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Exhibit on Women's Suffrage Opens at Noel Wien Library on September 1, 2021

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Fairbanks North Star Borough Public Libraries is happy to announce the traveling exhibit, **Alaska's Suffrage Star**, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, will open on September 1, 2021 at Noel Wien Library. The display can be visited from 10AM-8PM Mondays through Wednesdays, 10AM-6PM on Thursdays and Fridays, and 10AM-5PM on Saturdays.

The exhibit shares the history of women's suffrage in Alaska, explaining how local and national activism helped Alaska women citizens achieve the vote in 1913.

Featured are reproductions of historic photographs, illustrations, and political cartoons. It highlights Alaska women voting rights activists from the 1910s and 1920s, including:

- Nellie Cashman, entrepreneur, miner, and the first woman to vote in a territorial election in Alaska
- Cornelia Hatcher, temperance leader who led the successful effort to enact Prohibition in Alaska
- Lena Morrow Lewis, socialist organizer and the first Alaska woman to run for federal office in 1916
- Tillie Paul, Tlingit educator and tribal historian who was arrested for assisting a Tlingit man to vote

The Alaska State Museum produced the exhibit to commemorate the centennial of the 19th Amendment, which in 1920 extended the right to vote to American women throughout the country.

The League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley will be celebrating this exhibit with an additional topical display in the lobby.

Alaska's Suffrage Star will be on exhibit at the library until September 30, 2021.

For more information call 459-1020.