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JANUARY PROGRAM

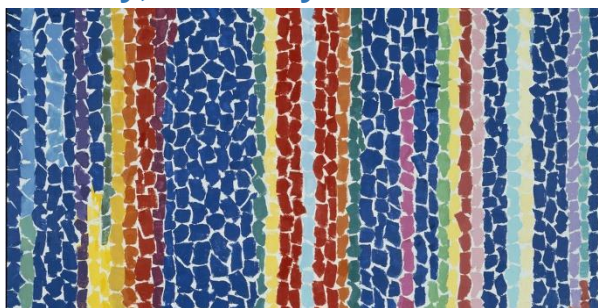
The Title IX Program on 12 January, 2019 was a successful collaboration between McLean AAUW Branch and our Falls Church Branch with over 50 people in attendance. The panel discussion led by Dr. Jennifer Hammat and Karen Keys-Gamarra discussed the history and health of the act and what is in the future.

Dr. Hammat who is with Student Affairs and University Compliance discussed the pro and cons of compliance from a university perspective. Karen Keys-Gamarra who is a Fairfax County School Board member gave her perspective from the school board administration. Both speakers agreed that this is an important legislative act for the future of our girls' education.

There was a lively question and answer session following the panel discussion. With two branches participating, there were many excellent questions for discussion.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

**VISIT to NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS,
Sunday, February 10**



ELECTIONS

This year, we will be holding elections in March for the following board positions:

Vice President for Membership
Treasurer

If you are interested in either one (or both) of these positions, please email Shannon LaBarbera at smodell3@hotmail.com.

MEAL TRAINS

We would love to help any of our members who might benefit from a “meal train” during a time when you’re not at 100%. If you have surgery or something unexpected come up, please call (571-882-3869) or email (smodell3@hotmail.com) Shannon and she will get it coordinated. We can assist with providing fresh meals or preparing freezer meals.

ERA UPDATE

On February 15, 2019, the Virginia State Senate passed SJ 284, which would ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), by the substantial vote of 26 to 14! The measure was then sent to the House of Delegates where it was referred to the Privileges and Elections Committee. That Committee has not taken action on SJ 284, nor has it acted on HJ 579, the bill introduced in the House of Delegates to ratify the ERA. In order for ratification of the ERA by Virginia to become a reality, the House of Delegates must either pass the Senate bill by February 23 or pass its own bill by February 5 and send it to the Senate for passage by February 23.

VARatifyERA, a grassroots organization working on this issue, is asking anyone interested in ratification of the ERA by the Virginia General Assembly to call or email the House of Delegates leadership, asking them to ensure that the ERA legislation is brought to the House floor for a vote. The four individuals to contact are:

Speaker Kirk Cox – 804-698-1066 - DelKCox@house.virginia.gov

Delegate Todd Gilbert – 804-698-1015 - DelTGilbert@house.virginia.gov

Delegate Chris Jones – 804-698-1076 - DelCJones@house.virginia.gov

Delegate Tim Hugo – 804-698-1040 - DelTHugo@house.virginia.gov

Call or email even if you are not a constituent. They need to hear that Virginians across the State support ratification.

Legislation related to the ERA has also been introduced in the U.S. Congress. On January 25, 2019, in a bipartisan effort, Senators Ben Cardin and Lisa Murkowski introduced S. J. Res. 6, which removes the deadline for ratification of the ERA. Similar legislation, H. J. Res. 38, was introduced by Representative Jackie Speier on January 30, 2019.

Book Sale dates: April 12 and 13. Setup April 11.

Book sale organizing brunch

Sign up early (and often) for book sale jobs!

Yes, it's book sale time again. This year, we had our organizing brunch early in Feb, which launched the effort. With 12 eager volunteers attending, we have a good start on filling many of the book sale jobs, including Adrienne Formentos who is helping with the big job of advertising the sale. **But we still need your help.**

You can help by volunteering for jobs on the signup at [Booksale 1-off Jobs](#). These are jobs like Farmers Market flyers, local online advertising, etc. that don't easily fit into our Signup Genius. And this week, I'll be sending you your unique link to the Signup Genius spreadsheet for the volunteers needed at sorting and at the sale. We will also have paper sign-up sheets at meetings and book soring. Or call Mollie Jewell 703-941-5643.

Mark your calendar:



[Book Sorting Saturdays in March](#)

[Setup - April 11](#)

[Book sale – April 12-13](#)

Book sale time is coming, and sorting starts on Saturday March 2, weather permitting. Aside from good weather, our biggest need is **your energy and enthusiasm**. Despite the sorting efforts last fall, we'll lots of books to sort before the sale. The garage is once again filling up! Just come on the sorting dates (4419

N. 18th Street, Arlington), no sign-up needed!

We sort from 10am to 4pm in the Youman's driveway, so dress for the weather. No experience is necessary, we offer on-the-job training or check out the [Book Sale Soring Fact Sheet](#). And we invite all book sorters to share in a simple lunch each week, so you don't have to worry about getting hungry. And, remember, book sorters get first crack at the books!

