

THE HEART OF THE ARROWHEAD

AAUW Hibbing Branch Newsletter

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President's message —

Happy spring everyone, although it sure doesn't look like it! Hopefully we've all weathered this extra snowy winter as we look forward to warmer temperatures, melting snow, and another incredible book sale.

Last year's 50th sale was our biggest and best ever. Let's make 51 another year to remember! With the book sale comes the close of another great year for AAUW.

We added several new members and had many wonderful programs. Coming up are great programs including police K-9 Dottie and the Crescendo Youth Orchestra. I hope to see you all soon at our meetings and the sale!

Sara



"I believe the rights of women and girls is the unfinished business of the 21st century."

— Hillary Clinton



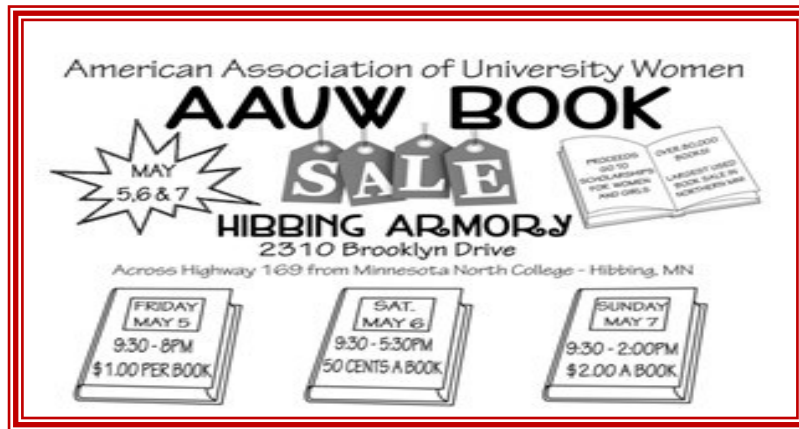
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****Book Sale Volunteer Work Schedule:** If you are unable to attend the March 23 meeting, please text or call Barb at 218-340-2639 or email at: bjwoj16@hotmail.com to sign up to sort or sell and distribute flyers. Thanks!

Book Sale Prep & Calendar reminders -

****Hauling day will be April 29, 10am, with sorting and organizing beginning 1pm.****

Donations of books will be accepted beginning April 3, 2023 for the largest book sale in northern MN. The donation notification (below) has been published on the AAUW Hibbing FB page, AAUW MN FB page and website, and the Hibbing Trivia & Lore FB page. Also watch for the donations schedule in the Community Calendar of the Mesabi Tribune.

Please adhere to these dates and times ONLY.

BOOKS MAY BE DONATED AT THE HIBBING NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY.

APRIL 3-6:	9:30am - 3:30 pm
APRIL 11-14:	9:30am - 3:30pm
APRIL 17 & 18:	9:30am - 3:30pm
APRIL 24-28:	9:30am - 3:30pm
MAY 1:	9:30am - 7:30pm

Donations MUST be taken inside the building. **DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS OUTSIDE!** Follow the signs. Use the entry button on the wall to enter the building.

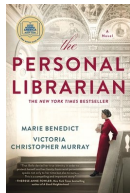
Pre-sale Thanks go to:

Pam Nichols Klune hauled 400 boxes of books to the storage building where she stacked them. She also received large loads of books at the facility from people to repack and stack. **Stephanie Rancourt and Bob Kearney** broke down hundreds of boxes and took them to recycling. **Jan Carey** created book sale flyers in January for the many people who thought the sale was in February! She researched many books to determine their value and price to charge. Jan generously again donated 12 new aprons for the workers. **Stefanie Carlson** created book sale flyers to put in and out of town. She created book-marks for our customers and also priced valuable books. **Marilyn Kaeli** sent out hundreds of flyers to previous customers and people out of town asking them to attend our sale and display them in their towns. She arranged for book sale information to be placed on marquees in Hibbing and Chisholm as well as notices for Manney's and Hometown Focus.

