

**Book Sale**  
at Murrysville Community Library

**Thursday & Friday  
Saturday**

**Nov. 8 & 9  
Nov. 10**

**9:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

Our Sixth Annual Book Sale is coming soon! The hard working Book Sale committee has been busy sorting through the donated books. We have received some wonderful books in all our categories, many of which are in perfect condition. Of special note is a large selection of history books and many like-new children's books.

This year our "raffle baskets" will be two bicycles – one adult and one children's with baskets of gifts and helmets attached. You can check out the bikes and purchase raffle tickets at the Library either now or during the Book Sale.

Here is what you can do to continue to help with this wonderful tradition that contributes to our community.

**Contents**

Book Sale	p. 1
President's Letter	p. 2
Membership	p. 2
Reading for Pleasure	p. 2
Books Wanted	p. 3
Great Decisions	p. 3
Election	p. 3
Calendar	p. 4

- Donate your books to the sale (only in very good condition and in our "acceptable" categories, please.) Bring them to the Library on Wednesday, November 7, which is Super Sort Day.
- Volunteer to help set out the books on Super Sort Day. Call or email Donna Beard, [djbeard2@gmail.com](mailto:djbeard2@gmail.com), to let her know you'll be there and whether or not you want lunch. Remember if you help on Super Sort Day, you get first choice on the books! AND lunch!
- Volunteer to help during the sale. You can help for an hour, several hours, or even the whole sale. Again, contact Donna Beard.
- If you can't help at the sale, consider making a monetary donation toward the cost of the raffle items. Or buy raffle tickets. And, of course, come and shop at the sale! Think holiday gifts or snuggling with a book on a snowy day. Come early for the best selection.
- Advertise the sale. Tell your neighbors, friends and family members about the sale.



Like us at

AAUW-Murrysville Branch

Proceeds from the raffles and Book Sale benefit the Murrysville Community Library as well as allow us to help fund our educational and informative AAUW programs. Thank you all for helping and working so hard to make this fundraiser a success. See you at the sale!

## Presidents' Letter

How fortunate we were that the last minute cancellation by our October program speaker was quickly remedied by Janet Sutton. Janet's



houseguest, French historian and geographer Julien Icher, gave a fascinating presentation about his research project, The Lafayette Trail, focusing on the many stops General Marquis

de Lafayette made in Western PA during his final American tour in 1824-1825. The project welcomes donations at

[www.thelafayettetrail.com](http://www.thelafayettetrail.com).

We need all of you to make our Book Sale a success! Please contact Donna Beard at [djbeard2@gmail.com](mailto:djbeard2@gmail.com) if you have not already signed up to help on November 7, Super Sort Day, or during the sale. If you are unable to work, we welcome monetary donations to offset the cost of our two raffle bikes with baskets of gifts. Those donations should go to Jean Bohince or Annie Rivers.

Voting Day is November 6. Your vote does make a difference! PLEASE **VOTE!**

Our Branch is losing an invaluable supporter and friend. Jamie Falo, Director of the Murrysville Community Library, is leaving in early November to become the director of the Greensburg Hempfield Library. She has been a wonderful helping hand to AAUW. We thank her and wish her all the best.

Like to bake? We'll be asking for cookies for our December Holiday meeting. Details to come.

Reminder: please send your public announcements about any community event one week in advance of our Branch meeting to either Janet or Susan.

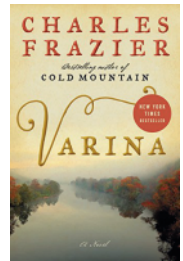
There is no Branch meeting in November due to our Book Sale, Nov. 8-10.

Enjoy your Fall and have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Susan and Janet

## Reading for Pleasure

Carol Gezon will lead a discussion of *Varina* by Charles Frazier at the home of Patti Vargo, 2621 Patrice Court on Thursday, November 29, at 10:00 AM. Please let Patti know if you plan to attend at [pattivargo@gmail.com](mailto:pattivargo@gmail.com), 724-325-1314 (home) or 724-575-3506 (cell).



Members will note that this is a change from our scheduled book announced previously. Due to the availability of books, we have changed the order and Diane Eldridge will review *Little Fires Everywhere* in January. Copies of *Varina* are reserved for us at the library.

At our last meeting of Reading for Pleasure, members had found some great reads to recommend. So rather than wait until next June's Focus, here they are:

*The Address* by Fiona Davis

*The Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore

*Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain

Betty Hollingsworth  
724-733-8064  
[sdhollings@aol.com](mailto:sdhollings@aol.com)

## Membership

Welcome to our newest member!

Diane Kaufmann  
[12dkaufmann@gmail.com](mailto:12dkaufmann@gmail.com)  
724-327-9095 home  
724-433-2792 cell



## Wanted – Books

Since October 1 we have been collecting books at the Murrysville Library.

