

November 2018

Celebrating 94 Years of AAUW in Monmouth!

Presidents' Report

Geneen Gillen, co-president

Congratulations to Michelle Holschuh Simmons and the panel on their discussion of the future of public education and the rural teacher shortage for our October meeting! We had a wonderful mixture of Monmouth College students and professors, local teachers, and administrators in the audience. Our visiting District 3 director, Judy Griffin, was very impressed with our chapter's programming.

We were able to share our program ideas with other chapters at the Southern Fall Conference in Springfield on October 27th. Jan DeYoung, Marilyn VanAusdall, Shirley Daddona, and I were able to attend. We learned about our new mission statement which is "To advance gender equality for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy." An overview of AAUW 's Start Smart and Work Smart programs was presented. I encourage you to go to aauw.org and take the free online Work Smart course. Also, check out our branch's [Facebook page](#) and all of the many articles and information that Marilyn VanAusdall has for you!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on November 19 at 6:30 at the Warren County Public Library. Rebecca Eaton will give a program on Library Resources and possibly a tour!



December Brunch

Michelle Simmons-Holschuh

Our Christmas Brunch this year will be Saturday, Dec. 1, at 9:30 AM at the Holt House, 402 E. 1st Ave. in Monmouth. This is a great opportunity before the holiday rush to visit with old friends, make new ones, and enjoy delicious food.

The cost will be \$10, with all proceeds going to support AAUW's work. More information about the AAUW fundraising efforts can be found at <https://ww2.aauw.org/donate-gifts/>. Table decorations made by branch member Donna Sproston will also be sold to raise funds for AAUW, so bring your checkbook!

This is a perfect time to invite guests to come and learn more about AAUW, too. Please let Michelle Holschuh Simmons know by Tuesday, Nov. 27 if you're able to attend the brunch and how many guests you might be bringing. Michelle can be reached at michelle.h.simmons@gmail.com.

We hope to see you on December 1st!



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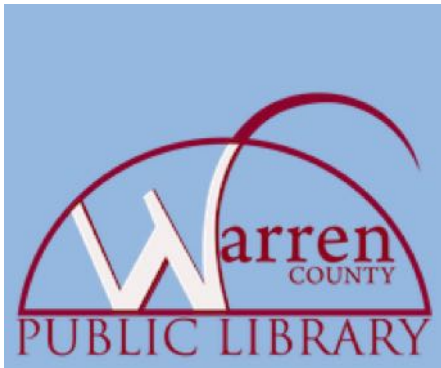
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AAUW November 19, 2018 Program

Rebecca Eaton

Overview of Adult Services at Warren County Public Library

Join us at the Warren County Public Library in Monmouth Monday, November 19th at 6:30pm to learn what your library can do for YOU. Your Adult Services Librarian, Rebecca Eaton, will provide you with a Readers' Advisory toolkit, along with an overview of general library services for adults and a walkthrough of how to access the library's online e-reader service. Light refreshments will be provided.



Public Policy

Jan De Young

One policy issue for members of AAUW-IL this fall will be to work to override Governor Rauner's veto of HB4163, a wage gap bill passed by both houses of the General Assembly last spring but vetoed by the Governor. The bill, which would prohibit employers from asking potential employees about their wage history, is one step toward closing the wage gap, since women are negatively impacted by revealing their past salaries. The governor, who says he is in favor of closing the wage gap, gutted the bill and suggested that Illinois model its bill after Massachusetts' legislation, which he says is state-of-the art. The bill passed the House by a vote of 87-24; in the Senate the bill garnered a smaller majority of 31 votes.

When the General Assembly meets in veto session in November, I hope to have more news for you.

You can [download](https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/congressional-voting-record) the Congressional Voting Record for the 115th Congressional Session on AAUW issues from by going to <https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/congressional-voting-record>. There you can see how our three representatives in Congress voted on several issues important to AAUW members, including paycheck fairness, access to health care, tax cuts and jobs, the Dream Act, and Title X: Family Planning. Senator Durbin, Senator Duckworth, and Representative Bustos all scored 100%!