Talk to Mollie Jewell 703-941-5643 with your questions or to volunteer.

Book sale Volunteers - Don't be shy



Staffing the book sale and related activities is a challenge for a group like ours. As always, we need your help with the book sale. Our biggest need is for your help to:

- Sort booksSaturdays in March (some Sundays in case of rain)
- Sell books..... at sale (April 12 and 13)
- Post publicity. April 8-April 13.



small sale!

Book Sorting

Sorting is our biggest effort starting in March. The job is pretty straightforward: cull the poor-quality books, sort the good books and box them by subject. Even a few hours of your time helps get the job done. Come to Mary Youman's (near Ballston at 4419 N. 18th Street) any time between 10am and 4pm on Saturdays in March. We sort in the driveway, so dress appropriately.

Publicity

We need to get the word out all-around town and PUBLICITY is key to drawing paying customers. Pick up your posters at the next meeting or sorting session and sign up for a convenient location. And, starting April 9, hang the posters. Send online announcements to everyone you can think of. Here's what I am telling people:

Book Enthusiasts

For book bargains and selection, plan to shop the AAUW used book sale on Friday April 12 (9 a.m. - 9 p.m.) and Saturday April 13 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church, just off Route 7.

Thousands of books for browsing and buying. Huge selection. Most books priced at \$3 or less. Proceeds benefit scholarships and grants for women and girls.

Buy a book, send a girl to college.

Sales

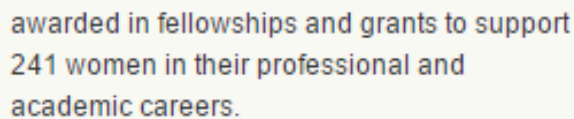
Selling books is what it's all about! The job is comparable to retail clerking; if you like books, people, or money, it's really rewarding. There are 70 distinct jobs during the sale alone. So, sign up for at least one 3-hour shift! If the shift times don't fit your schedule, pick the closest one and add a comment.

[Volunteer for many jobs!](#)

Remember, you don't need to limit yourself to just one job. We're recruiting people to help with almost 200 distinct tasks to prepare for and run the book sale. So, in a branch of less than 50 people, we could sure use your help in more than one way. Sign -up at the meeting or respond to the Signup Genius request. If you have any questions or suggestions, or wish to volunteer, call Mollie Jewell 703-941-5643.



\$3.7 million



awarded in fellowships and grants to support
241 women in their professional and
academic careers.

Last year, AAUW awarded \$3.7 million in grants and fellowships to 241 scholars, researchers, and community-based programs.

Last year, our branch completed funding the endowment for a career development grant (\$75,000), this grant helps women return to university for education to advance their careers. It joins our previously funded fellowship in empowering women. See [FC 50th Anniversary American Fellowship winners](#) for a list of our past recipients.

This year's recipient of our branch's American Fellowship is Carol Daniel (George Mason University).



She is studying "The Effects of Nonviolent Everyday Resistance on Relations of Power in the Occupied Palestinian Territories." Carol Daniel identifies the unorganized and scattered forms of everyday nonviolent resistance practiced by Palestinians in East Jerusalem and the West Bank and investigates the extent to which these micropractices and discourses can undermine or influence Israeli occupation or existing power structures. She aims to conduct site observations and interviews with Palestinian activists and intellectuals in confrontation areas around the West Bank.

AAUW Foundation

[Our book sale helps...women and girls](#)

Wondering what we do with the money we earn? Well, our branch provides scholarships to local high school girls and grants to local organizations helping educate girls. We also donate generously to AAUW's Foundation.

The AAUW Foundation, which is the largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women in the world, supports aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented.

Book donations

Book collection starts March 2


Starting March 2, we will resume accepting books at the Youmans, 4419 N. 18th Street, Arlington: call ahead to make arrangements 703-528-8993. If you have a friend or neighbor whose spring cleaning includes some good books, please approach them about donating to our sale.

Book deposit at Community Center

In case people ask, we will be collecting books at the Falls Church Community Center again this year starting March 1. So, once again, we will need volunteers to transport books from the center to the Youmans – another opportunity to help with the sale! We'd prefer that donors take books directly to the Youmans, but the collection bin at the FC Community Center is an option.

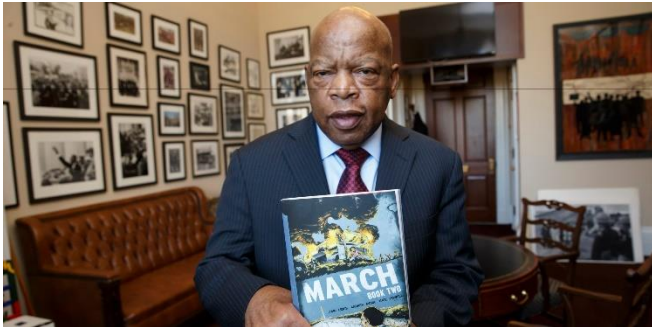
Guidelines for book donations: Avoid magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, old reference books, and books that are damaged, moldy or in poor condition. Please tell donors that we are accepting only saleable books in good condition and remind them about the list of things we can't accept.

