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**Thank you to everyone who celebrated Women's History Month 2023 with the Frances Willard House Museum!** Our Women's History Month theme this year was *Women at Work*. Throughout the month, we highlighted the hidden stories behind the desks in the Museum to show the ways in which historic homes functioned as workplaces. **You can now find the entire series on our [blog](#).**

**We brought Women's History Month to a close with the story of the desk in the WCTU Headquarters office.** Though nicknamed "Rest Cottage," the Willard House was often far from a restful place. Willard early on filled its rooms with WCTU coworkers, calling the house an "annex" to the actual WCTU headquarters in the Woman's Temple, a beautiful building in downtown Chicago built for the organization by architect Daniel Burnham. Following Willard's death in 1898, in 1900 the WCTU leadership transformed the Willard House into both their national headquarters and a museum.

Today, we have interpreted this time period with a recreation of one of the offices in the home. Photographs and other documentation reveal that these rooms were used to manage the WCTU's membership and publication efforts from 1900 through 1922. These were especially busy years as the organization led the way on two constitutional amendments, the 18th (Prohibition) and 19th (Women's Suffrage).



As we reflect on Women's History Month 2023, we remember that all homes are work spaces – even those that did not function as organizational headquarters – and that often the work that took place within their walls remains hidden but is so important to reveal.

**Even though Women's History Month has come to an end, the Frances Willard House Museum and Archives is dedicated to uncovering and sharing women's stories year round. You can still...**

- 1) [Become a supporter](#)
- 2) Take a tour of the historic home and workplace
- 3) Watch a recent virtual event, including our Women's History Month **Views program** on *Faith in Women's Higher Education*
- 4) Explore our [online content](#), including our [blog](#), [digital exhibits](#), [YouTube channel](#), and social media profiles
- 5) Share this newsletter with a friend!

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**April Tours**

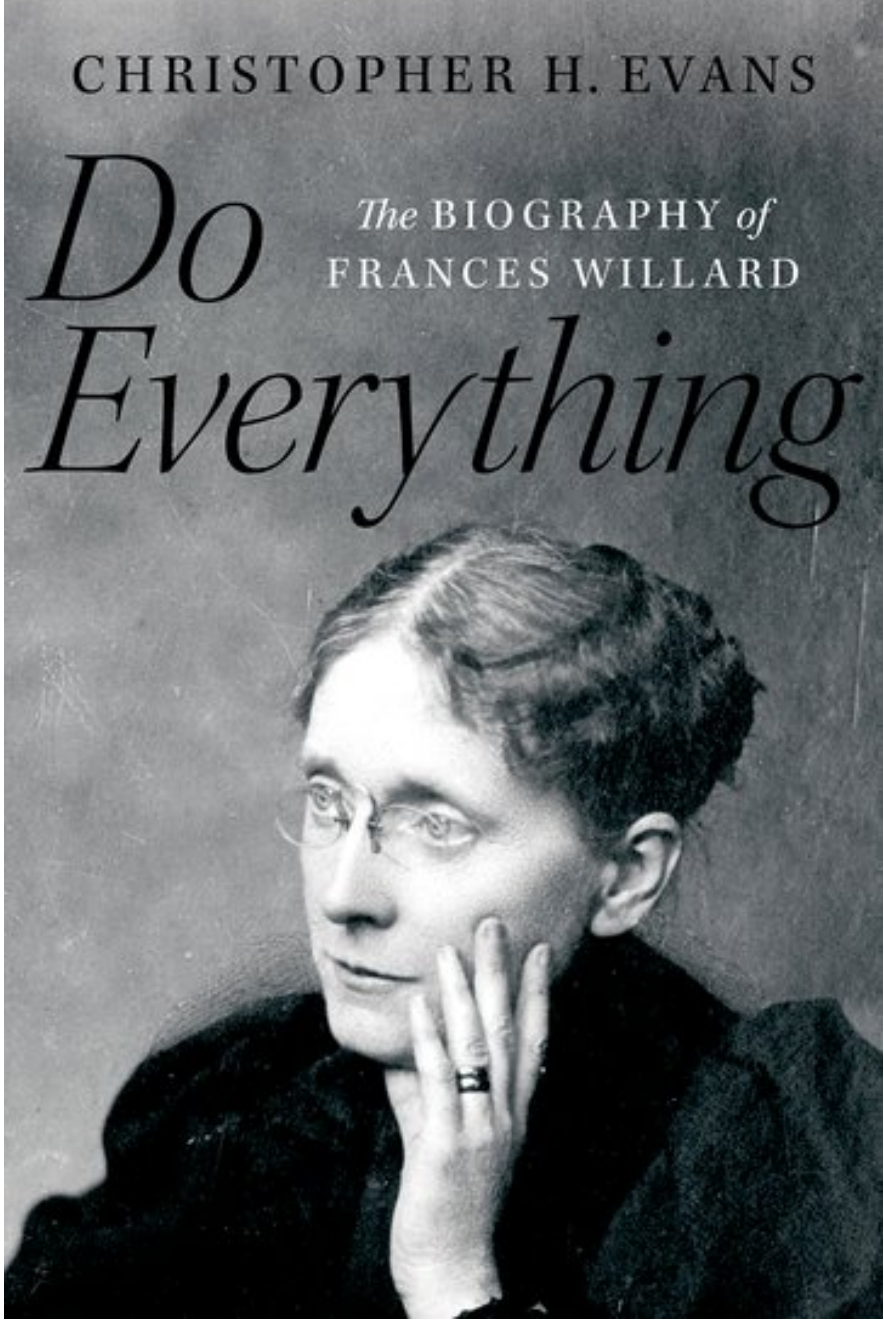
Remaining **April tours** of the Frances Willard House Museum will be held at 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm on the following dates:

- Sunday, April 16
- Thursday, April 27

Tours are available by reservation only. Masks are required. Visitors should request a tour by emailing [info@franceswillardhouse.org](mailto:info@franceswillardhouse.org) or calling (847) 328-7500. Tour fees are \$15 per person. Admission is free for students at all levels. Payment must be made online or over the phone once the tour day and time has been confirmed.



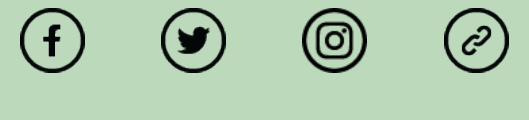
**Women's History Around Town: Dr. Christopher Evans at the Evanston History Center**



Join the Evanston History Center on Thursday, April 13 at 7pm Central Time for an online presentation by Dr. Christopher Evans, author of *Do Everything: The Biography of Frances Willard*, the first new biography of Willard in 35 years. Willard, one of the most prominent American social reformers of the late nineteenth century, made her home in Evanston for three decades. Evans will discuss his examination of Willard's life, her contributions as a reformer, and her broader legacy as a women's rights activist. For tickets and more information, click [here](#).

You can learn more about Evans' new Willard biography by watching a recording of the October 2022 [book launch](#), which was co-sponsored by the Frances Willard House Museum and Bookends and Beginnings bookstore.

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