HIBBING BRANCH NEWS

AAUW Literature Group 2023 Calendar

Tuesday March 28: *The Personal Librarian*, by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray



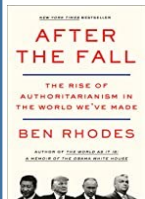
A remarkable novel about J. P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation. [Amazon.com]

HOST: Barb Wojciak.

LOCATION: Host's home.

Tuesday April 18 TBA

Tuesday, May 23: *After the Fall*, by Ben Rhodes.



At a time when democracy in the United States is endangered as never before, Ben Rhodes spent years traveling the world to understand why. Along the way, he discusses the growing authoritarianism of Vladimir Putin, he profiled Hong Kong protesters who saw their movement snuffed out by China under Xi Jinping; and America itself reached the precipice of losing democracy before giving itself a fragile second chance. The characters and issues that Rhodes illuminates paint a picture that shows us where we are today—where America has gone wrong can make clear how essential it is to fight for what America is supposed to be, for our own country and the entire world. [Amazon.com]

HOST: Gretchen Wright, host.

LOCATION: TBA

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The Cultural Interest Continues at the Norshore Theater, Duluth

The bus is full for the April 2 AAUW Hibbing Cultural Interests trip to Duluth for a performance of "Into the Woods".



Thank you Mary and Peggy and to the many grateful participants who will continue to support this program.



2023 AAUW Hibbing Branch Calendar

DATE	LOCATION	FOCUS
(Locations & Program Presenters will also be posted as Events on the AAUW Hibbing FB page. Board meetings 1/2 hour prior to social hour, unless noted.)		
March 23, 2023	Elks Lodge Androy Hotel	Board & General Membership, Program: Officer Dillinger & K9 Officer
April 13, 2023	Valentini's	AAUW-Hibbing Branch/ADK Joint Meeting, Program: Julie Takkunen, Crescendo Youth Orchestra
May 5,6,7, 2023	Hibbing National Guard Armory	Book Sale
May 18	TBA	Board & General Membership Program: Scholarship Winners.



IN REMEMBRANCE

AAUW Hibbing branch extends its sympathy to the family of Lynn Daniels, longtime active AAUW member, who passed away, March 16, 2023, at the age of 79. Her career led her to employment with ISD 701 in Hibbing as a Speech



Pathologist. She loved her job & extended, her creativity to friends and family.

AAUW benefitted from her numerous hours of sorting, hauling and organizing for the Book Sale. Funeral services for Lynn will be 11:00 am, Saturday, March 25, 2023 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hibbing. The Rev. Kevin Olson will officiate. Visitation will be from 6-8 pm, Friday, March 24, 2023 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The visitation will then continue from 10:00am until the 11:00am funeral service at the church on Saturday. Interment will be Maple Hill Cemetery of Hibbing. A lunch will follow the service in the church fellowship hall.

JOIN AAUW: INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Become a member of a powerful community that breaks through barriers facing women and families today. Established in 1881, AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. Minnesota has a membership of over 4,000 members and affiliates in 27 branches spread over the state. It's a dynamic organization with a long record of affecting change on issues of importance to women, such as pay equity, gender discrimination in the workplace and education.

