***AAUW FALLS CHURCH FLASH* **

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Dear All,

It is March, which means that it is time for our annual business meeting and almost time for the Book Sale and Scholarship Awards. This is always my favorite stretch of Branch activity. The business meeting will be on Monday, March 11. At this meeting, we will be electing people to the positions of Treasurer and Vice President, Membership. At this time, the current holders of those positions have indicated a willingness to stay on and train their successors. This will be an easy way to be introduced to these positions and responsibilities. Please consider one of these positions. It is good for the branch to have new people serve in leadership since that fosters creativity.

We have done a lot of important work this year, but we are not quite finished yet. After voting to explore becoming a 501(c)(3) entity and maintain the book sale, we now need two small committees to complete crucial items regarding these. Please see the Wanted sign further in this newsletter. I hope you will help us.

I wish you all a pleasant month and look forward to seeing you at book sorting.

Regards,

Kristan

**WANTED: YOU**

501(c)(3) Committee – Now that we have voted to look into becoming a 501(c)(3) entity, we need people to do the exploration. We need a small committee to explore the requirements and the process. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let Kristan know.

Book Sale Storage/Sort Options – Similarly, we need to explore options for storing and sorting books for next year’s book sale (at a minimum). This is a crucial item that needs to be in place in order for us to have a book sale next year. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let Kristan know.

**February visit to the National Museum of Women in the Arts**

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****Due to a large number of conflicts with other commitments, coupled with some last minute illnesses, there were only six members who made their way to the Museum of Women in the Arts in February.  But what an interesting place, with a couple of amazing special exhibits!  For some, it was the first visit to the elegant former Masonic Building; for others a repeat visit after a long absence.

The two featured exhibits, which drew a large Sunday crowd, were the remarkable art of Ambreen Butt, who combines elements of the Persian miniature with women's issues; and just closing, a very large exhibit of the clothing of the designers (actually two sisters) named Rodarte. At the Academy Awards Ceremony Roma actress Yalitia Aparicio wore one of their less extravagant gowns, which range from the elegantly beautiful to the almost indescribable...which is why I will not try to describe them.  The more permanent exhibits at the museum range from a classical painting (read Cassatt), to quite humorous, to outspokenly feminist. The exhibit space is very large, so plan on several hours to do the collection justice.

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Afterwards, several of us decamped to COSI for a bite to eat and a chance to get to know each other better.  Accomplished!

**March Meeting**

Join us on Monday evening, March 11 at 7:30 pm at the Falls Church Community Center for our annual business meeting. At this meeting, we will be electing people to the positions of Treasurer and Vice President, Membership. At this time, the current holders of those positions have indicated a willingness to stay on and train their successors.

**Money Talk**

As you review the proposed Operating Budget for 2019-2020, please note that Branch dues will increase $3 next year.  The Branch membership approved a $5 increase in June 2017 and it was implemented over 2 years.   The total AAUW dues for 2019-2020 will be $92.  You will receive an electronic invoice in mid-April for next year.

The Book Sale budget includes a rough estimate of the cost for commercial storage.  Other expenses are based on prior year expenses.

Below are the proposed Branch budgets for our Operating and Book Sale Accounts for your review prior to the Branch business meeting on March 11.  I'll be out of town for the meeting.  If you have questions, please email me at [vabaxter@verizon.net](mailto:vabaxter@verizon.net).

Anne Baxter, Treasurer





**AAUW of VA Lobby Day in Richmond**



Kitty Richardson, Pam Martinov and Becky Gaul joined about 25 other AAUW of Virginia members in Richmond on February 7, 2019 to lobby General Assembly legislators on AAUW VA top public policy priorities.  Those priorities are ERA, equal pay legislation, nonpartisan redistricting, paid sick leave and assisting human trafficking victims.  Despite multiple current challenges in Richmond, it was a very interesting day.  Participants shared packets of AAUW information with 60 offices and were recognized during both Senate and House sessions. Photos include members of the Falls Church branch with Senator Jane Howell, Delegate Kaye Kory and Senator Dick Saslaw. Senator Dick Saslaw included a mention of their meeting and a photo of the four of them in an email he sent to his constituents in February, providing good publicity for the Falls Church Branch!

Falls Church AAUW members with Senator Dick Saslaw and Delegate Kaye Kory at Lobby Day.

**Lobby Corps Notes**

Our branch was well represented at the AAUW Action Fund Lobby Corps training session held January 31st at the AAUW Headquarters in DC.  We heard presentations by National Exec Officer Kim Churches, VP for Public Policy Deborah Vagins, and Lobby Corps liaison Pam Yuen on expectations for the new Congressional session.  Branch members interested in lobbying on Capitol Hill on Thursday mornings should contact Marilyn Falksen or Becky Gaul for details.

