



Somerset Hills AAUW- APRIL NEWS

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTACT/HOST
		🌸 MAY 2025 🌻	
5/5	6:00 PM	Evening Book Group <i>Becoming Madam Secretary</i> By Stephanie Dray Panera Basking Ridge	Ginny Pasternak
5/13*	5:45 PM	Navigating Healthcare Sharon Hayden Long Hill Twp. Library	
5/19	9:00 AM	Morning Book Group BOOK CHOICE	Karen Brown
		🌊 June 2025 🍉	
6/2	6:00 pm	Book Selection Panera Basking Ridge	Ginny Pasternak
6/16	9:00 AM	Morning Book Group <i>The Feather Thief</i> By Kirk Wallace Johnson	Jackie D'Allesio


*(Please note the date in the current directory has the May meeting incorrectly as May 7. The correct date is May 13!)

🌟 Volunteers needed to bring snacks for our May meeting!!! Please reach out to Jean Aurnhammer (908-227-3861- jaa39@aol.com) if you can help by bringing an item.

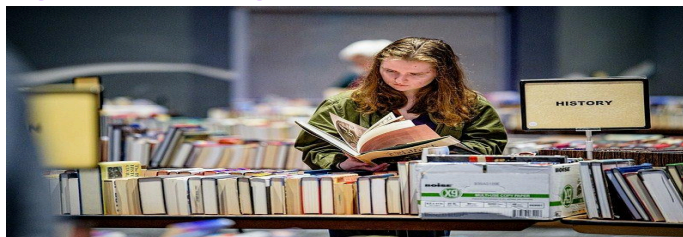
Leadership Opportunity!! The AAUW Board is in need of some interested members to fill some leadership openings. We are looking for a **PROGRAM VP**. This person helps to arrange for our engaging monthly programs. If interested please contact Ginny Lyttle lyttlegvirginia@yahoo.com

There will be a **Program Committee meeting on May 20th at 7 PM**. It will be on ZOOM. If you are interested in joining this important committee, or have an idea for an engaging/interesting program for the 2025/2026 year, please look for the email with the ZOOM link!! **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

 **Carpool coordination:** Sharon Hayden (sharon.hayden323@gmail.com). (908-229-6915) If you need a ride, or can provide a ride!

 **MEMBER ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL COMMITTEE** - Please notify the committee if you know of a member whose life circumstances are such that they could use a little SUNSHINE. The committee will extend a supportive connection on behalf of the Branch!
Please contact Jean Aurnhammer (908-227-3861) jaa39@aol.com or Lee Delitzscher (908-647-4497) ladybearlee@aol.com

It's coming! It's coming! The 2025 Book Sale is coming!



All hands on deck! We can all do a little to make this big event happen!

Schedule of Activities

Move boxes, furniture to BMS	Fri	Jul 25	8:30 - 12:00
Set up (Mon), donations, sorting	Mon - Thu	Jul 28 - 31	7:00 - 4:00
Donations (Mon only), sorting	Mon - Wed	Aug 4 - 6	7:00 - 4:00
Morning preparation	Thu - Fri	Aug 7 - 8	7:00 - 11:59
Sale	Thu - Fri	Aug 7 - 8	12:00 - 8:00
Morning preparation	Sat	Aug 9	7:00 - 8:59
Sale	Sat	Aug 9	9:00 - 3:00
Clean-up	Sat	Aug 9	3:00 - 6:00
Final clean-up / pick-up	Mon	Aug 11	7:00 - 1:00



Book Sale Co-Chairs: ***Teri Passarello / Bonnie Gould***



BUYING BOOKS as gifts or for yourself?

At this time of year we are all looking forward to seeing what's available at the Book Sale. If you want to be sure of getting just the specific title or topic you have in mind, search on the **ThriftBooks.com** website. This company continues to be a valuable partner helping us to reap the benefit of books donated for our annual sale and not sold immediately. They can be a great source for YOUR book purchases!

AAUW BOOK GROUPS: Please contact Jackie D'Allessio

(3rd Monday - mornings) or Ginny Pasternak(1st Monday - evenings), the coordinators, to be put on the list to receive information for whichever Book Group meetings best fit your schedule and your interest in titles. **For a full list of dates and titles, go to our website:** <https://somerseethills-nj.aauw.net/>
Look under "Interests."