The following categories are accepted:

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



Books that we are not accepting are:

Coffee Table Books  
Videotapes, Music Albums & Cassettes  
Condensed Books  
Encyclopedias & Sports  
Religious & Self Help  
Manuals & Textbooks  
Harlequins & Silhouettes  
Musty and Moldy Books



## MidTerm Election Information

The MidTerm Election on November 6 is approaching, and there are important dates to remember:

Tuesday, October 30 by 5:00 PM: The last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot.

Friday, November 2 by 5:00 PM: The last day to return a completed absentee ballot.

Note: The ballots may be delivered directly to the Westmoreland County Board of Elections by 5:00 PM at: 2 North Main Street, Suite 109, Greensburg, PA 15601.

For information, their phone number is: 724-830-3150. Additional information may also be obtained online at: [www.VotesPA.com](http://www.VotesPA.com)

The adjacent map indicates the new Pennsylvania Congressional Voting Map for Southwest Pennsylvania. Murrysville and Export are now in District #14. Plum and Monroeville are in District #18. The State Legislative map has not changed.

EVERY VOTE COUNTS!

## Great Decisions Spring 2019



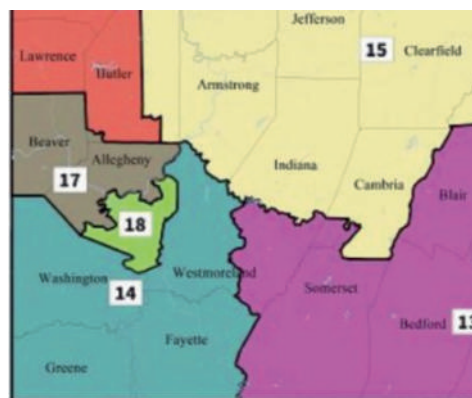
It's time to order GREAT DECISIONS 2019 Briefing Books for the spring Discussion Group sessions. The books will be available in January. Each book is \$32.00, payable to Murrysville Area AAUW if writing a check. Check or cash can be given to Annie S. Rivers, GREAT DECISIONS Coordinator. Please email [anniesrivers@yahoo.com](mailto:anniesrivers@yahoo.com) or text at 412-354-1411 or to order a book.




The topics which will be covered this spring are as follows:

- Refugees and Global Migration
- The Middle East: Regional Disorder
- Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?
- The Rise of Populism in Europe
- Decoding U.S.-China Trade
- Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics
- The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested
- State of the State Department and Diplomacy

More information on the topics is available on the website—Foreign Policy Association [info@fpa.org](mailto:info@fpa.org). If you are interested in leading a discussion on one of the topics, please text or email Annie S. Rivers to choose your topic. Thank you.

Annie S. Rivers  
GREAT DECISIONS Coordinator



November 2018			
1	Thurs.	9:30 AM	<b>Board Meeting</b> – Murrysville Community Library Meeting Room†. Board members please let Susan and Janet know if unable to attend.
6	Tue.	7:00 AM 8:00 PM	<b>Election Day</b> 
7	Weds.	8:30 AM	<b>Super Sort Day</b>
8	Thurs.	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	
9	Fri.	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	
10	Sat.	9:00 AM 2:00 PM	
12	Mon.		<b>Focus Deadline</b> – Email articles to Donna Beard at djbeard2@gmail.com.
15	Thurs.	8:45 AM	<b>Frick Tour</b> – Meet at Pat Catan's for carpools.
22	Thurs.		<b>Happy Thanksgiving</b> 
27	Tues.	11:00 AM 9:00 PM	<b>MCL Dining to Donate</b> in collaboration with Applebee's
29	Thurs.	10:00 AM	<b>Reading for Pleasure</b> – at the home of Patti Vargo, 2621 Patrice Ct. If you plan to attend, please RSVP Patti at pattivargo@gmail.com, 724 325-1314 (home) or 724 575-3506 (cell).
30	Fri.	9:30 AM	<b>Duplicate Bridge</b> – at the home of Sally Haleen, 657 Blue Ridge Rd., Plum. Please RSVP to Sally at sallyhaleen@comcast.net or 724-327-2943.

† 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**

The FOCUS is published monthly, except in July and August, by the Murrysville Area Branch of the American Association of University Women. Co-Presidents: Susan Petrie and Janet Sutton, Editor: Donna Beard, Email: MurrysvilleAAUW@gmail.com. The American Association of University Women, founded in 1881, is open to all graduates who hold an associate degree or equivalent, or baccalaureate or higher degree from a college or university or academically accredited institution. In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class. Membership is not by invitation. AAUW advances equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education and research. The Murrysville Area AAUW has an affiliate membership available to anyone who does not hold an associate or baccalaureate degree.