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In celebration of Women's History Month, CMS House of Art is sponsoring a program at the Bay County Public Library on Monday, March 30, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Women's history is celebrated throughout the month of March to draw attention to the accomplishments of women and to continue the progress toward America's ideals of equality. This year's national theme is "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives."

The local program, entitled "Women as Agents of Social Change," grew out of a school art project around quilt making and the folklore of how signs and symbols sewn into quilts were used in the Underground Railroad as tools of communication.

The program will feature awards to Tyndall Elementary students for their quilt drawings; a quilt display by the St. Andrew Bay Quilters Guild with Angela Mueller describing the symbols; Tawana Adams of Parker Elementary School portraying Harriet Tubman; and Gulf Coast State College Women's Studies Professor Cindy Boshelle who will profile other women who have helped spark change.

"By highlighting subversive women, such as Harriet Tubman, Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai, and others, we might imagine and relate to the great risks and rewards experienced by those who helped to undermine and overthrow oppressive institutions. Their stories can motivate us to continue the work to advance the world's humanity," said event coordinator Shelley Clark.

The national celebration has its origins in 1981, and Presidents Clinton, Bush, and Obama have each issued Women's History Month proclamations.

The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Bay County Public Libraries.

The Bay County Public Library is located at 898 West 11th Street in Panama City. For more information, please visit www.nwrls.com or call 522-2100.