

April Branch Meeting

What Does the *All of Us* Research Program Mean for All of Us?

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Thursday, April 14, 2022 10:00 AM
Murrysville Community Library Tech Nook
4130 Sardis Road



Too often, health care is one size fits all. Treatments meant for the “average” patient may not work well for individual people. The *All of Us* program is working to improve health care through research. The National Institutes of Health Program is gathering data from one million people or more across the U.S. to help build one of the most diverse health databases in history. Researchers will use the data to learn how our biology, lifestyle and environment affect health. Unlike research studies that focus on one disease or group of people, the *All of Us* database can inform thousands of studies on a variety of health conditions.

Dr. Lisa Parker is a recognized expert in the field of Bioethics. We are lucky to have her share her knowledge of ethics in research and what the *All of US Research Program* means to us. Dr. Parker is the Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote Professor of Bioethics, Director of the Center for Bioethics & Health Law, and Professor of Human Genetics in the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh. She directs the University’s interdisciplinary Master of Arts in Bioethics Program, and is director of the Area of Concentration in Humanities, Ethics, and Palliative Care in the School of Medicine. She is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Program and a fellow of the Center for Philosophy of Science. She leads the University’s Research, Ethics, and Society Initiative, designed to foster campus-wide discussion of research ethics and the social implications of scientific research and technology.

Please note the location of the meeting is the Murrysville Community Library Tech Nook and the presentation will start promptly at 10 AM with the business meeting following after the speaker.

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President's Letter

Daffodils are poking through the earth, robins are everywhere in large flocks, days are longer;



maybe spring will come at last. Rose Marie Muzika engaged our March speaker, Annie Lindsay, for a program on the very timely topics of bird

banding and avian research at Powdermill Nature Reserve. Susan Greenberg coordinated the program. Thank you, Rose Marie, Susan, and Kat Neidig who oversees the Murrysville Library Tech Nook.

This month, Dr. Lisa Suzanne Parker, from the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Bioethics & Health Law, will explain the "All of Us" Research Program. Planned over two years ago, Dr. Parker's presentation has survived the pandemic, changes in meeting locations and times, and is still on track, thanks to the efforts of Vice-President Diane Conway and Program Coordinator Sue Hauser. At this meeting, our speaker will begin promptly at 10 AM, a better fit for her busy schedule. The business meeting will take place afterward.

Changes are coming to our Branch. After thoughtful consideration the Board made the decision to suspend Great Decisions discussions due to lack of participation. I appreciate the work of Chair Barb Glozik in making all arrangements for those meetings. Books are still available for purchase and the DVD that accompanies the discussion topics can be viewed in the Library.



On a very happy note, I'm pleased to announce that we

will hold a Book Sale! Under the leadership of Book Sale Chair Annie Rivers and with strong support from Murrysville Community Library Director Amy Riegner and her staff, a book sale is planned for May 5, 6, and 7. Details are in the Focus on pages 3 and 4.

An organization that doesn't recruit new members cannot grow and thrive. What are your ideas for bringing new members to our Branch? Invite your friends to accompany you to one of our meetings, and spread the word about AAUW in Murrysville. Share your ideas for growing our branch with Laura Livingston, Membership Chair at livingla@comcast.net. Welcome, April, the month when trees transform from brown to green! I'm excited about April and AAUW!

Janet Sutton

It's Time to Pay Our Dues (Write that check now)



AAUW National requests dues be paid before the beginning of the new 2022-2023 fiscal year. The time is now to send your check. It would be marvelous to have all checks by June 1st, in order to process them in a timely fashion.

Our total payment will not increase this year although AAUW has made a \$5 increase in National dues. The total will continue to be \$85 for members and \$25 for affiliates. That breaks down to \$67 for AAUW National dues, \$10 for the State Affiliation and \$8 for our branch operating budget.

\$64 of our National dues is tax deductible because AAUW is a 501(c)3.

Please mail your \$85 check, made out to AAUW, to Carol Gezon. I will also take them at branch meetings.

