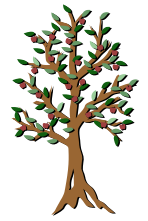




# The Apple Branch

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Mark your calendars



May 28	Social Issues Study Group
May 31	T-shirt orders due
June 5	Second Choice
June 13	Evening Book Group
June 19	Summer Mystery Lunch
August 2	Book sorting starts
Oct. 8	Booksale moving
Oct. 10	Booksale Work Night
Oct. 17-20	Booksale
Oct. 24-27	Booksale

*“Words actually matter. They’re significant; they can transform and open up our imagination.”*

**Opal Tometi, human rights activist, writer, community organizer, co-founder of Black Lives Matter**

We have an amazing granddaughter who has a smile that lights up the room. Her giggle is legendary already and she is only 7 years old. She adoringly follows her older brother around and rides her scooter with her ponytail flying. She loves her Kindergarten classmates and they love her. She loves mermaids. She loves her doll. She loves walking to school. And she has taught us all about patience, everyday joy, inclusion, advocacy, determination, and celebrating success even when it is in the smallest voice. This remarkable girl has taught us that every word matters. Big time. You see...Abby has apraxia. Forming words takes hard work and all the effort her little body can give. And every word is a new celebration. Every word matters.

So where do we fit in...as a group (with a big voice!) dedicated to advocating for many who may not have as many words as we do? We support “adequate and equitable funding for quality public education for all students” and “oppose the use of public funds for non-public education.” Because we know that those with the smallest voices often need the most support. Voices just developing, like Abby’s. Others struggling to learn English. Those trudging to school with empty bellies. The undocumented senior afraid to fill out a college application. The teen terrified to say the words “Me too” in more than a whisper.

Cheers to all of you for being a part of AAUW. I know I reference our collective voice a lot, but I think it is so important. As we close out our monthly programs and enter our “summer schedule” of this great group...let’s re-energize our advocacy and gather our courage to speak up for so many who need us. Maggie Smith once said, “Speak your mind even when your voice shakes.” Well, I know that has happened to me and I’m thinking I’m not the only one. It helps when there is a force of 160...wait... 170,000...behind me!

Check out the newsletter each month to see all the great ways to stay involved in the summer...and use your voice to celebrate being a part of what is known world-wide as the best AAUW branch ever. (That might have been a bit of exaggerated voice.)

Becky O’Connor, President  
[bandboc@gmail.com](mailto:bandboc@gmail.com)



**AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.**

# MAKING MEMORIES WITH BOOKS

## Our 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Book Sale!

Preparations are underway for our 2019 Book Sale which will be held **Oct. 17-20 and Oct. 24-27** at the Northland Mall. Moving day will be **Oct. 8** and the Book Sale work night will be **Oct. 10**. Please mark these important dates on your calendar.

### How you can help now:

1. Hand out Bookmarks and Flyers requesting books in as many places as possible. Extras are available downstairs at the Atlas Mill.
2. Help with book pick-up. Call Donna Cook or Stephanie Malaney to volunteer. When you pick up books, please recycle books which can't be used for the sale.
3. Bring books you have collected to the Atlas Mill. When you come in the main entrance turn right and take the elevator to the basement. In the basement, take a right and go straight ahead to door #2 storage area which will be on your right. Stack full boxes of books inside on the left and put partially full boxes on the cart. The light is on a timer on a pole outside the storage room.
4. Attend summer and fall sortings at the Atlas Mill. They are taking place every Tuesday and Friday morning from 9 to 12 starting on **August 2** until we move to the Northland Mall in October. On **August 6**, the first Tuesday of sorting, we plan to have lunch together at Fratello's to celebrate the official start of the Book Sale season.
5. Collect as many books as possible. This year we have again decided not to accept donations of books from public libraries, because many of these books do not sell. Therefore, we need to make an extra effort to get other books.
6. Save empty boxes (especially paper boxes with lids), but please don't bring them until we ask.

