

 **Book Sale**   
at Murrysville Community Library

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**Thursday, November 10 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM**  
**Friday, November 11 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM**  
**Saturday, November 12 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**  
**Bag Sale Saturday 12 noon to 2 PM**

The Fourth Annual AAUW/Murrysville Community Library Book Sale is just around the corner. The Book Sale Committee and library staff are busy collecting and sorting through the generous donations of books that have been dropped off at the library. Please see the two fabulous raffle baskets displayed in the library. Proceeds from the raffle will be added to the proceeds from the sale to benefit the library and our branch. Here is what you can do to continue to help with this wonderful tradition that contributes to our community.

1. Bring your best books to the library through November 9. See the list of books on page 3.
2. Watch your email for a flyer to help you spread the word about the sale.
3. Plan to work the sale. Contact Donna to volunteer if you have not already done so.
4. Come shop the Book Sale!

The money we collect at the Book Sale benefits the Murrysville Community Library and helps fund our own educational and entertaining programs that are open to the public. Thank you for helping us contribute to our community! I look forward to seeing you at the Book Sale.



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Jane Kerr  
Book Sale Chair

## President's Letter

I'm sure you found our October speaker, Police Officer Jason Bethlehem, as captivating and concerning as I did. Cyber security is something we all need to know more about. It was an informative and timely topic.

November 10-12 is our wonderful Book Sale. You should all be quite proud of our successful and FUN fundraiser! Chair Jane Kerr's organization and excitement is fantastic. Please donate books, volunteer (call Donna Beard) and spread the word. More details may be found in the October and November issues of the Focus.

Just a reminder again that there will be no Branch meeting in November because of the Book Sale. It is not too soon to mark your calendar for our December 8th meeting! Come and enjoy holiday treats, tea and coffee as we listen to Dr. Jerry Colclaser tell us about "**Great? Inventions of the Past.**"

I would like to wish all of you a festive and Happy Thanksgiving! We have a lot to be grateful for, not the least of which is the enlightenment, enrichment and camaraderie of our organization.

Susan Petrie

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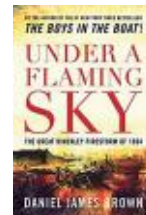
## Membership

During the Book Sale, AAUW is offering new members a great discount for joining our organization. If you have any friends, neighbors or family members who might like to belong to AAUW, please spread the word. National dues is reduced by 50% and state dues is reduced by 50%, making the total of \$45.50 instead of the regular \$75. It is a great time to recruit new members, so talk it up before November 10-12.

Betty Hollingsworth

## Reading for Pleasure

Daniel J. Brown tells the story of the two great forest fires that in 1894 converged on Hinckley, Minnesota. In the first and only book to chronicle this dramatic event, in ***Under a Flaming Sky***, he recounts the events surrounding the fire . Please join us for a discussion led by Annie Rivers at the home of Patti Vargo at 1:00 PM on December 1. To RSVP either call or email Patti.



Sally Haleen

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## Rejuvenating Problem Solver Services 2006

As long time AAUW members may remember, or maybe even still use, our branch members gathered names, addresses and phone numbers of businesses and services that we have used and recommend to our members. It is now 10 years out of date, so we really need to start over. Start thinking of those people or businesses who you would be willing to put on the list. The list is for distribution to members only. A copy of the previous list will be available at the December meeting so you can see the format. I will begin to gather names from you in January. Happy thinking!

Judy Johnson

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## Policy for Making Public Announcements

If you wish to make a public announcement about an event, concert, fundraiser, etc. which you feel would be of interest to our members, please let me know at least five days prior to our Branch meeting. Thank you,

Susan Petrie

## Great Decisions 2017



It's that time of year again when we get a chance to see what's in store for us from the Foreign Policy Association and its GREAT DECISIONS Discussion Program. Now is the time to sign up for the

GREAT DECISIONS 2017 Briefing Book and to start thinking about the topics we will be discussing in the spring.

Once again we will be meeting in the Murrysville Municipal Meeting Room on eight Wednesday mornings from approximately the end of February through April. The exact dates will be announced in 2017. We will meet from 10:00 AM until 11:30 AM. As suggested last spring, if a DVD of documentaries on each topic is offered, we will be playing the appropriate one thirty minutes before the discussion that begins at 10:00 AM.

The discussion topics this year are as follow:

- "The Future of Europe"**
- "Trade and Politics"**
- "Conflict in the South China Sea"**
- "Saudi Arabia in Transition"**
- "U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum"**
- "Latin America's Political Pendulum"**
- "Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan"**
- "Nuclear Security"**

A short summary of the above topics are available from [fpa.org](http://fpa.org) (Foreign Policy Association) or from a hand-out on the membership table at the Branch meetings. The books come out in January.

If you have any questions, contact Annie S. Rivers.

## Voting Information

The following offices are up for election in 2016:

- US President and Vice President
- US Senator
- US Representative in Congress
- PA Attorney General
- PA Auditor General
- PA Treasurer
- PA Senator
- PA Representative

An application for an absentee ballot must be made by November 1. This may also be done in person or online. Ballots must be returned by 5:00 PM on November 4.

Voting is the single-most important action a citizen of the United States can take to ensure






that our democracy remains vibrant and representative. Circle November 8 on your calendar. Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

## Book Sale Books

We are looking for books in the following categories:

- Best Sellers
- Fiction & Mysteries
- Children & Young Adult
- Classics
- Holiday Books & CDs
- Audio Books on CDs
- Non-fiction
- Biographies
- History
- Science
- Cookbooks
- Crafts & Gardening

Books will be collected through Super Sort Day on Wednesday, November 9.

November 2016			
3	Thurs.	9:30 AM	<b>Board Meeting</b> – Municipal Meeting Room† Board Members, please email Susan if you cannot attend.
8	Tues.		<b>Election Day</b> – Your vote counts!
9	Wed.	9:00 AM	<b>Super Sort Day</b> – Municipal Meeting Room†
10	Thurs.	9:00–6:00	 <b>Book Sale</b> at Murrysville Community Library
11	Fri.	9:00–6:00	
12	Sat.	9:00–2:00	
14	Mon.		<b>Focus Deadline</b> – Email articles to Donna Beard.
24	Thurs.		<b>Happy Thanksgiving</b> 
December 2016			
1	Thurs.	9:30 AM	<b>Board Meeting</b> – Municipal Meeting Room† Board Members, please email Susan if you cannot attend.
1	Thurs.	1:00 PM	<b>Reading for Pleasure</b> at the home of Patti Vargo. Please RSVP to Patti if you plan to attend.
2	Fri.	10:00 AM	<b>Duplicate Bridge</b> at the home of Nancy Veyo. Please let her know if you cannot attend.

† The Municipal Meeting Room is located at the entrance to the Murrysville Community Library, 4100 Sardis Road.



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