Please include any changes in address, phone number, or email for updating the directory.

Laura Livingston
VP-Membership

Carol Gezon
Finance Officer

Book Sale

at Murrysville Community Library

May 5,6 &7, 2022
9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Breaking News! May Used Book Sale

YES!!! We are having a USED BOOK SALE! In partnership with the Murrysville Community Library (MCL), the Murrysville Area AAUW is holding a USED BOOK SALE in early May. Hopefully this will be a bi-annual event with our first three-day event in May and then another three-day event in November.

Library Director Amy Riegner brought to our attention that the Murrysville public has been asking about when the next book sale was going to happen. She met with me and three members of the AAUW Board to discuss and plan a book sale. Amy had many suggestions for a cooperative effort between MCL and AAUW. Following guidelines that Amy experienced in former libraries where she worked, we came up with a working plan for a new and improved used book sale event. This will be a different format than our traditional book sale, but hopefully it will start a new, successful tradition to benefit everyone.

How is it going to work?

Susan Greenberg has written newspaper articles that will come out at the end of March in the *Penn-Franklin News* and the *Murrysville Star* asking the public for used book donations to be dropped off at the MCL throughout the month of April. The article will emphasize "gently used books", CDs, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles. Encyclopedias, manuals, textbooks, religious, medical, out of date, damaged, musty or moldy books will NOT be accepted.

The Library staff will collect and cull the books into fiction, non-fiction and children's boxes which will be labeled and stored in the Library's back store room with over-flow going into the Meeting Room closet.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign-up Coordinator
Betty Hollingsworth

Volunteer time slots for the sale

Thursday 9:30 - 1 and 1 - 5

Friday 9:30 - 1 and 1 - 5

Saturday 9:30 - 1 and 1 - 5

Drivers to take books to Half Price Books

Saturday after the sale closes
During the following week

Drivers must be willing to go to HPB;
wait at HPB for book sale to be processed;
and contact Annie Rivers afterwards
to come collect the proceeds

**Please contact Betty Hollingsworth
(above) to sign up for your desired job
and time slot(s).**

P.S. Please save and donate
Small plastic bags for children's book sale
Large shopping bags (not grocery) for puzzles
Standard large grocery bags for the bag sale

(Book Sale continued from previous page)

Wednesday, May 4th, is setup day. This is when we come in. Tables will be set up by the staff in the open central area of the Library and the boxes of books will be brought out and we will spread out the donated books, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles onto the appropriate tables.

The book sale itself will take place during the Library's hours of 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM. It will run from Thursday through Saturday, May 5th through 7th.

The books will be sold by the bag—\$10 a bag—the entire three days. We will be advertising that the public can bring their own bags or we will supply them with a standard-sized paper grocery bag. AAUW will collect the money and restock the tables as needed. If someone is not interested in a bag of books, then they may purchase hardcover books and DVDs for \$2.00 each and softcover books and CDs for \$1.00 each. Puzzles will be individually priced and sold. Individual children's books will be \$0.25 each. Plastic bags will be handed out to the children if they wish to fill up their own bags of books and those children's bags will be \$2.00 a bag.

Leftover books will be boxed and taken to Half Price Books. All the money raised will be shared by the Murrysville Community Library and our AAUW Branch.

As you can see, we will need volunteers for setup (Wednesday, May 4), the book sale event (May 5, 6, & 7), the take-down and afterwards to take any leftover books to Half Price Books.

We are still working on the details to this new format of book sale event. Amy and her staff will collect donations and separate the books into the three categories (Fiction, Non-fiction, and Children's) throughout the month of April. Janet Sutton, Carol Gezon, and I will take any "gently used" rejected books to Half Price Books (HFP) during this culling period. The Library staff will also do the "heavy lifting" for setup and take-down. Amy and Kat have offered to recruit teen volunteers for these times also; but, if AAUW members or their spouses wish to pitch in on Wednesday, May 4th and at

the end of the day on Saturday, May 7th, please feel free to participate then. The real AAUW effort will be on the three days of the book sale and afterwards taking unsold things to HFP.