AAUW MN NEWS

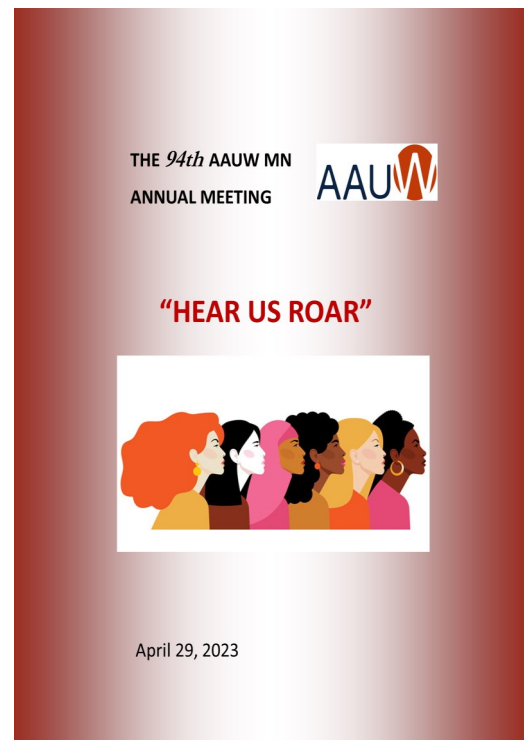
A blizzard didn't deter supporters, when AAUW MN members joined ERAMN and other partners for a rally at the MN State Capitol, January 3, 2023. Since then, Minnesota legislative bills—HF173 & 197 and SF37 & 47—are moving forward through committees and onward to respective floors. Each action will ultimately advance the goal to add an Equal Rights Amendment to the Minnesota Constitution through a ballot measure passed by popular vote. Become a supporter. Many branches are joining ERAMN as an Ally. Contact ERAMN.

LEARN MORE @ ERA MN [ERA Minnesota | Equality has no Qualifiers \(eramn.org\)](https://www.era.org/Minnesota) (ctrl-click)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Attend the *94th* AAUW MN Annual Meeting, Saturday, April 29, 2023, ZOOM, 10:00am-Noon.

The meeting will use ZOOM meeting tool. A number of branches are holding ZOOM parties at designated locations for group viewing. The annual meeting is open to every member; not just delegates. For business action items, delegates will receive information from Teresa Sagen.



The program will feature live and recorded messages, from AAUW CEO Gloria Blackwell, Betty Folliard, former MN state legislator and ERAMN founder, Suzann Willhite, ERAMN president, and Senators Tina Smith & Amy Klobuchar.

AAUW National News



AAUW members representing fourteen (14) Central region states will convene the second in-person regional states AAUW Conference, October 19-21, 2023 in St. Louis, MO. Previous regional conferences occurred in Kansas City, MO in 2016 and a ZOOM regional meeting in 2021.

“Celebrating AAUW: Reaching New Heights Together” is the theme for the conference. The COVID-19 pandemic derailed the regional conference in Moline, IL. But the team was determine to set a new date and location. The conference will be held at the Drury Plaza Arch Hotel, 2 South 4th Street, St. Louis, MO.

All AAUW members from the 14 central states and their branches are invited. Jan Carey, AAUW MN president, serves on the planning advisory committee and will provide updates and the conference schedule as it is finalized.

If members cannot attend, the planning committee requests personal, branch or state donations be made to support the financial costs of the event. Any amount of support will be greatly appreciated.

Remit to: Lois Domsch, 3349 S. Scott Ave., Independence, MO 64052—AAUW Central Regional Conference.

AAUW-Hibbing Branch Officers: 2022-23

President	Sara Merfeld
VP Membership	Marcella Schewecke
VP Programs	Patty Miller & Becky Kapella
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Treasurer:	Sharon Kearney



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AAUW-Hibbing: Committees & Chairs

Programs, Patty Miller & Becky Kapella

Public Policy, Stefanie Carlson

By-Laws, Sara Merfeld

Membership, Marcella Schewecke

Book Sale/AAUW Funds, Barb Wojciak

Scholarships, Shanna Eskeli & Sara Merfeld

Cultural Interest, Mary Enge & Peggy Vidmar

Historian, vacant

Projects, vacant

Reservations, Linda Manney & Sue Moody

Future Collegians, Sue Moody & Lynn Stish

Literature, Patty Miller

Special Funds, Jeannie Brandstrom

Sunshine, Marilyn Kaeli

Newsletter Editor/FB Administrator, Jan Carey



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