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AAUW MISSION:

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

VISION:
Equity for all.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

The AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund provides funds to advance education, research and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

The AAUW Fund allows AAUW to put resources where they are most needed.



PROGRAM NEWS

It's officially Fall! The air is cool, leaves have started to turn, pumpkin flavored everything has arrived, and Lowe's has their Christmas decorations on display. It is definitely time to get energized for some great AAUW programming.

OCTOBER 5TH REMINDER

Professor Bill Miller, School of Integrative Plant Science Horticulture Section at Cornell University, has been working with the Ithaca Garden Club, using a bulb planting machine to plant bulbs in Stewart Park, along Rt89 by the Children's Garden, Newman Golf Course area and Rt366 headed to Varna. During his presentation he will talk about the Daffodil Project for the City of Ithaca. Join us on Tuesday October 5th at 7:00 pm on Zoom.



Tractor-drawn bulb planter

SAVE THE DATE FOR TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16



Samantha Hillson, Director of Health Promotion at the Tompkins County Health Department, will join us on Tuesday, November 16 at 4 p.m. via Zoom. Her presentation will focus on the department's women's health programs, provide a brief Covid update, and anything else we should know to stay healthy as we approach the colder months of the year.



Dates to Remember

Monday, October 4: TCPL to offer Virtual Lecture with Johnson Museum Curator Nancy Green at 6 pm - see details on page 2

Tuesday, October 5: Dr. Bill Miller speaks on the Daffodil Project at 7 pm on Zoom

Monday, October 11: Book group will discuss *The Uncommon Reader* by Alan Bennett at 7 pm on Zoom

Monday, October, 18: Branch board meeting 7 pm via zoom

Tuesday, November 16: Samantha Hillson to speak on women's health and provide a Covid update, 4 pm on Zoom

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Fall,

First, I would like to thank and express my sincere gratitude to Madeleine Hemmings for all the work that she has done on Public Policy for the branch over the last year. The branch went a few years without a Public Policy Chair and we definitely appreciated Madeleine's efforts on our behalf to promote the AAUW public policy priorities. Madeleine has stepped down as our Public Policy Chair due to family reasons. If you are interested in filling the Public Policy Leadership Role for the branch, please feel free to contact me. To learn more about 2021-2023 AAUW public policy priorities, please visit: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/aauw-public-policy-priorities/>



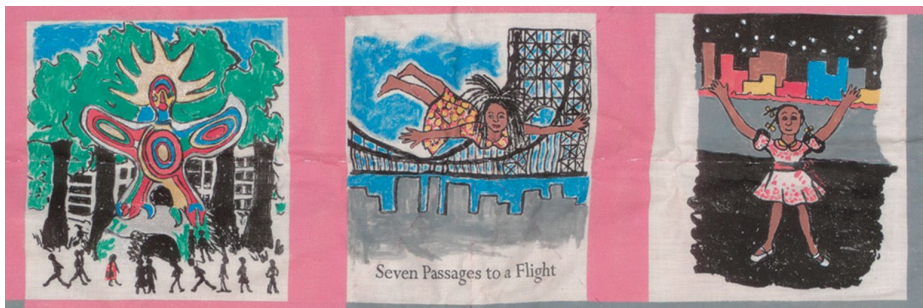
Our branch members donated \$325 to AAUW Funds during the first six months of the year as reported by Carol Griffith, AAUW-NYS Development Vice-President. Thank you for your ongoing support of AAUW Funds to continue the work of AAUW. For example, this academic year (2021-2022), AAUW awarded \$5 million in fellowships and grants to 260 recipients allowing them to advance both their educations and professional opportunities. We have two awardees in the Ithaca Area this year. Claire Concepcion, a Masters of Public Health graduate student, is pursuing her degree at Cornell University with a concentration in food systems in health with funding from a Career Development Grant. Lady Ajayi received an International Fellowship Award and is pursuing postdoctoral studies in gender and feminism at Ithaca College.