**Virginia General Assembly Fails to Ratify the ERA**

  
Although the Virginia Senate passed the resolution ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) by a large majority (26 to 14) and despite intensive lobbying by supporters of the legislation, the House of Delegates Committee to which the measure was referred refused to consider the measure. Additionally, the Republican leadership refused to bring the measure to the House floor for a vote.  Attempts by Democratic Delegates to have the resolution discharged from the Committee for a vote by the entire House as well as an effort to attach the legislation to a similar measure under consideration on the House floor were defeated by a party line vote. Two Republican legislators who were patrons (cosponsors) of the ratification resolution voted against allowing the full House to vote on this issue.

According to a press release issued by VAratifyERA, the organization spearheading the effort to ratify the ERA, “[s]upporters remain undeterred by the obstruction and see the session not as a defeat but as an injection of energy into an already energetic campaign.” The press release stated that the organization’s Campaign Coordinator Kati Hornung “noted that American women have been working to be included in the Constitution since it was first drafted. She said that great progress was made during the past year and that educational ad campaigns and programming for next year are already in the works.”

**Please Check your Contact Info**

As we're working to update our Branch member list, we ask that you check your contact info our web page - <https://fallschurcharea-va.aauw.net/member-center/>.  Note that you need the password to reach this members-only page.  The password is the word **flash,**the former name of our printed newsletter.  If you notice anything that needs updating, please contact [beckygaul@verizon.net](mailto:beckygaul@verizon.net).

March means Spring is coming and so are the books!

# Book Drive Underway

## Collection Bin at Community Center or Deliver to Youmans

Book collection...already started. Tell everyone that they can donate their books during March to help send a girl to college. We are looking for gently used books of all kinds: hardcovers, paperbacks, fiction, nonfiction, children's – pretty much anything we can sell!

Donation is Easy. Deposit good, clean, saleable books in the book collection bin at the Falls Church Community Center between March 1 and March 31. Or bring them to Mary Youman's (4419 N. 18th Street, Arlington) during book sorting (10-3 Saturdays in March) between 9am and 2pm. If that isn’t convenient, call the Youmans (703/528-8993) for a time to deliver the books.

Donations are 45% tax deductible. value assigned by the donor.  Our sale profits fund scholarships for local girls and AAUW’s national scholarship program for women and girls. Because we don’t have our 501c3 status yet, only the national portion is tax-deductible. But either way, when you donate a book, you help send a girl to college.

Guidelines for book donations. Our customers don’t buy magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, old reference books, or books that are damaged, moldy or in poor condition. So please explain to people that we accept only saleable books in good condition and remind them about the list of things we can’t take. The other books, unfortunately, should be recycled.

You can help.Sign up to help at the March meeting or call Mollie Jewell 703-941-5643 with your questions or to volunteer. Or use the link sent to you by Signup Genius with the subject: FC AAUW book sale 2019.

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# March your calendar:

## Book Sorting Saturdays in March Setup - April 11 Book sale – April 12-13

# Book Sorting – Every Saturday in March and April 6

## Location: 4419 N. 18th Street, Arl. 10am to 4pm. Call 703-528-8993. Watch your emails for make-up dates, if needed

With sale time approaching, sorting has started. Aside from good weather, our biggest need is **YOU.** We have lots of books to sort before the sale.

Sorting basics. We sort from 10am to 4pm in the Youman’s driveway (4419 N. 18th Street, Arlington), so dress for the weather. We suggest layers and/or sunscreen.

Never sorted before? Don’t worry. No experience is necessary, we offer on-the-job training. And we have uploaded our [<Book sort fact sheet>](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwNehFhDEFc_bDg3SGN4R2gzZUU/view?usp=sharing) onto Google, so you can see it.

Hungry? 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 purchasing the books!

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

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# Book sale Volunteers Need for 200 Jobs

Yes, I counted them all. Including pre-sale jobs and selling and follow-up, we have over 200 distinct jobs. Many of you have already signed up for jobs, but we need MORE! As always, we need your help with the book sale! Our biggest need is for your help

1. Sorting books … Saturdays now til sale (Sunday is rain date, if needed)
2. Selling books… at sale - April 12 and 13
3. Posting publicity … April 7-April 13.

Sign up at the March meeting, call Mollie Jewell 703/941-5643, or signup online for selling using the link sent you. If you don’t receive the email with the link to the online sign-up sheets, contact Mollie Jewell (703-941-5643) molliejewell2@gmail.com.

## Book Sorting

Sorting is our biggest effort staring in March. We’ve already told you about sorting above. But I am repeating because it’s an important job and FUN, too. Sorting is also a good way to meet people, so we don’t want you to miss it.