Amy Walter to Speak on campus

If you're a fan of "Politics Monday" on the PBS NewsHour, as I am, you will be pleased to learn that Amy Walter, will speak on campus on Tuesday, November 27, at Wells Theatre. Amy is the National Editor of the Cook Political Report and a frequent guest on national news programs. The time is 7:00 p.m.



Warren County Library Book Sale Next Weekend

Get ready to read during the winter months. The Friends group of Warren County Public Library is holding a book sale on Saturday, November 10, from 8:00 to 3:00. You can pick up books to fill one of our new canvas bags for \$10.00, or you can just contribute what you wish for as many books as you can carry! New selections are added before each sale. And you may run into one of your fellow AAUW members working at the event. All sales benefit programming at WCPL, including summer reading, children's and youth programs, classic films, authors and other speakers, and more!



Treasurer's Report

Dues & Expenses Checking Acct. Balance \$600.92
Holiday Branch Fundraiser Checking Acct. - \$244.17
CD - \$802.41



Film Group

Nancy Buban

With all of the negativity that is circling the world today I thought that we should view a documentary filled with compassion and love, so the November 26 film is "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" Directed by Morgan Neville, IMBd calls the film an "Exploration of the life, lessons and legacy of iconic children's host Fred Rogers." The wisdom imparted by this gentle man is so amazing that it matters not if you or your children or your grandchildren watched the original shows. It is a truly uplifting film. Instead of Thanksgiving leftovers, the corn will be popped by 6:30 at 207 S. 8th Street.



¡Adelante! Book Group

Jan DeYoung

Book Group meets November 26

Book Group will discuss [Free Food for Millionaires](#) by Min Jin Lee at 1:00 on Monday, November 26 at Marilyn Van Ausdall's, 103 Lake Warren Drive. We can carpool from Jan's (1101 East Broadway) at 12:45 and pick up anyone else from the Farm King parking lot about 12:50.

[Free Food for Millionaires](#) was selected a few years ago as a Top Ten Best Book of the Year by NPR's Fresh Air and by [USA Today](#), as well as the [Times](#) of London. The author, also the best-selling author of [Pachinko](#), was the Commencement speaker at Monmouth College in 2018. [Free Food for Millionaires](#) deals with the daughter of Korean immigrants in New York, a Princeton graduate who returns home after college without a job. A review on Amazon says "Lee's bestselling, sharp-eyed, sweeping epic of love, greed, and hunger-set in a landscape where millionaires scramble for the free lunches the poor are too proud to accept-is an addictively readable, startlingly sympathetic portrait of intergenerational strife and immigrant struggle, exposing the intricate layers of a community clinging to its old ways in a city packed with haves and have-nots."

We hope you can join us! Discussion is always lively!



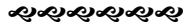
Membership Matters

Marilyn Van Ausdall

The AAUW Board of Directors and Staff have recently put forward a new strategic plan. The result can be read by downloading [Beyond Aspirations: Advancing Equity for Women and Girls](#). The plan focuses on three areas: Education & Training, Economic Security, and Leadership. Everyone is encouraged to watch the 16-minute [video](#) with AAUW CEO Kim Churches that explains more about the strategic focus for 2019 – Economic Security.

AAUW has put forward a bold goal of closing the gender pay gap by 2030. One way that AAUW hopes to accomplish this is by partnering with LUNA Bar (Thank You, LUNA!) to offer FREE Work Smart training [online](#). AAUW Work Smart is designed to help women who are already in the work force negotiate for a new job, raise, or promotion. The *Members Mobilize a Million* initiative challenges each branch member and supporter of AAUW to take AAUW Work Smart Online and then to ask 20 friends, family members or colleagues to do the same. Kim will speak at the convention in the state with the highest participation rate. I personally plan to go

through the training within the next couple of days, and then my daughters will be the first 2 out of my 20 that I tell about this great opportunity! ☺ Please join me in taking the online course and then spreading the word!



Fantastic panel last month for our joint program with the Education Studies Department at Monmouth College. Great turnout, too! With dedicated people like these 4 panel members, there is hope for the future of education in rural schools.



Mission

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

Vision

Equity for all.

Values

Nonpartisan.
Fact-based.
Integrity.
Inclusion and Intersectionality.

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