We have received initial information regarding this fall semester's Tompkins Cortland Community College Branch Scholarship Awardee. The recipient received \$675.00 from the scholarship fund. Hopefully, we will learn more about this year's awardee in a few weeks. Your ongoing support of our branch scholarship provided much needed financial support to a deserving non-traditional female college student for the third year in a row. Donations to our scholarship fund can be made at any time throughout the year.

I hope you all will be able to Zoom into our October 5, 2021 Program with Dr. Bill Miller on the efforts to beautify Ithaca through the Daffodil Project.

Wishing you a wonderful fall season,
Kim Edgar
Ithaca Branch President

TCPL to Offer Virtual Lecture with Johnson Museum Curator Nancy Green



ITHACA— Tompkins County Public Library, in partnership with The Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, is pleased to offer a virtual lecture, "Women Making Their Mark," on Monday, October 4, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

In this virtual lecture, curator Nancy E. Green will introduce participants to the special

Johnson Museum exhibition *Women Making Their Mark* (September 18-December 19). The exhibition considers the art and design of women's lives, from those whose work was often seen historically as craft, including quilts and embroidery and extending to ceramics and illustrated books, to a range of works from the collection by Judy Chicago, Georgia O'Keeffe, Faith Ringgold, Kara Walker, and others.

To learn more and register to receive the Zoom link for participation, visit <https://tcpl.org/events/women-making-their-mark>.

Questions? Contact Meghan Molloy at mmolloy@tcpl.org.

AAUW BOOK GROUP NEWS



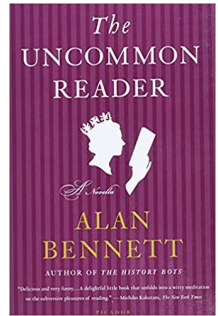
Books Chosen for 2021-22

The book group met on a glorious September day, in person for the first time since February 2020. Thank you Jan Scarlett for inviting us to your beautiful hilltop setting. From Jan's outdoor pavilion, we overlooked a lovely pond, meadow, and woods, and chose the 9 books we will be reading this year.

Due to distance, dark of night, potentially snowy roads, and lingering Covid danger, we will be meeting virtually again this year, usually on the 2nd Monday evening of the month. Join us (via Zoom)

on Monday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. for conversation, and at 7:30 for a discussion of *The Uncommon Reader* by Alan Bennett.

This short novel is a whimsical satire with Queen Elizabeth at its center. Bennett's beautifully crafted work has much to offer. On reflection, I see Bennett's poignant observations about the transformative potential of reading. Like therapy, reading can bring about a shift from an omnipotent, narcissistic state of mind to one in which we can bear ambivalence, guilt and remorse—and move toward reparation.



Friends of the Library Book Sale Begins October 9

Below is the list of books we will be reading this year. The order will be announced at the October meeting. You may be able to find some of these books at the Friends on the Library Book Sale, which begins Saturday, October 11. The sale continues for 3 long weekends. Senior Day is Wednesday, October 20. Dime Day is October 25. The last day is Bag Day, October 26.

All members and guests are welcome to attend our discussions. Let us know if you would like to be added to the Book Group e-list so you will be sure to receive the Zoom link for the monthly discussions.

Looking forward to seeing you on Zoom,
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The Uncommon Reader by Alan Bennett (fiction)

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles (fiction)

The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See (fiction)

Lysistrata by Aristophanes (play)

The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich (fiction)

Olive, Again by Elizabeth Strout (short stories)

Our Changing Menu: Climate Change and the Foods We Love and Need by Michael P. Hoffmann, Carrie Koplinka-Loehr, and Dqnielle L. Eiseman (non-fiction)

The Secret History of Home Economics by Danielle Dreilinger (non-fiction)

Waking Up White by Debbie Irving (non-fiction) The Ithaca Branch's February program will be a discussion of this book.



OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN BRANCH PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

- A. Antonia Glasse, a long-time AAUW member and strong supporter for pay equity gave the branch money in her will. We would like to do a special memorial project honoring her legacy. If you would like to serve on the committee, please contact Kim Edgar.
- B. Several years ago, the Ithaca branch co-partnered with the Cortland branch on a Tech Savvy Conference held at TC3. The two branches split the profits for the conference. We would like to form a committee to explore the possibility of using these funds to send a local college student to the 2022 NCCWSL (AAUW National Conference for College Women Leaders). If you would like to serve on the committee, please contact Kim Edgar.
- C. We are looking for a member who would like to co-chair the AAUW Action Funds with Carolyn McPherson. This opportunity allows a member to explore and pursue different aspects of AAUW Funds and our local scholarship for a non-traditional returning female college student attending TC3. If you are interested in co-chairing the AAUW Action Funds, please contact Kim Edgar.
- D. We are looking for a member whom would like to become our next newsletter editor. Please contact Sharon Barrie to discuss the editor's responsibilities for the newsletter and its' publication distribution.
- E. This year, Elva Holman Vollbrecht is chairing the Governance Committee. If you would like to participate in the revision of the branch bylaws, strategic plan, succession plan, and possibly a Policies and Procedures Manual for the branch, please contact Elva Vollbrecht.
- F. A new feature of our newsletter will be *Letters to the Editor* Section. Members can submit AAUW-related letters for publication to Sharon Barrie.
- G. We are looking for a new Public Policy Chair. The position can also be shared among several members. If you are interested in becoming more active with AAUW's Public Policy Initiatives, please contact Kim Edgar.



FUNDING WOMEN'S HISTORY

THE FIRST FELLOWS

AAUW has a proud heritage of helping women pursue higher education, tracing back to a time when few women had that opportunity.

In 1888 the very first fellowship went to Ida Street, a pioneer in the field of early American Indian history, in the amount of \$350. "It was the beginning of AAUW's history of funding women in education," says Gloria Blackwell, AAUW's senior vice president.



SUPPORTING A STEM PIONEER IN THE 1920S

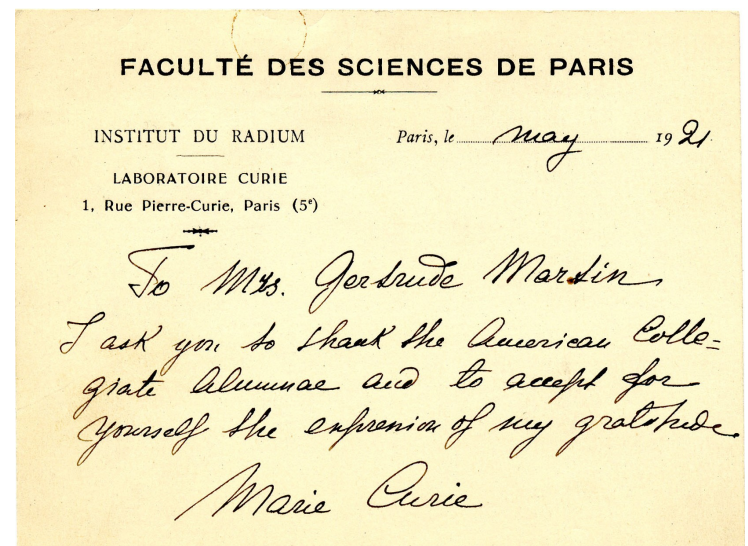


Marie Curie's 1903

In 1920, AAUW identified a groundbreaking scientist they wanted to support: Madame Marie Curie. Members helped raise funds to purchase a gram of radium for Curie to use in her research at a cost of \$100,000. The Marie Curie Radium Fund was so successful that it raised an additional \$56,000 over the

required amount.

After Curie died in 1934, the money was passed to her daughter, Irene Joliot-Curie, who at the time was continuing her mother's research. The funds eventually went into a fellowship to support a French or American woman studying chemistry, physics or radiology.



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