



To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustees
From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning
Date: 3/17/22
Re: Spectrum News Interview regarding Women's History Month

Spectrum News reached out asking for us to provide photos of Electa Quinney and to interview our local historian about her and her importance in Wisconsin History in regards to Women's History Month.

Sadly, there is only one known photo of Electa Quinney, however we do have images of Stateburg, which show the location of her school. Gavin was interviewed on 3/17 for a segment. We were sure to also let the reporter know that there was a statue of Electa Quinney at Fassbender Park and that we have a school named after her as well.

In honor of Women's History Month. Gavin gave a presentation as part of his Local History talk series sharing that Sophia Nelson Strathearn (1865-1948) was a Kaukauna resident prominent in many women's movements locally, statewide and even nationally. Through the Woman's Relief Corps, she personally raised the first \$1,000 to fund the Veterans Home at King. With the Woman's Club, she was a key player in bringing nurses and the Red Cross to Kaukauna, as well as the push for a public library. She was a Vice President of the Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association under Theodora Youmans and alongside such notables as author Zona Gale. She included among her friends, various state politicians, and international suffragettes such as Emmeline Pankhurst of England.

We also borrowed a traveling display from The History Museum at the Castle that features eight panels of information regarding women's suffrage in Wisconsin. The display will be up for the month of March.

