

September 2025



Coming soon:
October Branch
Program:

*"Climate on a
Schoolyard's Edge"*
10/7-10:00 am



Come join us as we visit the Unity Charter School in Morristown where science teacher Erin Colfax will give us a tour and talk about climate change and how their school is teaching students about it. Lunch will follow at a fun Morristown restaurant.

2025 AWARDS LUNCHEON

Date: Sept. 9 at 12:30 pm

Place: Vintage Tavern
342 Valley Road, Gillette

Cost: \$39.00

Send checks to Bonnie Gould:
4 Valley View Drive
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Happenings

**Sept. 8-6:00 pm-Evening Book
Group**
Panera, Basking Ridge

**Sept. 9-12:30 pm- Annual
Awards Luncheon-Vintage
Tavern, Gillette**

**Sept. 15-9:00 am- Morning
Book Group**

**Oct. 7-6:00 pm- Evening Book
Group**
Panera, Basking Ridge

**Oct. 7-10:00 am- Program-
Morristown**

**Oct. 20-9:00 am- Morning Book
Group**

Renew your Membership!

Send in 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)



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by

Steve Henderson



MONTHLY PROGRAM LINE UP FOR 2025-2026

Something for everyone!

- October 7, 2025-"Climate on a Schoolyard's Edge" and lunch in Morristown
- November 11, 2025-DEI-Bernards Twp. Library
- December 13, 2025-Holiday Brunch-Long Hill Twp. Library
- January 10, 2026-"Louis Bamberger"-Bernards Twp. Library
- February 4, 2026-Travelogue with Robin Marion
- March 10, 2026-The Green Book-Bernards Twp. Library
- April 14, 2026-"Ladies at the Crossroads"
- May 12, 2026-"Dementia"

More details will be provided in our monthly Flyers.
Some details may change!



Interest Groups

There are many groups that meet which may be of interest to our members. Choose one or more!!

- **Great Decisions**
- **Morning Book Group**
- **Evening Book Group**
- **Gourmet**
- **Book Sale Planning**

Gourmet group meets monthly at the home and date selected by the host. Kathryn assists the host in menu selection and item assignment to participants. Costs are divided per head and is usually between \$22 – \$30 per person depending on the elaborateness of the menu.

Contact: Kathryn Daut (908-647-0350) / Bonnie Gould (908-285-8385)

Great Decisions: This group meets 8 times beginning in January of each year.

AAUW members
and their significant other/friend gather at 7 pm
in person to discuss
topics taken from the Great Decisions book purchased in advance.

Contact: Brigid Coakley at annisbear32158@aol.com or 908-477-5822

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- **America at a Global Crossroads**
- **The Evolution of U.S. Leadership in the Global Economy: Dilemmas and Choices**
- **Competition, Cold War, or Conflict? Navigating U.S.-China Relations in Tense Times**
- **India: Between China, the West, and the Global South**
- **International Climate Cooperation in an Era of Geopolitical Turmoil**
- **The Future of NATO and European Security**
- **AI and American National Security**
- **American Policy in the Middle East: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead**

Morning Book Group

If interested please contact
Jackie d'Allesio

9/15- How to Change Your Mind: What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us About Dying, Addiction, Depression and Transcendence by Michael Pollan

10/20- Triangle: The Fire That Changed America by David Von Drehle

11/17- The Glass Maker Tracy Chevalier

12/8- West With Giraffes by Lynda

Rutledge

1/19- The Old Man and The Sea by Earnest

Hemingway

2/16- Frozen River by Ariel Laden

3/16- All the Beauty in the World by

Patrick Bringle

4/20- Two Nights in Lisbon by Chris

Pavone

5/18- BOOK SELECTION

6/15- Rise to Rebellion: The Revolutionary War by Jeff Shaara

Evening Book Group

If interested please contact Ginny
Pasternak

9/8- Triangle: The Fire that Changed America by David Von Drehle

10/6- The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict

11/3- My Life in Full: Work, Family and Our Future by Indra Nooyi

12/1- The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamal

1/5- Frozen River by Ariel Laden

2/2- West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

3/2- The Lindbergh Kidnapping Suspect No. 1: The Man Who Got Away by Lise

Pearlman

4/6- How to Age Disgracefully by Clare Pooley

5/5- The Underground Library by Jennifer Ryan

6/1- BOOK SELECTION

[AAUW National and State Information](#)

Visit their websites for webinars and a calendar of events.

[AAUW NJ:](#) <https://aauwnj.org/>

*"We Value Diversity
United We Stand"*

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[AAUW National:](#) <https://www.aauw.org>

*Our mission for
Higher Education and Economic Security*

AAUW empowers women and girls by championing their success in higher education and pushing for bold policy solutions to create lasting change. For more than 140 years, AAUW has led the fight for gender equity in higher education and beyond. With a strong record of advocacy and action, AAUW continues to break barriers and defend the rights of women in education and the workplace.



AAUW's research highlights the barriers women face in education and the workplace, driving policy change and societal progress.

*The fight for fair pay and economic opportunity
for women—and the battle continues: Women still
get just 83 cents for every dollar paid to a man.*

Fan Mail!



Hello, Somerset Hills AAUW.

My name is Robert, and I just wanted to say thank you for another wonderful, exciting, and memorable book sale.

I love the annual AAUW book sale. It is a highlight of my year, on par with any holiday.

I go in with a list, loosely compiled, and essentially hope for the best. I'd rather squeeze and make room than throw an elbow. It's easy to panic about potential treasures lost. It's better to appreciate treasures you come away with.

Last year I was on a bender for Malcolm Gladwell books, but couldn't find any. Then someone backed into me, and I knocked over a stack. Of course, serendipitously, they were all Gladwells. It was like an anecdote straight from Malcolm. This year it seemed like there were as many Gladwells as Grishams. No matter. I treasure the stack I came away with – Jane Smiley, Philip Roth, Isaac Asimov, Donna Tartt, and two very heavy cooking volumes.

I did look (twice) at the \$200 Alain Ducasse. I'm not much of a dessert baker. But I hope it found its way, serendipitously or not, into the hands of someone who will love it.

So, in a very late night, very round-about way, I say again thank you, and I look forward to August 2026.

*Cheers,
RFM*

A note of gratitude!



Dear Branch Members, Community and Student Volunteers,

This year's Book Sale was more than just a success—it was a celebration 75 years in the making, and it could not have happened without you.

From the first box unpacked to the last chair folded, you gave your strength, your kindness, and your smiles. You lifted and sorted, priced and stacked, answered questions, and welcomed shoppers with warmth. Whether you worked behind the scenes in the months leading up to the sale, or stood shoulder-to-shoulder with us during our busiest hours, your efforts created the magic that keeps our community coming back year after year.

We are especially grateful for the many community members, students, and branch members who joined us, bringing fresh energy and shared passion for books and learning. Together, you helped create a welcoming space for readers of all ages and backgrounds to discover stories that inspire.

This 75th anniversary was about more than books—it was about the connections we've built over decades. We saw old friends greet each other in the aisles, new readers find their first treasure, and teachers leave with armfuls of books for their classrooms. Those moments were possible only because of the care and commitment you brought to the event.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making this milestone year extraordinary. Here's to many more years of stories—on the page and in the lives we touch together.

With deepest gratitude,

***Teri Passarello /Bonnie Gould
AAUW Somerset Hills
Book Sale Co-Chairs***