



Book Sale

at Murrysville Community Library



Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 14 & 15, 2019 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sat., Nov. 16 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Bag Sale at Noon

Our Annual Book Sale is coming. It seems like we have been doing this forever. Oh, actually it has been a very long time; getting close to fifty years of supporting the community and our library through this wonderful sale.

Again this year, there are some wonderful books in all our categories, many of which are in perfect condition. Of special note is a large selection of books on history, historical mysteries and many like-new children's books.

Something old but something new this year. There will be a large selection of carefully curated jigsaw puzzles available for very reasonable prices.

Here is what you can do to continue to help with this wonderful tradition in our community:

- Donate your books to the sale only in very good condition and in our "acceptable" categories, please. Puzzles should have no missing pieces. Bring them to the library meeting room in the morning on Monday or Tuesday, November 11 & 12.
- Volunteer to help on the three days prior to the sale. Call or email Donna Beard, djbeard2@gmail.com, to let her know when you will be there. Remember if you help before the sale, you get first choice of books.
- Volunteer to help during the sale. You can help for an hour, several hours, or even the whole sale. Again, contact Donna Beard.
- Even if you can't help at the sale, consider the benefits of shopping at the sale.
- Advertise the sale. Tell your neighbors, friends and family members about the sale. If you belong to the "Nextdoor Digest" website, post it there. There will be a digital flyer sent to everyone. Print it and put it in your car window or someplace else around town.

Proceeds from the 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 tradition a success.

See you at the sale!

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Presidents' Letter

Members were mesmerized by our October speaker as he plunged us into the deep and dark webs. Forty-one, including many guests, attended this informative meeting.

Directory Chair Diane Kaufmann has produced a smaller, smart looking Directory for 2019-20. Check your email and print a copy, if you wish. Many thanks and well done, Diane!



Our Book Sale is right around the corner! Proceeds benefit the Library. We need everyone to help with this important fundraiser by donating books (and puzzles!), distributing flyers, telling your friends, sorting and/or selling. See article for details.

If you enjoy baking Italian cookies, please contact Carol Gezon regarding our December holiday meeting, featuring an Italian singer.

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. 14-16.

Wishing everyone a very



Susan and Janet
Co-Presidents

Reading for Pleasure

The combined November/December Reading for Pleasure will be held on December 5 at 1:00 PM (late due to morning Board Meeting) at the home of Bjoerg Granger, 4021 Benden Circle. Please let Bjoerg know if you plan to attend at

bjoerg@comcast.net,
724-733-4806 (home) or
724-448-3597 (cell).

Laura Livingston will lead the discussion of the classic *Persuasion* by Jane Austen.



Laura Livingston

Books for the Sale

Starting October 14, we have been collecting books at the Murrysville Library.

The following categories will be accepted:

Best Sellers
Non-fiction
Fiction & Mysteries
Biographies
Children & Young Adult
History
Classics
Holiday Books & CDs
Cookbooks
Audio Books on CD
Knitting & Quilting
Jigsaw Puzzles (without missing pieces)



Books that we are **not accepting**:

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



Membership

Welcome to our newest member:

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Jean Bohince
Membership VP

General Election

Here are some dates to keep in mind in advance of the November 5 General Election.

The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is October 29, The deadline for returning an absentee ballot is 5:00 PM, Friday, November 1.

Remember that if you think you will be traveling, or want to make sure you can vote if something unexpected comes up, apply for an absentee ballot. There is no penalty for not using the ballot; you just vote the traditional way and discard the absentee ballot.

This year is the election for local offices, including a very competitive race for Franklin Regional School Board. The AAUW Candidates Night held on May 10 will be replayed on Channel 19 several times prior to election day. Be an informed voter!



Susan Greenberg
Public Policy chair

October Tour



Appreciating the artwork in the Westmoreland Museum of American Art



Great Decisions 2020

It's time to order GREAT DECISIONS 2020 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 or text at 412-354-1411 to order a book. The books are mailed out in early January.



The eight topics featured in this year's issue are:

- Climate Change and the Global Order
- India and Pakistan
- Red Sea Security
- Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
- U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle
- China's Road into Latin America
- The Philippines and the U.S.
- Artificial Intelligence and Data

More information on the topics is available on the website of the [Foreign Policy Association](http://ForeignPolicyAssociation.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.

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November 2019

5	Tues.	7:00 AM to 8:00 PM	Election Day 
7	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Board Meeting - MCL Meeting Room† Board members please let Susan and Janet know if unable to attend.
11-13	Mon. Tues. Wed.	9:30 AM	Book Sale Setup
14-16	Thurs. Fri. Sat.	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Sat. to 2:00 PM	
18	Mon.		Deadline to email Focus articles to Donna Beard at djbeard2@gmail.com
26	Tue.	11:00 AM to 9:00 PM	MCL Dining to Donate at Applebee's
28	Thurs.		

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

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