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Women's History Month - Library Presents Smithsonian Poster Exhibition Highlighting the Diverse History of Women Inventors in the United States

Throughout American history, women with diverse backgrounds and interests created inventions that changed lives on a daily basis. However, women haven't always had equal opportunities to be inventors or received as much recognition. The Smithsonian Institution and the United States Patent and Trademark Office present "*Picturing Women Inventors*," a poster exhibition that explores the inventions of 19 highly accomplished American women. Astronauts, computer pioneers, and businesswomen join athletes, engineers, and teenagers in this remarkable group of inventors. The posters will be on view at the downtown Central Library, 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo now through March 31. This display is free and open to the public. To view Central Library hours [click here](#).

"*Picturing Women Inventors*" showcases the breakthroughs, motivations, and challenges women encountered while pursuing their goals as inventors. Diversity of background and age are showcased including inventor Alexis Lewis, who at 12-years-old was inspired to adapt a traditional Native American sled, called a travois, by adding wheels to create a simpler way to transport families and their belongings in Somalia.

"We are thrilled to host this important exhibit during Women's History Month, shining a light on these smart, strong and creative history-making women," said Library Director Mary Jean Jakubowski. "This exhibit was designed to enlighten and inspire young people to become future inventors."

"*Picturing Women Inventors*" is distributed at no cost to schools, libraries, museums and community organizations by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in collaboration with the Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation and the United States Patent and Trademark Office. It is sponsored by Lyda Hill Philanthropies IF/THEN Initiative and Ericsson.

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