NATIONAL AAUW DUES UPDATE!

What's happening: the NATIONAL AAUW Board approved a modest dues adjustment — **\$2 per year over the next two years.**

Starting April 1, 2025, individual member dues will be \$74. On April 1, 2026, dues will change to \$76.

Why it matters: Member dues are an important funding source for AAUW. While costs for member support increase annually, member dues have not kept pace. The Board's decision to increase dues by \$2 allows AAUW dues to keep up with inflation and continue supporting the important work of AAUW.

Your member dues help fund our work such as:

- Education & Advocacy: Member dues help support AAUW's public policy and member advocacy programs, which are now vitally important to defending higher education and rights for women on campus
- Member Trainings: Our regular virtual member gatherings and training programs provide education and engagement on several relevant topics
- Member Engagement: We organize member-led groups and committees like Archives Corps, Lobby Corps, and national committees, and coordinate AAUW's member advocacy through 2-Minute Activist
- Real-Time Support: Connect Team provides daily assistance to members
- And more!

The bottom line: The dues increase balances AAUW's financial sustainability with the member feedback we received. Thank you for all you do as an engaged member of AAUW!

LOCAL and NATIONAL Membership renewal has begun!! Pay your dues now!!

Send your dues-\$117 (check payable to: AAUW Somerset Hills) to:

AAUW Somerset Hills
P.O. Box 5
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Contact: Teri Passarello

Call/text 908-313-8421

Email teri.passarello@somerseethillsaauw.org

It is AAUW National election time.

You can use this link to vote: <https://aauw.simplyvoting.com/>

You should have received your personal ELECTOR ID AND PASSWORD TO ACCESS THE BALLOT in your email.

For more information on the candidates and ballot initiatives, please visit <https://act.aauw.org/MemberVote2025>.

Take Action

Members of AAUW's Action Network receive urgent email notices and text messages when their advocacy is needed most. With our online Two-Minute Activist tool, it takes just minutes and an internet connection to make your voice heard on issues impacting women and girls!

<https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>

AAUW National offers FREE Webinars!! Visit this site to see what is upcoming, and to view recordings of previous WEBINARS!!

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/webinars/>

Upcoming Webinars:

AAUW Advocacy Strategies for In-District Meetings

. [Register Here](#)

Missed the First Session? Watch the Recording

[AAUW: Standing Strong Against Attacks on Equity in Education](#)



Some Summer Sustainability Tips!



- Enjoy a bike ride. Why drive when you can get exercise, keep CO2 out of the atmosphere, and see the sights along the way?
- Use sustainable sun protection. Be sure your [sunscreen is safe for marine life](#), and wear UV-protective clothing.

- **Try a staycation.** Day trips or exploring your hometown can cut down your carbon footprint. Avoid flights or long drives and take public transportation if you can.
- **Buy a solar charger.** Don't miss any fun summer photos – let the sun charge your phone or tablet while you're away from home!
- **Bring reusable bags.** We know this in NJ! Most stores appreciate it when you provide your own bags for everything from groceries to souvenirs. (Bonus points if you are buying from [Fair Trade Certified™ retailers!](#))

A note of THANKS:



New Jersey Charitable Trust
aauwnj.ct@gmail.com

April 4, 2025

Dear **AAUW NJ Somerset Hills Branch**,

Thank you for your recent donation to the **AAUW NJ Charitable Trust**. As you know, the Charitable Trust seeks to improve the lives of women and girls by advancing AAUW's mission, especially regarding gender equity in education, workplace, and leadership.

As you requested, your gift of **\$1000 was split between two different funds:**

- **\$500** was designated for our fund for **Tech Trek NJ**, a STEM-based weeklong camp at Stockton University for rising eighth-grade girls
- **\$500** was designated for the general **CT Grant Program**, a fund that supports a wide variety of AAUW mission-based programs created by AAUW NJ members.

Thank you again for your gifts. Tech Trek NJ STEM program can be life changing for NJ girls and their dreams of a STEM career.

Gratefully,

Mary

Mary Graves President, AAUW New Jersey Charitable Trust

cc: Claudine Keenan Interim Vice Provost, Stockton University

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