If you are accepting book donations from your friends, you can cut out and give them the following receipt:

	AAUW Educational Equity Book Sale Falls Church Community Center April 12 and 13 <i>Promoting education and equity for women and girls</i>
Thank you for your donation of:	
_____	Soft cover books
_____	Hard cover books
_____	Other:
Value to be established by donor. 50% Tax deductible. Profits to AAUW scholarships for girls	
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Falls Church Area AAUW	Date
(703) 941-5643	
http://fallschurcharea-va.aauw.net/booksale/	
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BOOK CLUB NEWS	

FC AAUW chapter book club meets on the third Tuesday of Feb., Mar. and May at 7:30 PM at Starbucks in Harris Teeter, 301 West Broad St., Falls Church, VA 22046 unless otherwise notified. Come for really great book discussions, camaraderie with fun and smart women, and cookies! You don't have to have read the book to join in the fun. Here is our schedule for 2019 Winter/Spring:

February 19th- History: March (March #1-3) by John Lewis

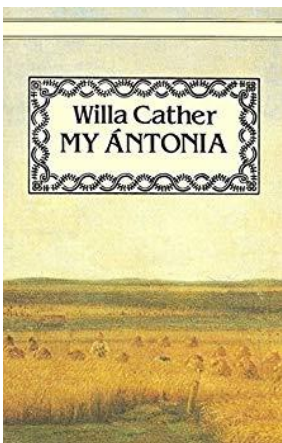


Congressman John Lewis (GA-5) is an American icon, one of the key figures of the civil rights movement. His commitment to justice and nonviolence has taken him from an Alabama sharecropper's farm to the halls of Congress, from a segregated schoolroom to the 1963 March on Washington, and from receiving beatings from state troopers to receiving the Medal of Freedom from the first African-American president.

Now, to share his remarkable story with new generations, Lewis presents *March*, a graphic novel trilogy, in collaboration with co-writer Andrew Aydin and New York Times best-selling artist Nate Powell (winner of the Eisner Award and LA Times Book Prize finalist for *Swallow Me Whole*).

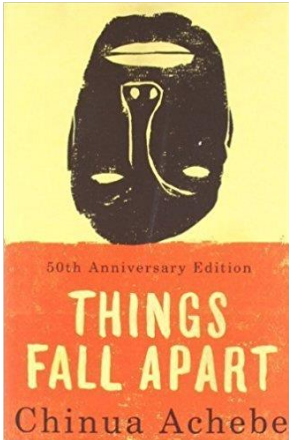
The award-winning, #1 New York Times bestselling trilogy is complete! Celebrate with this commemorative set containing all three volumes of *March* in a stunning new slipcase designed by Nate Powell and Chris Ross and colored by Jose Villarrubia.

March 19th- Classic: My Ántonia (Great Plains Trilogy #3) by Willa Cather



Through Jim Burden's endearing, smitten voice, we revisit the remarkable vicissitudes of immigrant life in the Nebraska heartland, with all its insistent bonds. Guiding the way are some of literature's most beguiling characters: the Russian brothers plagued by memories of a fateful sleigh ride, Antonia's desperately homesick father and self-indulgent mother, and the coy Lena Lingard. Holding the pastoral society's heart, of course, is the bewitching, free-spirited Antonia.

May 21st- Book by a Foreign Author: Things Fall Apart (The African Trilogy #1) by Chinua Achebe



THINGS FALL APART tells two overlapping, intertwining stories, both of which center around Okonkwo, a “strong man” of an Ibo village in Nigeria. The first of these stories traces Okonkwo's fall from grace with the tribal world in which he lives, and in its classical purity of line and economical beauty it provides us with a powerful fable about the immemorial conflict between the individual and society.

The second story, which is as modern as the first is ancient, and which elevates the book to a tragic plane, concerns the clash of cultures and the destruction of Okonkwo's world through the arrival of aggressive, proselytizing European missionaries. These twin dramas are perfectly harmonized, and they are modulated by an awareness capable of encompassing at once the life of nature, human history, and the mysterious compulsions of the soul. THINGS FALL APART is the most illuminating and permanent monument we have to the modern African experience as seen from within.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 19	7:30 pm	Book Club at Starbucks in Harris Teeter, 301 W. Broad Street, Falls Church, 22046
March 2, 9, 16 and 23, 30		Book Sorting as weather permits at the Youman's house, 4419 N. 18th Street, Arlington, 10 am- 4pm



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