, an activist, an aviator, a singer, and a soldier—*Great Girls in Michigan History* highlights some of the girls from Michigan's past who did amazing things before they turned twenty years old. In this new work of non-fiction, Majher presents easy-to-read mini-biographies of twenty girls with ties to Michigan, representing a variety of personal backgrounds and interests, locations across the state, and historical time periods.

Majher introduces little-known stories, like those of female aviator Nancy Harkness (Love), pioneer Anna Howard Shaw, escaped slave Dorothy Butler, professional baseball player Marilyn Jenkins, union leader Myra Komaroff (Wolfgang), and Native American writer Jane Johnston (Schoolcraft). She also includes figures that many readers will recognize—including First Lady Betty Bloomer (Ford), jockey Julie Krone, Motown star Diana Ross, and tennis champion Serena Williams. Majher shows that while life wasn't always easy for these girls, they were able to overcome any number of obstacles to achieve their goals. Majher is the editor of *Michigan History* magazine (published by the Historical Society of Michigan) and the author of *Ladies of the Lights: Michigan Women in the U.S. Lighthouse Service*.

The mission of the Michigan Women's Historical Center is to inspire and engage adults and children by celebrating Michigan women's history, promoting educational opportunities, and honoring the accomplishments of Michigan women. The Michigan Women's Historical Center, located at 213 W. Malcolm X Street in downtown Lansing, is home to the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame featuring over 285 honorees past and present, changing history exhibits, the Belen Art Gallery featuring Michigan women artists, and a fair trade gift shop. Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m. and the 1st Sunday of every month, 2-4 p.m. Closed all major holidays and holiday weekends. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students (6-18) and free for children 5 and under. The

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