### Questions: Call any of the Book Sale Chairs

**Sorting:** Betsy Mintern (832-9218), Christine Taylor 636-8153)  
& Shirley Schloemer (843-8888)

**Pick-Up:** Donna Cook(427-6655)&Stephanie Malaney (734-6750)

**Publicity:** Trish Brehm (739-8522)

**Business Mangers:** Mary Ditter (766-1990) & Mary Grace (734-6379)

## Reminder

Please make sure to send newsletter articles to this email account.

Email [ebelc505@gmail.com](mailto:ebelc505@gmail.com)

Phone 920-660-2539

The old email and phone are no longer working, so if you send any articles to the old email it will not get in the newsletter.

## Social Issues Study Group

The Social Issues Study Group will be on hiatus for the summer. We will resume meeting in September.

If you are interested in joining the group, contact Judy Goodnight at [judy@gwd.org](mailto:judy@gwd.org) or (920) 729-9553 for more information and to be placed on the email list to receive the assignments.

## Member Outreach

Member Outreach is a way for our AAUW community to stay connected and reach out to members during significant times in their lives.



Laurie Leonard, AAUW member creates beautiful cards for occasions such as:

- ◆ Thinking of you
- ◆ Congratulations
- ◆ Get Well
- ◆ Illness

If you know a member who we should reach out to in this way, please contact JaneAnne McCabe [jamforever02@yahoo.com](mailto:jamforever02@yahoo.com)

## Travel Group

Have ideas for places to go, things to do? Ideas and people to help plan & lead travel group outings are always needed! Contact Judy Goodnight – [judy@gwd.org](mailto:judy@gwd.org) or call 729-9553.

## JUNE MEMBERSHIP NEWS



We hope to see many of you at our May banquet branch meeting where we will be honoring our members with special anniversaries within AAUW. Also, at that time, you can pay your 2019-2020 dues to our asst vp membership Nancy Havens. Remember to make your check payable to AAUW-Appleton branch in the amount of \$87.00. Less than half of our membership has paid for 2019-2020, so let's push to get that number higher. Remember-- there will be a gift card drawing at the banquet for all members who have paid their dues.

Looking ahead, we will have our summer picnic for new and prospective members on Monday, June 17, 11:30-1pm at the home of Connie Wunderlich, VP membership. Please consider asking someone you know to join our great organization! We will have prospective member forms to give out to everyone at the may banquet.

Welcome to our newest member Dianne Humphrey, 2560 Touchmark Ct.Appleton 54914. (541)241-4334 [dhdillon@gmail.com](mailto:dhdillon@gmail.com) Dianne is a retired lawyer with a law degree from UCLA.

Please change the following email addresses

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Ann Muenster—[muensterann19@gmail.com](mailto:muensterann19@gmail.com)  
Christine Calhoun—[ChristineCalhoun902@gmail.com](mailto:ChristineCalhoun902@gmail.com)

New address:

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N4192 Garvey Ave.  
Freedom WI 54130

Our next membership meeting will be on Tuesday, May 28, 1 pm at the home of Connie Wunderlich for all committee members.

## Reading lists for AAUW Book Groups

The reading lists for the Evening Literature, Afternoon Literature, Summer Mystery Group and Summer Reading Highlights can be found on our branch website. Go to <http://appleton-wi.aauw.net> , bring your cursor over What We Do and click on Interest Groups or just use this link: <http://appleton-wi.aauw.net/what-we-do/groups/>. The Evening and Afternoon groups have a clickable link to a pdf file that can be printed. The Summer Mystery information is listed in the description of the group.

## Afternoon Book Group

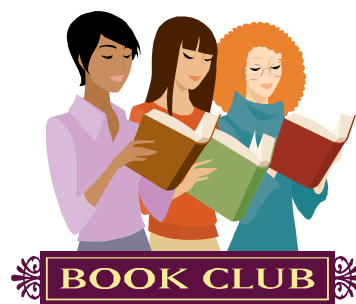
The Afternoon Book Group recently picked the books for 2019-2020 at our May luncheon. We will be taking the summer off while keeping busy reading over the summer. Keep track of the books read this summer for sharing at our September Tea.