## Publicity

Publicity is key, because it draws paying customers. Pick up your posters and book marks at the next meeting or sorting session and signup for a convenient location. Start distributing book marks NOW. And hang the posters the week of April 7.

This year we are trying to increase our online publicity. If your organization has an online presence, please copy and send the “blurbs” below at the appropriate times.

## At sale jobs

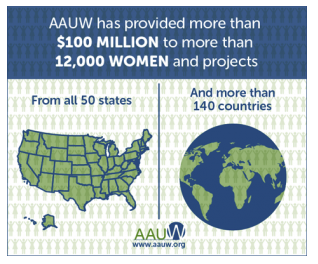
We have several different jobs at the sale. The two main jobs are selling and straightening books. Both are covered by the job title of Book Handler, signup with the link sent to you.

Straightening books entices buyers to stay longer. So to keep things looking neat, target a table that is fairly empty of buyers; smile and tell them what you are doing and go to it! --- Make sure the spines are all facing the same direction. Consolidate loose boxes by moving books from the floor or combining boxes. If there is space, spread out the boxes enough that people don’t have to crowd to see them. The goal is to make the sale as easy and inviting for buyers as possible. This is the job for people who don’t like handling money or want to exercise their inner neat-nic.

Selling books is what it’s all about! The job is comparable to retail clerking with a cause. If you like books, people, or money, it’s really rewarding. There are 70 distinct slots during the sale, so sign up for at least one shift using the

## 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. Sign -up at the meeting or use the link sent to you by Signup Genius on Feb 8; the subject is: FC AAUW book sale 2018 Invite.

If you have any questions or suggestions, or wish to volunteer, call Mollie Jewell 703-941-5643.

# AAUW Educational Foundation

## Our book sale helps..women and girls.

Are you wondering where our money goes? Well, our branch provides scholarships to local high schools girls and grants to local organizations helping educate girls. We also donate generously to the AAUW Fellowships.

AAUW is one of the world’s largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing $3.9 million in funding for fellowships and grants to 250 outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2018–19 academic year. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities — breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities. Their intellect, dedication, imagination, and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all, and tackle the educational and social barriers facing women worldwide. AAUW seeks a diverse applicant pool.

This year FC AAUW is co-sponsoring [Carol Daniel](file:///\\n1200\Jewell\_AAUW\BOOKSALE\PUBLICTY\Newsletter%20for%20booksale\(https:\www.aauw.org\aauw_check\fellowships_directory\%23rid4510)) in her Ph.D on conflict analysis and resolution at George Mason focusing on nonviolent resistance. Her work is identifying 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 black hi resAAUW Educational Equity Booksale

Falls Church Community Center

April 12 and 13

*Promoting education and equity for women and girls*

Thank you for your donation of:

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Value to be established by donor.

45% 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/>

Falls Church AAUW 2019

# Blurbs for local online publications

## Release: through March Cleaning-up? Down-sizing? Donate your books in March

The Falls Church Area American Association of University Women, AAUW, is collecting books in March. Books are for the annual book sale to be held on April 12 and 13 at the Falls Church Community Center. The book sale benefits scholarship/grant programs for women, including local Falls Church high school girls.

Donating is easy.  Contact me at \_[enter your contact information]\_\_\_. Or just deposit your good, clean, saleable books in the book collection bin at the Falls Church Community Center (223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church) in March. For donations of multiple boxes, call

***(703) 637-4488*** and leave a message*.*

The AAUW needs all kinds of books: hard-covers, paperbacks, novels, non-fiction, children's, cookbooks, etc. that are suitable for re-sale. No magazines, encyclopedias, text books, or damaged books, please.

**Release: April 7.**

**Readers…Antiquarians....Mysteries...Cooks...Historians...Children...Bargains!**

Book enthusiasts, shop at the book sale April 12-13 in Falls Church.

Sale is Friday April 12 (9 am - 9 pm) and Saturday April 13 (9 am - 4 pm) at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, just off Route 7 in the city of Falls Church, sponsored by the American Association of University Women, AAUW.

Thousands of books for browsing and buying. Huge selection of hardback, paperbacks, fiction, and non-fiction of all kinds. Most books priced at $3 or less. The book sale benefits scholarship/grant programs for women, including local Falls Church high school girls.

For more information about the book sale, visit http://fallschurcharea-va.aauw.net/booksale or call (703) 966-8050, Martha.Trunk1627@gmail.com.

