

Book Sale

at Murrysville Community Library

Thursday & Friday Nov. 9 & 10 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Saturday Nov. 11 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

The Fifth Annual AAUW/Murrysville Community Library Book Sale is almost here! The Book Sale Committee of fabulous women has been very busy collecting, and sorting through the generous donations of books/collections that have been dropped off at the library. This year we have three great raffle baskets that are currently being displayed at the library. The proceeds from the raffle tickets will be included with our book sale profits and will benefit both the library and our local branch.

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There are still a number of things YOU can do to help make this book sale one of the most successful.

1. Bring your best books to the library by the morning of November 8. This will be the last day we are accepting any books for this year's sale. See the selected list of books we are collecting on page 3.
2. Check your email for the flyer about the AAUW/Murrysville Community Library Book Sale and spread the word to your family, friends, neighbors, and community groups.
3. There is still room for you to help. Please contact Donna Beard at djbeard2@gmail.com to sign up to volunteer for this year's biggest event.
4. Shop at the book sale. You cannot beat the prices.

The money that we collect benefits the Murrysville Community Library and allows us to help fund extremely interesting programs, both educational and informative. These programs are also open to the public.

Thanking you in advance, if there is even half a chance that you will be participating in our Fifth Annual AAUW/Murrysville Community Library Book Sale. It will be big. I mean a really, really big sale! It has been a wonderful tradition of us giving back to our community.



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Marsha Wong
Book Sale Chair 2017

President's Letter

In October, we were delighted to have twenty guests plus twenty-three members at our Branch meeting as Louise Sturgess from the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation took us on an interesting journey through Pittsburgh's architecture in the 20th Century. What fun to see architectural details usually unnoticed as well as familiar buildings.



A week after our Branch meeting, on a spectacularly beautiful sunny morning, thirteen of us took a fascinating walking tour of special places in downtown Pittsburgh, superbly led by Louise Sturgess herself. Two and a half hours of walking assured a good appetite for a delicious lunch at Vallozzi's on Fifth Ave.



We bid a reluctant farewell to charter member In Mook Chun who is moving to Ohio in November to be near family. In Mook contributed a great deal over the years to our Branch and she will be missed. We wish her all the best!

Books for our Book Sale are flowing into the Library and members are madly culling (i.e. separating the sellables)! November 9 is coming soon. Email or call Donna Beard to volunteer to help (djbeard2@gmail.com or 724-212-5758)!!

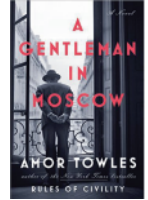
Don't forget to sign up for Great Decisions, and consider being a discussion leader.

Wishing you all a festive Thanksgiving!

Susan Petrie

Reading for Pleasure

When, in 1922, the thirty-year-old Count Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, he is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. An indomitable man of erudition and wit, Rostov must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors.



Unexpectedly, the Count's reduced circumstances provide him entry to a much larger world of emotional discovery as he forges friendships with the hotel's other denizens. Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, ***A Gentleman in Moscow*** by Amor Towles casts a spell as it relates the Count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.

Please join us for our discussion at 10:00 on November 30 at the home of Nancy Pottmeyer, 3104 Deerfield Ct. Please RSVP to Nancy at 724-327-2973 or npottmeyer@aol.com.

Sally Haleen

Membership

Welcome to our newest member:

Bonnie Sheridan

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Betty Hollingsworth

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In Memoriam



Former long-time member and charter member Helen Borga passed away on October 8. A card expressing our sympathy has been sent to the family.

Great Decisions 2018



It's time to be thinking about our spring GREAT DECISIONS 2018. Sign up now, order books, and volunteer to lead a discussion. Email Annie at anniesrivers@yahoo.com or sign up at the December AAUW Branch Meeting to indicate interest in ordering a book and leading a discussion on one of the topics listed below. The GREAT DECISIONS 2018 Books are \$30.00 each and are sent out in January.

Once again we will be meeting in the Library Meeting Room on Wednesday mornings with a viewing of the official Foreign Policy Association DVD on the topic at 9:30 AM (optional) and then the 10:00 AM discussion of the topic, led by a volunteer Discussion Leader. The following eight dates are tentatively scheduled as our discussion dates: February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, April 4, and 11, 2018. This will be six consecutive Wednesdays starting in February with a pause for Easter week (March 26 to April 1) and then the first two weeks in April. The order of the topics discussions will depend on the preferences and schedules (travel, etc.) of the Discussion Leaders. In collaboration with the Murrysville Community Library, the public is invited to participate in all the discussion meetings. Spouses, friends and guests are welcome.

This year's topics are as follows:

The waning of Pax Americana?

Russia's foreign policy

China and America: the new geopolitical equation

Media and foreign policy

Turkey: a partner in crisis

U.S. global engagement and the military

South Africa's fragile democracy

Global health: progress and challenges

For detailed summaries of the topics, see the **Foreign Policy Association** web page at:

http://www.fpa.org/news/index.cfm?act=show_announcement&announcement_id=418

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Books Wanted

Books will be collected at the library for the Book Sale until November 8 in the following categories:

Best Sellers (Fiction & Non-fiction)

Biographies

Books on CDs

Children and Young Adult Books

Classics

Cookbooks, Crafts and Gardening

History and Science

Holiday Books and CDs

Mysteries

Election Day





Election Day is Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

The polls will be open from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM.

All absentee ballots must be returned to the County Board of Elections Office by 5:00 PM on Friday November 3, 2017 – please note that POSTMARKS DO NOT APPLY. If hand delivering, only the actual voter may return their ballot.

Voting is a privilege and duty as citizens.
Remember to vote!

Susan Greenberg

 November 2017			
2	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Board Meeting – Murrysville Community Library Meeting Room†
7	Tue.	7:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Election Day 
8	Wed.	9:00 AM	Super Sort Day for Book Sale – Murrysville Community Library Meeting Room†
9	Thurs.	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	
10	Fri.	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	
11	Sat.	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	
13	Mon.	9:30 AM	Focus Deadline – Email articles to Donna Beard at djbeard2@gmail.com .
23	Thurs.		Happy Thanksgiving 
30	Thurs.	10:00 AM	Reading for Pleasure – at the home of Nancy Pottmeyer, 3104 Deerfield Ct. Please RSVP to Nancy at 724-327-2973 or npottmeyer@gmail.com if you plan to attend.
12/1	Fri.	10:00 AM	Duplicate Bridge – at the home of Sally Haleen, 657 Blue Ridge Rd. Please RSVP Sally if you cannot attend at 724-327-2943 or sallyhaleen@comcast.net .

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



Check out our Facebook page at **AAUW-Murrysville Branch**

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