

October Branch Meeting



A Deep Dive in the Dark Web Insights from Eight Years of Online Anonymous Marketplace Measurements

Nicolas Christin, PhD

Thursday, October 10, 2019 9:30 AM

**Murrysville Community Library Meeting Room
4100 Sardis Road, Murrysville, PA**

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The internet provides easy access around the globe. Unfortunately, some use it for illegal activities. Prof. Christin from the School of Computer Science at CMU and his team have been collecting massive amounts of data from the web for analysis to better understand the incentives and behavior of those on the dark side of the web. Their aim is to use this knowledge to give law enforcement an edge, to provide better defenses and to give early warnings of attacks to minimize their effect. Prof. Christin will discuss this research and provide insights into what they have learned.

Nicolas Christin is an Associate Professor at Carnegie Mellon University, jointly appointed in the School of Computer Science (Institute for Software Research) and the School of Engineering (Engineering and Public Policy). He is a core faculty in CyLab, the university-wide information security institute. He was the recipient of the 2018 IEEE Cybersecurity Award for Practice, and of a 2019 Carnegie Institute of Technology Dean Early Career Fellowship.

This program is offered in cooperation with the Murrysville Community Library and is open to the public. No advanced registration is required.



Presidents' Letter

As we begin another year of branch meetings, we want to remind our members that Murrysville Area AAUW is fortunate to partner with Murrysville Community Library, allowing us to have our meetings in the library meeting room, and to have our programs promoted by the library. Branch meetings are always open to the public, so tell your friends to join us.

At September's meeting, members and guests enjoyed socializing, a delicious brunch, and an interesting speaker. Thanks go to Patti Vargo, Joyce Vernon, and a team who provided food, set up the room, and stayed afterward to help. We appreciate Starbuck's donation of coffee for our meeting. Thanks also to Betty Hollingsworth who made all the arrangements for our program.

Fall is here, and October brings another fascinating topic, the dark web. As we gear up for our Book Sale in November, please note we are adding a new category this year – Jigsaw Puzzles! They should be complete, in very good condition and taped shut. You will find all the details about these activities and more in this issue of the Focus.

Susan and Janet
Co-Presidents

How May We Best Reach You?

In this era when people have multiple phone numbers and many options for communication, please help to make this year's AAUW Directory more personal by telling the editor which of your phone numbers you would prefer AAUW to use in contacting you.

If you were not at September's Branch Meeting and have not had a chance to let your preference be known, please send Directory Editor Diane Kaufmann, 12dkaufmann@gmail.com, your preferred phone number (home or cell number). This year's AAUW Directory will be published in time for the October Branch Meeting.

October Tour

Westmoreland Museum of American Art



On Thursday, October 17, 2019 we have scheduled a docent-led tour of the Westmoreland Museum of American Art for our members, beginning at 11 AM. Up to 15 members can be in the tour. The cost is free and donations are welcomed. We will meet to car pool at 10:15 AM in the north end of the Delmont AMC Classic Movie Theatre parking lot just off US 22 near the RiteAid.

Please contact Diane Conway at dianeconway52@gmail.com if you would like to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October branch meeting. Reservations will be taken until we reach 15 attendees, so if you'd like to go, sign up soon.

A lunch has been arranged at J. Corks restaurant in Greensburg directly following the tour.

September Tour



The group examined a pitcher plant on the field trip to Spruce Flats Bog in Laurel Summit State Park led by Dick Byers.

Book Sale

at Murrysville Community Library

November 14, 15, & 16, 2019

Announcing

The Book Sale Social

Wednesday, October 23, 9:30 AM
At the Library

It's time to change things up a bit; time to try something new.

This year the first sort and training meeting will be held ten days after we start collecting books. We will gather at the library to cull the first group of donated books and make sure everyone knows what books will be the best sellers for the sale. The library staff and volunteers will also be helping.

We have a very solid group of volunteers working on the sale and hopefully there will be many more members who will climb onboard. Donna Beard will be keeping a list at the branch meeting of additional volunteers. All hands on deck, as they say.

As members, you know what books we want for the sale. Hopefully that thought of clean, quality books can be spread to the community and there will be a bumper crop of great books lined up on the tables. New this year, we will accept jigsaw puzzles in very good condition, taped shut, with no missing pieces.

There will be no raffle baskets, so it is important to sell as many books at the sale as possible. Word of mouth is the best way to get a crowd out to the sale.

Don't forget to take this opportunity to attend our first social event of the Book Sale season and join us for the Book Sale Social in October.

Carol Gezon
Book Sale Chair
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Books for the Sale

Beginning October 14, we will be 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



Reading for Pleasure

On October 24 at 10:00 AM, Annie Rivers will lead us in discussing *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid. We will meet at the home of Bethia Schulz, 4062 Mayflower Court. Please let Bethia know if you plan to attend. Her phone number is 724-327-8313 and her email is bethiams@comcast.net.



Public Policy

November 5 election information:

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

The deadline for registering to vote or to change voter registration is October 7.

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. You may be able to access the video of the AAUW Candidates Night on the Municipality of Murrysville's website if you wish to refresh your memory regarding the policy statements of the candidates.

Susan Greenberg
Public Policy chair

Great Decisions 2020

It's that time of year to start thinking about our spring GREAT DECISIONS discussion group and to order books. Please think about a topic you would like to lead in discussing. The topics for the Great Decisions 2020 briefing book have been announced! 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"

There will be a signup list at the October AAUW Branch Meeting to plan participation and to order books. You can also text or email to sign-up and order a book. Because of the USED BOOK SALE occurring on our usual November AAUW meeting day, book orders would be appreciated as soon as possible. The books are mailed out in early January.

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| 3 | Thurs. | 9:30 AM | Board Meeting - MCL Meeting Room† Board members please let Susan and Janet know if unable to attend. |
| 10 | Thurs. | 9:30 AM | Branch Meeting - MCL Meeting Room† |
| 10 | Thurs. | | Last day to RSVP for Westmoreland Museum of American Art tour |
| 14 | Mon. | | Deadline to email Focus articles to Donna Beard at djbeard2@gmail.com. |
| 14 | Mon. | | First day book donations for the book sale will be accepted at the library. |
| 17 | Thurs. | 10:15 AM | Westmoreland Museum of American Art Tour - Meet in the AMC parking lot in Delmont for car pooling |
| 22 | Tue. | 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM | MCL Dining to Donate at Applebee's |
| 23 | Wed. | 9:30 AM | First Sort (Book Sale Social) Day - MCL Meeting Room† |
| 24 | Thurs. | 10:00 AM | Reading for Pleasure at the home of Bethia Schulz, 4062 Mayflower Court. Please RSVP Bethia at 724-327-8313 or bethiams@comcast.net if you plan to attend. |
| 25 | Fri. | 9:30 AM | Duplicate Bridge at the home of Sue Hauser, 5764 Evans Farm Road. If you cannot attend, please let Sue know at 724-309-2479 or LonePinesWire@comcast.net. |

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

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