

Title of program:

A Radical Suffragist in Washington D.C.

Branch Name:

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Was the program:

- In-person in a meeting room

Short overview of the program: Briefly describe the content, including the name and title of any speakers.

Shirley Marshall will be talking about her book, A Radical Suffragist in Washington D.C. The book features letters from Elizabeth Kalb Green who worked and lived at the National Woman's Party Headquarters from 1918 to 1921.

Please include any other information you deem important:

Very well received. Everyone learned new things about the fight for women to get the vote. Shirley Marshall grew up in Alexandria, dreaming of becoming a writer and seeing the world. The world was made possible by serving in the Air Force and then travelling for a few years. After earning a law degree from the University of Virginia, she had a career focused on affordable housing and nonprofit leadership -- which involved a lot of writing. Shirley still lives in Alexandria VA, with her husband and son (now at college). She has a half-native, mostly messy garden and a very cute dog. Inheriting the papers of Elizabeth Kalb Green, suffragist and adventurer, gave Shirley an opportunity to write about and share a fascinating time. Her first book, A Radical Suffragist in Washington D.C., The History Press, 2024, features rare 1918 letters from someone living and working at the heart of the National Woman's Party. Shirley's next book, California Cruising with Elizabeth, will be available on Amazon this month. Elizabeth after suffrage was part of the car-camping craze of the early 1920s. She took off in a Model T with her mother and a camera. They camped for months in the mountains and deserts, as well as at city 'auto camps.'