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February Branch Meeting The Safety of Our Water and EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Matthew Junker, MAWC



Thursday, February 10, 2022 10:00 AM
Murrysville Community Library Tech Nook
4130 Sardis Road

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On February 10 2022, at 10:00 AM at the monthly branch meeting we are excited to have Matthew Junker, Public Relations Specialist for the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County address the topic "The Safety of Our Water and EPA's Lead and Copper Rule". He will be reviewing new regulations which go into effect in 2024 dealing with how the lead content in drinking water is handled by water authorities. As he serves on a steering committee of the Public Affairs Council at the American Water Works Association charged with addressing the new regulations, he is in a unique position to provide insight into how these will effect our local water system. He will explain how the regulations will change how utilities are required to present information to their consumers. Since the Biden administration announced additional changes to the new regulations in December, Mr. Junker will have the latest information on implementation. He will also discuss how local water is tested, the results of local testing and how lead contamination issues such of those effecting Flint Michigan and the city of Pittsburgh are avoided here.

Please note the location of the meeting is the Murrysville Community Library Tech Nook.

Snow Policy

If FR Schools are cancelled, AAUW meetings are cancelled.
If FR Schools are delayed, AAUW meetings will be held as scheduled.



The National Opera House Special Zoom Presentation Tuesday, February 8 at 10 AM

A now dilapidated Queen Anne style home in Homewood was the former headquarters of the National Negro Opera Company, the first permanent African-American Opera company in the nation. In 2020 the building was declared one of America's Most Endangered Historic Places. The house has recently received several grants and is undergoing restoration.

Jonnet Solomon, building owner and Executive Director of the National Opera House, will describe, via Zoom, her goals for the house and her vision for what she hopes it will become.

Program co-sponsors Fox Chapel Area and Murrysville Area AAUW Branches invite you to view a Zoom presentation by Ms. Solomon, on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 10 AM in the Murrysville Community Library Tech Nook.

For additional information:

[Post Gazette Article](#)

[Web Site: https://www.nationaloperahouse.org](https://www.nationaloperahouse.org)

Reading for Pleasure

Thanks to all of you who participate in our group. Following is the schedule and list of books for the rest of the season. All meetings will be at the library at 10:00 AM.

February 24

Dirt by Bill Buford

Reviewer: Annie Rivers

March 24

Sooley by John Grisham

Reviewer: Sally Haleen

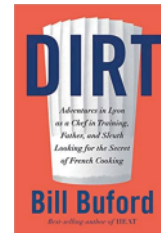
April 28

Crossings by Alex Landragin

Reviewer: Carol Gezon

May 26

Book selection luncheon



Bethia Schulz

Great Decisions

The books for the 2022 Great Decisions discussion group have arrived. There are five (5) left at a cost of \$32 each. The topics for 2022 are:

- Outer Space
- Climate Change
- Russia and the U.S.
- Myanmar and ASEAN
- Quad Alliance
- Drug Policy in Latin America
- Industrial Policy
- Biden's Agenda

For further information, visit:

[Great Decisions web site:](#)

https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/

The meetings will be every Friday at 9:30 AM in the Murrysville Community Library Meeting Room starting on February 18, 2022.

If you want to buy a book, please contact Barb Glozik. The books will be available for pick-up or purchase at the February meeting.

Barb Glozik

President's Letter

Professor Tom Soltis' review of the 1918 pandemic at our January Branch meeting reminded us that history can repeat itself. This year, 2022, was to have been the end of COVID 19, and still we must be cautious and continue to wear masks and social distance at our meetings. Program VP Diane Conway



Diane Introducing Tom Soltis

coordinated the speaker, meaning that she invited him to speak, and followed up with details about the date, place, and time of our meeting, wrote the front page article for the Focus, made arrangements with the library for the chairs and technical assistance and introduced the speaker at the Branch meeting. We encourage more members to become involved with the behind the scenes activities of our Branch. If you would like to coordinate a meeting, please email Diane.

Another way to be involved with our Branch is to volunteer to be a candidate for office. This year, 2022, we will be electing the President and Secretary of the Branch. The president must have previously served on the Board. She appoints committee chairs, writes the agendas, conducts the monthly Board and Branch meetings, and emails the minutes and financial report to the members. The secretary attends the monthly Board and Branch meetings, takes minutes of those meetings and handles written correspondence. All members are welcome to attend our Board meetings to become familiar with our procedures. The Board works cooperatively, with every Board member willing to help the others. Nominees for officers will be announced at the March Branch meeting.

In December our Branch made our yearly contribution to AAUW National Funds in honor of Nancy Veyo in recognition of her service to our Branch over many years.

In January, we presented to library director Amy Riegner our donation to the Murrsville Community Library.




Annie Rivers Presenting MCL Donation to Amy Riegner

Membership Vice President Laura Livingston has formed a committee to guide an increase in Branch membership. Contact Laura to be part of her recruitment team.

Welcome to February, National Library Lovers Month, a time to celebrate our partnership with Murrsville Community Library!

Janet Sutton

February 2022

3	Thurs.	9:45 AM	Board Meeting - MCL Meeting Room† Board members please let Janet know if unable to attend.
8	Tue.	10:00 AM	Joint Zoom Presentation with Fox Chapel Area Branch Murrysville Community Library Tech Nook†
10	Thurs.	10:00 AM	Branch Meeting - Murrysville Community Library Tech Nook†
14	Mon.		Deadline to email Focus articles to Donna Beard
14	Mon.		Happy Valentine's Day 
18	Fri.	9:30 AM	Great Decisions - MCL Meeting Room†
24	Thurs.	10:00 AM	Reading for Pleasure - MCL Meeting Room†
25	Fri.	9:30 AM	Great Decisions - MCL Meeting Room†

† The Murrysville Community Library (MCL) Meeting Room is located at the entrance to the Murrysville Community Library, 4130 Sardis Road. The Murrysville Library Tech Nook is located inside the library.

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