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## TeachingBooks.net Celebrates National Women's History Month

MADISON, WIS. (March 1, 2006) – In honor of March as Women's History Month, *TeachingBooks.net* highlights two author programs educators can use to inform students of the extraordinary achievements women have made throughout history. Both programs include audio/visual interviews conducted in the authors' studios, allowing students the opportunity to expand their knowledge of women's history while developing a personal connection with these award-winning authors.

The first author program features Pam Muñoz Ryan, the author of more than 25 books for young people including the novel "Esperanza Rising," based on her grandmother's immigration from Mexico to the United States. Ryan, who is fascinated by stories of women in history, is also the author of "Riding Freedom," which earned the national Willa Cather Award and the California Young Reader Medal. Her picture books include "Amelia and Eleanor Go For A Ride" and "When Marian Sang" — tributes to women who have a solid place in American history. The *TeachingBooks.net* author program includes two movies — one of Ryan reading from "Esperanza Rising," a nine-page interview and links to relevant websites and book guides.

The second *TeachingBooks.net* author program features Rosemary Wells, whose career as an author and illustrator spans more than 30 years and 60 books, including the historical fiction book "Mary on Horseback." The novel depicts the true story of Mary Breckinridge, a public health nurse in the 1920s who traveled on horseback to assist families with their health needs. The author program features a series of original, interactive slide shows, an in-depth written interview, and links to useful book guides and other published interviews with Wells.

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