

Feminist Resources Online

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The following websites offer ways for teens, caregivers, and librarians to engage with feminism online. From organizations promoting feminist YA literature to feminist media and pop culture, these sites offer helpful resources and opportunities for teens and adults to get involved.

We Need Diverse Books

We need diverse books. (2015). Retrieved from <http://weneeddiversebooks.org/>

We need diverse books Tumblr. (2015). Retrieved from <http://weneeddiversebooks.tumblr.com/>

The We Need Diverse Books campaign was created to address the need for diversity in children's and young adult literature. Their mission is to promote non-majority narratives, giving voice to often excluded populations such as women, LGBTQIA, ethnic minorities, religious minorities, and people with disabilities. Their Tumblr features author quotes and interviews, booklists, articles, and event announcements. This would be a good place to direct both adult and teen patrons who are interested in seeking out diversity in YA fiction. Their official site, weneeddiversebooks.org, is a great resource for librarians and teachers, with links to a booktalking kits, classroom resources, and more.

The Amelia Bloomer Project

Amelia Bloomer project. (2015). Retrieved from <https://ameliabloomer.wordpress.com/>

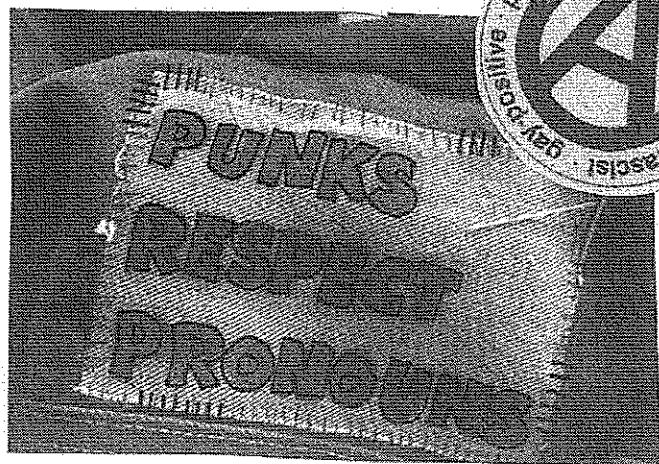
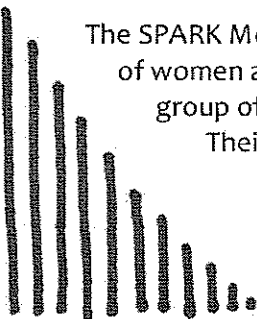
Named for a nineteenth century women's rights activist, the Amelia Bloomer Project is dedicated to creating a yearly list of the top ten feminist books for young readers aged 18 and under. Books are selected by members of the Feminist Task Force of the Social Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association. Each year they provide an overall top ten, with a short description of each title, as well as a longer list categorized by age. With book lists dating back to 2002, the Amelia Bloomer Project website points readers to a great selection of recent feminist fiction and nonfiction.

The SPARK Movement

SPARK movement. (2015). Retrieved from <http://www.sparksummit.com/>

The SPARK Movement is a youth-led feminist initiative with a particular focus on media representations of women and girls. SPARK is run by a team of teen volunteers (aged 13-22) with the support of a small group of adult staff. They promote grassroots activism with fun and interesting ways to get involved. Their SPARKit section offers introductions to specific campaigns, such as [You've Been SPARKed](#),

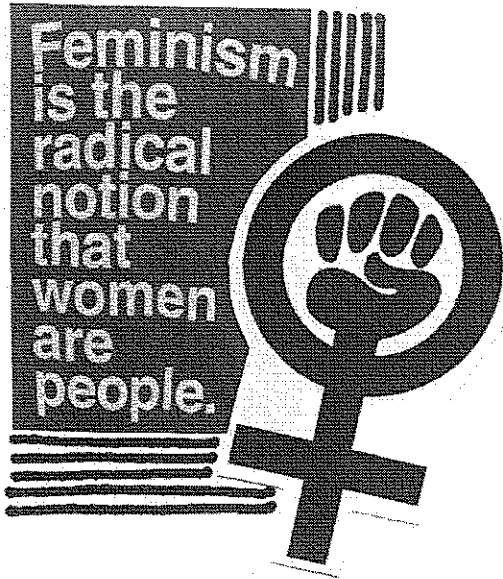
which invites participants to challenge gender stereotyping in children's toys through the judicious use of post-it notes. Their most recent project, [Women on the Map](#), partners with Google's Field Trip mapping app to celebrate female historical contributions worldwide. SPARK also has a frequently updated blog addressing gender in the media, as well as a separate blog highlighting feminist original research projects. This site is a great resource for both librarians and teens, and could be the source of some engaging library programming.



Images

A Patch: https://img0.etsystatic.com/000/0/6177955/ll_fullxfull.339904240.jpg

Punks patch: http://41.media.tumblr.com/c7062501318c3a3356103406be3ab0c1/tumblr_nm3vmfn9qL1sgtkyko1_1280.jpg



Bitch Media

Bitch media. (2013). Retrieved from <http://bitchmagazine.org/>

Bitch Media is best known for publishing the magazine *Bitch: Feminist Response to Pop Culture*, but also offers a varied array of blog posts, podcasts, and other online content. Bitch Media connects readers with all types of feminist media, with a focused blog for books (*Bibliobitch*), as well as for movies, music, and TV. While not specifically geared towards teens, this site is a fantastic resource for keeping up with current feminist culture and issues.

Slatebreakers

Sullivan, S. & Welch, B. S. (2015). *Slatebreakers*. Retrieved from <http://slatebreakers.com/>

This literary feminist blog is named after that unforgettable moment in L. M. Montgomery's *Anne of Green Gables* when Anne breaks her slate over Gilbert's head. For the two authors, Brianna and Sarah, this moment is representative of the power YA literature has to encourage young people to break gender stereotypes and stand up for their identities. This blog contains mostly book reviews, as well as the occasional op-ed.

Feminist Frequency

Sarkeesian, A., & McIntosh, J. (2012). *Feminist frequency*. Retrieved from <http://www.feministfrequency.com/>

Anita Sarkeesian is a feminist media critic and video game developer. *Feminist Frequency*, her video blog, tackles intersectional feminist issues in an engaging way. Sarkeesian's witty and fearless critique of pop culture is not only entertaining, but also an excellent introduction to feminism. ☐