What do we as AAUW workers need do?

- We will need cashiers to take the money on each of the three days—Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM each day.
- We need members to patrol the area and restock the tables as they empty out (hopefully the donations will be so generous that unpacked boxes of items will be placed under the tables to be brought out as the book sale progresses).
- We need helpers around the children's table to give out plastic bags to the children.
- We need helpers at the puzzle table to answer questions and to bag the puzzles.
- We need AAUW members willing to load up their cars with unsold books to take to HFP in the days afterwards.
- This last volunteer work will probably be right after the book sale ends on Saturday as well as in the next week or so. The Library staff and teen volunteers will box the unsold books. They then will take them out to anyone's car who wishes to come at the end of the day Saturday for taking the boxes to HPB on a later date. Any books still left will be boxed and stored in the back storeroom or closet at the Library, and we can pick up the boxes at the beginning of the next week for taking to HPB.

A sign-up sheet will be at the April Branch Meeting or contact Betty Hollingsworth to volunteer. Let's work together for a successful book sale!

Annie S. Rivers
Used Book Sale Chair

State and Congressional Elections

The May 17 Spring Primary season is upon us and there are several issues to keep in mind. Legislative reapportionment has taken place on both the State and National levels, and changes to our local and national districts have changed as follows:

First, Murrysville is now in the 12th Congressional District. (The current district is #14, and is held by Guy Reschenthaler (R)). Western PA lost one congressional seat because of population loss, and there will be a new representative elected this year.

Second, Murrysville is now in the 55th PA House district (the current House district is #54, and Bob Brooks (R) is our current Representative; his term will end this year.) The representative for the 55th district is Jason Silvis (R). He is up for re-election this year.

Third, Murrysville is now in the 39th PA Senatorial district. (The current Senate district is #41, and Joe Pittman (R) is our State Senator.) Kim Ward (R), the current State Senator for District #39 was re-elected in 2020, and her current term will end in 2024.

Voting Date and Deadlines

- May 2 The last day to register to vote.
- May 10 The last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot.
- May 17 Primary Election Day

Offices that will be on the ballot in the Primary:
U.S. Senator and Representative to Congress
PA Governor, Lt. Governor, General Assembly,
Attorney General, Auditor General, and State Treasurer

For additional voting information:

<https://vote.pa.gov>

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Branch Officer Slate

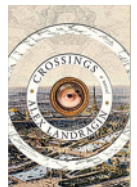
At the April Branch meeting, we will elect our new Branch President and Secretary for a two-year term. The proposed slate of Branch officers for 2022-2024 is:

President: Diane Kaufmann

Secretary: Susan Petrie

Reading for Pleasure

Our April meeting will be on Thursday, April 28th in the Murrysville library meeting room. The book we will be reading is *Crossings* by Alex Landragin. Carol Gezon will review the book, provide information about the author and lead our discussion. Copies of the book will be available at the library circulation desk.



Bethia Schulz

Duplicate Bridge



It has been two long years since we have gathered to play Duplicate Bridge. We are looking forward to our bridge "restart" at 9:30 on Friday, April 1 at Dodie Hagan's home. Following bridge dates are Fridays, April 29 and May 20. We are always looking for new players and substitutes.

Dodie Hagan



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| 1 | Fri. | 9:30 AM | Duplicate Bridge at the home of Dodie Hagen. |
| 7 | Thurs. | 9:45 AM | Board Meeting - MCL Meeting Room† Board members please let Janet know if unable to attend. |
| 14 | Thurs. | 10:00 AM | Branch Meeting - MCL Tech Nook† |
| 18 | Mon. | | Deadline to email Focus articles to Donna Beard |
| 28 | Thurs. | 10:00 AM | Reading for Pleasure - MCL Meeting Room† |
| 29 | Fri. | 9:30 AM | Duplicate Bridge - location to be determined |

† 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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