Planning committee needed for our September Tea. Contact Judy Goodnight [judy@gwd.org](mailto:judy@gwd.org) or call 729-9553 if you're willing to help plan our annual kickoff event for the year.

Starting June 5<sup>th</sup>, as an offshoot of the Afternoon Book Group, is Second Choice Book Talk and Lunch. It's a chance for those books some of us want to read that didn't get enough votes for the whole group to read. This is an informal group. Bring your lunch to Judy Goodnight's, 1406 Fieldstone Court, noon on Wednesday, 6/5/19, to meet and just talk (no planned discussion leader) about the book *The Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore. RSVPs are a MUST!

Looking ahead to July: The Second Choice book will be Daughter of Moloka'i by Alan Brennert. Wednesday, July 1, noon, at Judy Goodnight's.

Contact: [judy@gwd.org](mailto:judy@gwd.org) or call 729-9553.



## Evening Book Group

The evening book group will meet on June 13th at 11:30 for a salad luncheon at the home of Mary Ditter, 1901 Parkwood Dr. Kaukauna. The book is *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond.

Please let Mary know if you are planning on attending. [mtditter@aol.com](mailto:mtditter@aol.com) 766-1990



# Summer Mystery Lunches

**Who:** Everyone is welcome to join our Summer Mystery Lunches.

**What:** A different mystery will be discussed each month.

June book: *Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore* by Matthew Sullivan

Discussion Leader: Judy Goodnight

\*Please suggest light-reading mystery series Bk #1 for July & August  
and heavier mysteries for next June (Standalone or Bk #1 of a series)  
(See below)

**When:** Wednesday, June 19th

**Time:** 11:30 A.M. (Please arrive around 11:15 or so if possible)

**Place:** For now, it's a mystery to you. By reading the clues in emails called "AAUW Summer 2019 Mystery Clues," YOU can try to figure out each lunch location. When you think you know, email me at [bettypontius@yahoo.com](mailto:bettypontius@yahoo.com)

Do NOT worry! Whether you've guessed or not, I will email each location to everyone when it's time to R.S.V.P (about one week before each Mystery Lunch).

\*Please send your suggestions to me now so I can prepare a handout.

If suggesting a book for light-reading in July or August:

Format for a series:

1<sup>st</sup> Bk in Series   Main Character(s)   Time Period   Setting   Author  
Plus no more than a 3-sentences summary

If suggesting a heavier book for **next** June:

Title of book                      Author  
Plus brief 3 or 4 sentences description

At our Branch meeting in April, Lisa Hurst, Native American Outreach Advocate with Reach Counseling in Neenah, read the following powerful poem. It is a collaborative piece crafted in recognition of "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" and "National Poetry Month," both of which occurred during April. Each member contributed one line to the poem and then they "work-shopped" it all together.

***Possibilities of Love***

(written by the Native Women's Circle – Harbor House in Appleton, WI)

i wish that i could experience  
what real love feels like  
and know where it could take me  
far away from a shelter's  
bullet-proof windows  
and double-locked doors  
far beyond the limits  
of any restraining order

they say that love is possible  
abundant, limitless currents  
streaming in to open, anchored hearts

so I keep waiting patiently  
for that good love medicine to flow  
when it ripples my way  
I will use it to heal  
and I won't forget  
to channel some on to you

AAUW Appleton Branch Net Assets		04/30/19
<b>NORTH SHORE BANK, GENERAL CHECKING #1472</b>		
Convention Fund	\$ 10,051	
Beacon Fund	206	
General Fund	17,142	
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<b>NORTH SHORE BANK, SCHOLARSHIP MONEY MKT #1907</b>		
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		<b>14,103</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>41,501</b>
<b>Less: AAUW Nat'l &amp; WI dues payable</b>		<hr/>
		<b>(3,325)</b>
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