




Book Sale



at Murrysville Community Library



Thursday, November 10	9:30 - 5:00
Friday, November 11	9:30 - 5:00
Saturday, November 12	9:30 - 3:00



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COMMUNITY
LIBRARY
Endless Possibilities.

HERE WE GO AGAIN! Instead of our Branch Meeting this November, we are once again having a fundraising event for the Murrysville Community Library and Murrysville Area AAUW. Last May we worked closely with the MCL to have a Used Book Sale fundraiser. After two long years with only a one-day Used Book Donation Drop-Off, everyone was ready to donate their used books and then turn around and come to the sale to fill up bags of books. Our May Used Book Sale was very successful.

Now we are trying to repeat our success. We need book donations, puzzle donations, and, for the first time, video game donations. We need volunteers to help during set up (on Wednesday afternoon), during the book sale (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday), and during the take down (after the 3:00 end of the sale). We need people to come and buy books, puzzles, and video games.

So what can we do as AAUW members?

- Think about clearing some of your book shelves and donating to the Sale.
- If you have been sorting and culling donations, thank you! Keep up the good work!
- If you can donate some of your time during the set up, sale, and take down, that would be great! Let Betty Hollingsworth know..
- If you would like to advertise our sale the three days that it is occurring by putting out a yard sign at prominent intersections, contact Annie S. Rivers.
- If you are willing to let the library volunteers load boxes of leftover books after the sale into your car in order to take them to Half Price Books, please contact Annie S. Rivers. At your convenience in the following week, please plan to take the boxes to HPB and collect the money. Annie will come to you for the funds.
- Best of all, plan to shop the Sale and refill your book shelves. It's all for a good cause!

Proceeds from the Used Book Sale benefit the Murrysville Community Library as well as Murrysville AAUW. These proceeds allow us to help fund our educational and informative AAUW programs.

SEE YOU AT THE USED BOOK SALE!

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President's Letter

Books! Books! Books! A quick glance into the library meeting room on any given day will find AAUW volunteers sorting and culling donated books for our semi-annual Used Book Sale, November 10-12. We are a reading people



who have come a long way since the days of clay tablets and parchment scrolls. From illuminated manuscripts, chained to the desks of monks as they copied works of classical antiquity, to press-printed

volumes published by Gutenberg, to mass printed books and today's digitized publications, we are the heirs of centuries of interest in the printed word.

Our community missed our Used Book Sale during the early months of the Covid pandemic and enthusiastically welcomed our return with the Book Drop-off last fall, and the spring Book Sale hosted by the Murrysville Community Library. We are grateful that Annie Rivers is once again leading our book sale with great energy and organizational genius. Betty Hollingsworth, volunteer coordinator, is still looking for helpers. Please give her a call if you are willing to work several hours during the sale. Thanks also to Amy Riegner and the library staff for doing the heavy lifting for us with smiling good will and to our loyal Branch members who come frequently to sort and cull donated books!

While our books will not be chained to the library tables in November, they will, however, be a reminder of how vital books – from papyrus scrolls to modern digitalized audio books – are to our lives!

I look forward to seeing you at the Used Book Sale!

Diane Kaufmann

Great Decisions

Although the Murrysville AAUW is no longer sponsoring a Great Decisions discussion group, those wishing to participate in one still have options in Monroeville and Penn Hills. Both groups are proceeding through the 2022 book in order. The upcoming topics are:

Myanmar's neverending crisis (Oct 2022)

Xi's China takes on the Quad (Nov 2022)

No end in sight: a century of drug wars (Dec 2022)

Foreign policy, economic power, and U.S. industrial policy (Jan 2023)

Biden foreign policy in an age of strategic competition (Feb 2023).

The Monroeville Great Decisions group meets virtually on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.

The Penn Hills group meets at the Penn Hills Library in person on the fourth Friday of the month at 10:30 AM.

For more information or to sign up for either group, please contact the coordinator, Cory Little, 412-372-0500 x122 or at littlec2@monroevillelibrary.org.

Barb Glozik

Reading for Pleasure

Reading for Pleasure will meet on December 1st at 1:00 PM for our November/December meeting. Patti Vargo will be our hostess at her home.

Diane Eldridge will review *Healing* by Teresa Brown. If you plan to attend, please let Patti know.

I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Bethia Schulz



Member News

The following article is excerpted from the latest ARCS (Achievement Rewards for College Scientists) newsletter.

Congratulations to Annie S. Rivers, our 2022 ARCS Light Recipient



Annie S. Rivers joined the ARCS Pittsburgh Chapter in 2008 and by the next year was on the Chapter Board as Membership Co-Chair with the following year becoming the Chair of Membership. Annie is currently serving as Secretary of the Board.

Annie is thrilled to support Scholars at CMU and Pitt. She understands the life-changing opportunities that grants and awards can give a person. As a student at LSU, she was chosen for a State Department-sponsored summer study program in Yugoslavia in 1965. Then for her junior year, she received a Junior Year Program (JYP) Grant to the East-West Center in Hawaii to study Chinese. The EWC, or the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange Between East and West, is an education and research organization established by the U.S. Congress in 1960 to strengthen relations and understanding among the peoples and nations of Asia, the Pacific, and the United States.

Her special Junior Year Program culminated in a summer study in Taiwan and travel to Hong Kong, South Korea, and Japan. This experience sparked an interest in getting a Masters degree in Teaching English as a Second Language (MATESL). After graduating from LSU, Annie again applied to and received a Grant to the East-West Center for her graduate studies.

As a part of their EWC Grants, Annie and her husband Dick had the opportunity to complete an Overseas Career Internship in Bangkok, Thailand, where Dick worked at the American Embassy and Annie developed ESL materials at Chulalongkorn University and Thammasat University.

Membership

Welcome to our new member Andrea Cole and returning member Jane Kerr! It is so great to have Andrea join us and equally great to have Jane back in Murrysville.

We had 10 guests and 13 members attending our interesting meeting on Artificial Intelligence. It was good to see people come out on such an ugly day! To those of you who didn't come: you missed the dancing robots!

Please continue to invite your friends to our meetings. We love having them there and hope they will be inspired to join!

Sally Haleen
Membership




Annie is happy to "pay it forward" by supporting Scholars through the ARCS organization. She is most excited to help establish a fourth Endowment Award at Pitt.

ARCS is only one of the many charitable organizations that Annie supports. She is also very active in AAUW, the Women's Board of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh East Performing Arts for Children, of which she is a charter member. ARCS is lucky to have Annie as an active member.

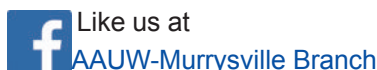
Please join our local AAUW Branch in congratulating Annie on this award which she received at the October 2022 ARCS All Members Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

November 2022



3	Thurs.	9:45 AM	Board Meeting - MCL Meeting Room† Board members please let Diane Kaufmann know if unable to attend.
8	Tue.	7:00 AM to 8:00 PM	Election Day 
9	Wed.	3:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Book Sale set up at MCL.
10	Thurs.	9:30 AM to 5:00 PM	
11	Fri.	9:30 AM to 5:00 PM	
12	Sat.	9:30 AM to 3:00 PM	
14	Mon.		Deadline to email Focus articles to Donna Beard.
24	Thurs.		Happy Thanksgiving 
12/1	Thurs.	1:00 PM	Reading for Pleasure at the home of Patti Vargo. If you plan to attend, please let Patti know.

† The Murrysville Community Library (MCL) Meeting Room is located at the entrance to the Murrysville Community Library, 4130 Sardis Road. The TechNook is located in the main library room just before the main stacks.



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