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**Actress/historian presents  
“Soldiers in Petticoats: The Struggle of the Suffragettes”**

Costumed in the authentic period clothing of a suffragette, actress and historian Tames Alan presents the struggle of American women to gain the right to vote. The event will be held at the [McCleary Timberland Library](#) on Thursday, May 13 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

In 1867, the passage of the 14th amendment defined “citizen” as “male,” thus denying women the right to vote. Learn how American women adopted the militant tactics of their English sister suffragettes to earn the right to vote and regain citizenship in their own country. Discover how the suffragettes influenced child labor laws, the use and dispersal of birth control, the Temperance movement, the right of women to earn a college degree, and their relationship with the abolitionists.

Ms. Alan is an actress, historian, and fashion history teacher who has combined her skills to create her Living History Lectures for people of all ages. Since 1986, she has been touring her programs throughout the United States and Canada, where she is known for in-depth research and a lively presentational style.

Alan studied theater and history at Willamette University in Oregon and theater at the American Conservatory Theater and the Dell Arte School in California. She taught fashion history at the Art Institute of Seattle, and is a historical consultant to museums, libraries, and historical festivals throughout the Pacific Northwest.

This free event is a Humanities Washington Inquiring Mind presentation. The McCleary Timberland Library is located at 121 S 4th Street, McCleary. For more information, call (360) 495-3368 or go to [www.trlib.org](http://www.trlib.org).

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