# April 13 – Saturday night Book Sale Celebration Dinner at Italian Cafe



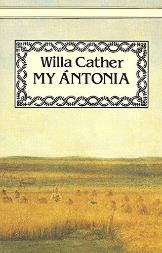
After helping out at the book sale, plan to attend the annual Book Sale Italian Café at 7161 Lee Highway in Falls Church Celebration on Saturday night, April 13 at the. Don’t miss this very special (and fun) event -- it’s a great chance to celebrate our success.

Thanks to Marty Behr for hosting this event. Contact Marty ([behrmarty29@gmail.com](mailto:behrmarty29@gmail.com)) to sign up! We would like to have a good estimate of the number attending to help the restaurant.

**Book Club News**

FC AAUW chapter book club meets on the third Tuesday of March 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 Spring, 2019.

**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. Paperback, 232 pages

**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. Paperback, 209 pages

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

March 11 7:30 pm Falls Church Branch Meeting, Falls Church Community

Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church

March 30 11:10am-2pm Springfield Annandale AAUW Spring Fling, Springfield Golf

and Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Rd, Springfield, VA

April 5-6 AAUW of Virginia Conference, Hampton Inn, Roanoke, VA

April 11 3:00pm-? Book Sale Set up, Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little

Falls Street, Falls Church

April 12 9am-9pm Book Sale, Falls Church Community Center, 223

April 13 9am-4pm Little Falls Street, Falls Church

April 13 6:00pm Book Sale Celebratory Dinner at Italian Café at 7161 Lee

Highway, Falls Church

May 13 7:30 PM FC AAUW Branch Annual Scholarship Awards Evening

Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church



**AAUW of Virginia Conference**

**Saturday, April 6, Vinton, Virginia**

We invite you to join members from around the state when we meet in the lovely Roanoke Valley for the annual AAUW VA Conference.

The **focus** of the Conference is diversity and inclusion.  The keynote speaker will introduce the focus and define it for us.  The afternoon workshops will involve **participatory activities** which will raise our awareness of bias, privilege, and judgment that permeates our society.  The approach to our learning is new and different. Everyone will come away from this conference with a better understanding of the some of the issues facing citizens in our state.

Come Friday and enjoy some **specially planned activities** before the conference on Saturday. Stay at the Hampton Inn and Suites, Roanoke Airport

5033 Valley View Blvd. North, Roanoke, Virginia, 24012. Call 1-540-366-6300 or toll free at 1-800-560-7809 for reservations. The deadline for group rate is March 10.

This conference is an excellent time to **have fun, eat a meal, and find fellowship with members from around the state.** You don’t want to miss the opportunity to share what is going on in your branch. **Join us for this once-a-year event!**

An online registration form is on the state website:

<https://aauw-va.aauw.net/conference/>

Please click here for more conference information and mail-in registration form:https://aauw-va.aauw.net/files/2019/02/2019-Confernce-Roanoke-BrochureFINAL.pdf



**AAUW of Virginia 2019 Conference**

**Saturday, April 6, 2019**

**With optional activities Friday evening April 5**

**Roanoke Valley**

**Activities at the Hampton Inn & Suites Roanoke Airport**

**FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 5, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM**

Cartoons and Stereotypes: Enjoy an evening of cartoons and other videos with a look at what subtle or not so subtle messages are being sent to our children and grandchildren about stereotypes.

Enjoy snacks and conversation with other AAUW members. Pick up your conference packet and name tag for Saturday.

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Make plans to attend the 2019 state conference at the Vinton War Memorial in the town of Vinton in the Roanoke Valley. The Roanoke Valley Branch and the Southwest District invites ALL MEMBERS! Attendance is sure to open your eyes to the work of AAUW beyond the branch level and increase your awareness of diversity in and out of AAUW.

Get all the information you need and online or mail-in registration here <https://aauw-va.aauw.net/conference> and in the Winter/Spring Virginia *Vision*.

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION** (Includes Saturday Morning Coffee/Tea/Danish and Lunch)

***Registration received by March 15, 2019: $50***

***Received after March 15, 2019: $55***

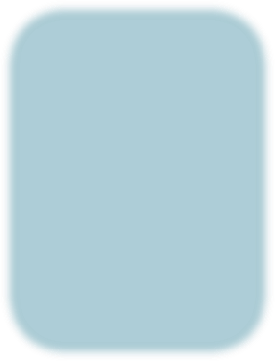
**For those who wish to spend Friday night before the conference, join us at the Hampton Inn & Suites Roanoke Airport for special activities.**

**5033 Valley View Blvd. North, Roanoke, Virginia, 24012**

**Reservations: 1-540-366-6300 or toll free at 1-800-560-7809**

(Please mention the AAUW State Conference.)

***The last day for the group rate is March 10, 2019***.



**The Springfield Annandale Branch, AAUW of Virginia**

*American Association of University Women*

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