



Book Sale

at Murrysville Community Library



MURRYSVILLE
COMMUNITY
LIBRARY
Endless Possibilities.

Thurs. Nov. 9 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Fri. Nov. 10 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Sat. Nov. 11 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

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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 April, we worked closely with the MCL to hold a Used Book Sale fundraiser which was very successful.

Now we are trying to repeat our success. So far, we have had a wonderful response. Our cullers and sorters are doing a great job of keeping up with the donations. Please keep donating books and puzzles in good condition.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help. We still need volunteers to:

- Advertise our sale by placing a yard sign in a prominent location for the three days of the sale and retrieving the sign after the sale.
- Let the library volunteers load boxes of leftover books after the sale into their car in order to take them to Half Price Books. At your convenience in the following week, take the boxes to HPB and collect the money.
- Spread the word about the book sale to friends and family.
- 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!

Jane Kerr, Book Sale Chair



President's Letter

Hosting both Board and Branch AAUW meetings and providing the venue for our annual Used Book Sale, the Murrysville Community Library celebrated 100 years of service to our community last year. We are honored to collaborate with the library in this service and to support the library with the proceeds from our Used Book Sales.



The statistics tell much of the story of this service! Did you know that last year there were:

- 128,690 items circulated by the MCL? (Including books, e-books, magazines, audio books, music CDs, and DVDs)
- 56,284 visits to the library
- 5,903 library cards holders
- 7,186 attendees at library programs
- 1,428 patrons accessing public computers
- 1,670 volunteer hours contributed
- 3,062 free wi-fi sessions
- 766 new library cards issued



This month from November 9th through the 11th, AAUW members will gather in the library to welcome members of the community to the autumn Used Book Sale. While Carol Gezon describes this gathering as the “social event of the season,” there is also serious work to be done. Thanks to everyone who has come to cull and sort books, to take books to Half Price Books in Monroeville, to publicize the sale, to take yard signs to display, and for volunteering to set up and to work during the sale. We are especially grateful to Jane Kerr, Used Book Sale Chair, for devoting such energy, organizational genius, and daily hands-on management to pre-sale preparations! Bravo for a job amazingly well done!

Many hands make light work! I look forward to seeing everyone at the sale!

Diane Kaufmann

Membership



We give a hearty welcome to our two newest members, Anne Brendel and Debbie Ulusoy. All their information is in the new 2023-2024 Directory. Be sure and greet them when you see them at our next meeting.

Sally Haleen
Membership VP

Changes to the 2023-2024 Directory

The correct spelling of January's speaker's name is Susie Toman.

Reading for Pleasure *Remarkably Bright Creatures*

Because of the November Used Book Sale and the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season, we will be meeting on Thursday, December 7th, at 1:00 PM in the afternoon for our Reading For Pleasure book review. Our meeting will be held at Sally Haleen's home. Please note that the afternoon time and first Thursday date is unusual for us. Please let Sally know you will be attending.



Annie Rivers will be reviewing the debut novel *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. The cover of the book itself catches the eye. Come and discuss.

On another note, I just finished listening to *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett. It was narrated by Meryl Streep and was quite a delight.

Annie Rivers



November 2023

2	Thurs.	9:45 AM	No Board Meeting Programming Committee will meet in the MCL Meeting Room†. All Board members are invited to participate.
7	Tue.	7:00 AM to 8:00 PM	Election Day 
8	Wed.	3:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Book Sale Setup at Murrysville Community Library
9	Thurs.	9:30 AM to 5:00 PM	
10	Fri.	9:30 AM to 5:00 PM	
11	Sat.	9:30 AM to 3:00 PM	
		3:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Book Sale Takedown at Murrysville Community Library
13	Mon.		Deadline to submit Focus articles to Donna Beard
23	Thurs.		
12/1	Fri.	10:00 AM	Duplicate Bridge at the home of Diane Conway. Please let Dodie Hagan know if you can not attend.

† 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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