



AAUW Somerset Hills - July NEWS

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTACT/HOST
		🇺🇸 July 2025 🇺🇸	
		📚 Save those books! 📚	
7/25	8:30am-12:00pm	Book Sale prep begins! Help move furniture to BMS	Teri Passarello and Bonnie Gould are your contacts for all book sale related inquiries!!!
7/28-7/31	8:00am-4:00pm	Book donation starts Sorting begins	
		📚 August 📚 BOOK SALE MONTH	
8/4- 8/6	7:00am-4:00pm	Donations-Mon. only! Sorting	
8/7-8/8	8:00am-8:00pm	Morning prep-until 11:59 *Sale begins at 12 noon!	Sale is Thursday to Friday
8/9	8:00am - 3:00pm	Morning prep-until 11:59 am Sale continues at 12 noon!	Final Sale day-Saturday
8/9	3:00pm-6:00pm	Clean up	
8/11	7:00am-1:00pm	Final clean up	
8/11	4:00pm-dusk	Potluck Picnic ALL WELCOME! Sign up sheet will be at the sign in table at the book sale	Chris Ellis's back yard 43 Victoria Dr. Basking Ridge

		 September 	
9/8	6:00 pm	Evening Book Group Panera Basking Ridge	Ginny Pasternack
9/9	TBD	Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon*	Bonnie Gould
9/15	9:00 am	Morning Book Group	Jackie D'Allessio
		*Luncheon-Location TBD Bring a friend!!!	

BOXES DESPERATELY NEEDED FOR BOOK SALE! Please keep an eye out at Costco, or ask at ShopRite etc....



Contact Book Sale Co-Chairs Teri Passarello or Bonnie Gould to see how else you can help. And start collecting boxes as the ones shown in the photos (Driscoll, Giant, Gem).

NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR “WOMAN AS AGENT OF CHANGE” AWARD!!

Board members have chosen the recipient of this award for the last three years, but we are asking members to make nominations this year. An agent of change is a local woman who has made a significant impact on her community through her work, her volunteerism, and her life. If you remember, last year's recipient was the Watchung Boro President who has worked to get programs going for seniors and children, and she spearheaded the remodeling and updating of the Watchung Library. Prior recipients were a local newspaper woman and a local mayor. Please contact Bonnie Gould with any questions or your nomination.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE HAS EXCITING PRESENTATIONS PLANNED!

Topics include: An on-site look at Climate through the eyes of a K-8 Charter school; DEI; Louis Bamberger-department store innovator; travelogue with Robin Marion; Ladies at the Crossroads of the Revolution; Alzheimer's information and more. Look for the final list in the new directory and future newsletters.

☀️🌸 **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

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."

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!

Membership renewal continues!! 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: Sharon Hayden (sharon.hayden323@gmail.com) (908-229-6915)

Regional 2026 CONFERENCE to be held in LANCASTER, PA!!

The AAUW regional conference will be held on Sept 25-27, 2026 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. If it is as good as the 2024 conference, it is a must go according to Ginny Lyttle, our president who will be attending. There will be sessions on leadership succession, social media and websites, leadership flexibility, collaborating with like-minded organizations, engaging post-secondary educational institutions and advocacy for public policy. All of these are intended to grow and strengthen membership. These topics came about after the 2024 conference and were based on round-table discussions about gaining and retaining members.

AAUW NJ Action Network: See how you can take action locally:

<https://actionnetwork.org/groups/aaunwj>

TAKE ACTION

Two-Minute Activist

Join AAUW advocates in the fight for equal pay, equity in education, paid leave, protections against sexual harassment and more. Sign up to get regular alerts on when and how to engage, including sending letters to your legislators, writing letters to the editor and other timely calls to action.

SIGN UP

Other ways to Take Action Nationally:

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/>

Watch the Recording

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