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- What:** "Pioneers, Reformers, and Millionaires" Lecture and Book Signing with author Elizabeth A. Homer
- When:** Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 12 p.m.
- Where:** Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame
213 W. Malcolm X Street, Lansing, MI 48933
- Cost:** Free admission, free parking (City lot shared with the Cooley Gardens)

***Pioneers, Reformers, and Millionaires* Lecture and Book Signing**

Lansing, MI –The Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame (MWHOF) is pleased to announce a lecture and book signing for *Pioneers, Reformers, and Millionaires* with author Elizabeth A. Homer. This event will take place on Saturday, April 11 at 12 pm at the museum located at 213 W. Malcolm X Street in downtown Lansing. This event is free and open to the public.

Elizabeth A. Homer has been a curator for over twenty years, first at the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame (1987-1996) and then at the Turner-Dodge House (1997-2008). Both are in Lansing, Michigan. She is a public historian with a passion for women's history and political history. In her latest work, *Pioneers, Reformers, and Millionaires*, Homer describes a fascinating epic tale of two generations of the Turner family who settled in Michigan's Grand River Valley in 1834. Marian and James Turner join a group of pioneers who build a capital city in the primal forest in seven months. They are among the progressive Whigs and Democrats, who founded the Republican Party to end slavery. Both the men and women engage in the burgeoning women's movement for suffrage and the fight to regulate alcohol use. They play leading roles in the Civil War and its aftermath. They advance controversial ideas such as higher education for women and scientific agricultural education.

The mission of the Michigan Women's Historical Center is to inspire and engage adults and children by celebrating Michigan women's history, promoting educational opportunities, and honoring the accomplishments of Michigan women. The Michigan Women's Historical Center, located at 213 W. Malcolm X Street in downtown Lansing, is home to the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame featuring over 285 honorees past and present, changing history exhibits, the Belen Art Gallery featuring Michigan women artists, and a fair trade gift shop. Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m. and the 1st Sunday of every month, 2-4 p.m. Closed all major holidays and holiday weekends. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students (6-18) and free for children 5 and under. The Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame is operated by the Michigan Women's Studies Association, a non-profit 501c3 organization.

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