



# The Twig

## AAUW Midland Branch Newsletter

September  
2025

## A Morning in the Sort Room with the Scrub Team Players

by Mary Graiver and Mary Harding

Our first program of the 2025-2026 season will be held on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at The Bat Cave, our sorting room at the Midland Mall. The Bat Cave is near Cultivate Coffee, between the Food

Court entrance and Alex's Restaurant entrance. We will have a demonstration of sort room procedures as well as information about the September Book Sale. We will also present a tentative list of programs for the year.

Please bring a friend and any books looking for new homes. Mingle, connect, and sign up to assist with the Book Sale! Pastries from the Ukrainian bakery along with bottled water will be served so feel free to bring your own beverage of choice!

Please RSVP to Liz Kapla at her email [ekapla@charter.net](mailto:ekapla@charter.net) or call her at 989-631-7365 by Monday September 8th. See you there!

**September AAUW Program**  
**When: September 11, 2025 at 11:00 am**  
**Where: The Book Sale Sort Room (fondly known as The Bat Cave) at the Midland Mall**

## President's Message

by Carol Arnosky

Happy September! I know summer isn't over yet - there are many more beautiful Michigan days! I hope you get to enjoy being outside for a few more weeks! The Book Sale Donations & Sort Room activity are beginning! We are in The Bat Cave again - a great space for our 10,000+ books! We have a good time in the sort room - we would love to have you join us! Be on the lookout for emails or phone calls asking for volunteers - sort room, barrel pickup, recycling, set up night and especially the sale itself. Thank you in advance!



Some of our scrub team members

*We are the SCRUB team  
Mighty mighty SCRUB team!  
We can sort a book  
With just one look.  
New, old, fiction or true  
We know just what to do with you!  
Cook Books, bios, Dr. Seuss and more  
We look forward to what comes through the door.  
20,000 items will be evaluated  
We choose to sell only the top-rated.  
Our customers know our sale is the best  
For sixty years, it has outshined the rest.  
\$500,000 in scholarships has been given  
To High School Trade and Transition Women  
Our Team thoroughly enjoys what we do,  
Join us this month! You will too!*

## Fall Used Book Sale

by Trudy Dutot, AAUW Booksale Coordinator



The Fall Used Book Sale will be September 26th, 27th, and 28th. Book donation barrels will be out August 29th. Barrels will be at

Kroger, Family Fare and the two main entrances of the mall. We expect to collect well over 10,000 books so we require a big team of workers. Over the years, we have developed a very smooth system to sort and categorize books and media materials. New team members are always welcome so come and see what we do and participate in the fun! This worthwhile event raises funds for scholarships for local women. Our AAUW Branch annually awards up to \$16,000 in scholarships.

**Your help is important.** We welcome spouses and friends to help in this endeavor:

- Pick up donated books from grocery stores some days
- Put price stickers on books and put them in category boxes
- Stack books on sale tables Thursday evening, September 25 at 7:00 pm
- Take a 2-hour shift at the sale, selling or keeping tables straightened
- Help box books for gifting and recycling at the end of the sale

You can also help by spreading the word about the sale. We need many buyers to achieve the sale income needed to support our scholarships. The sort room is the former Bat Cave near the Hallmark store. Barrels will be out Friday, August 29th. The sort room will be open September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hope to see you there!

**Contact Donna Wedge at [donnawedge456@gmail.com](mailto:donnawedge456@gmail.com) or call her at 989-600-7567 to sign up or for more information. Donna will also have sign-up sheets available at the sort room.**

## Seeking NCCWSL Scholarship Recipients

by Carol Hoerneman-Plaush

It's that time of year again to start looking for 2 college-aged women and encourage them to apply for the \$1,500 scholarship to attend the College Women's Leadership Conference (NCCWSL). The 4-day conference dates are May 27 to May 30, 2026 at the University of Maryland/College Park. Find the application on the AAUW website or on Facebook. The deadline to apply is January 30, 2026.



## Don't Miss AAUW Emails



Help us help members who report not receiving AAUW emails! If you know of a member who has had issues regularly receiving AAUW communications, please direct them to <https://aauw.us/emailoptions> so they can get back on the email list.

## Branch Interest Groups

by Deb Kaiser



### Reading for Fun

This has always been a popular reading group with our branch. For the investment of one hard cover book, each member of Reading for Fun will be able to read around 14 new publications over the coming year. About every 3 weeks, we pass a book and receive a new one. The books are either fiction or nonfiction, published in 2025, suggested by and voted upon by the members of the group. We meet in October to select our individual books, receive our passing schedule and a fun year of reading begins. Currently, we have three openings. Please think about joining us. Contact us at: Pauline Pittsley at [pauline@drymud.com](mailto:pauline@drymud.com), Barb Galloway at [barbgllwy@yahoo.com](mailto:barbgllwy@yahoo.com), or Liz Kapla [ekapla@charter.net](mailto:ekapla@charter.net)

### Shelterhouse Birthdays

Our Mission – To brighten the special day (birthday) of a child or adult living temporarily at Shelterhouse Midland. Our interest group provides small gifts, cupcakes or cake and birthday party trimmings. We welcome new AAUW Members to our interest group, no meetings, just giving happiness. Contact Judy Donahue if you would like to join, [judydonahue57@gmail.com](mailto:judydonahue57@gmail.com)



### Book Lovers

We meet the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Join these passionate readers who tell it as they see it about books and authors. Fun is the game and hearing what others have to say about a book you may love or hate invites a lively discussion. Each member puts a book into the rotation; books are passed on a regular schedule. In addition, a few times a year we choose a book we all read at the same time. New members are welcome. Interested in joining? Contact Ruth Copp at [ruthcopp66@gmail.com](mailto:ruthcopp66@gmail.com)

### Movies and More

This group enjoys quality films and meets in the afternoon. Members gather based on interest and availability of movies. Hoping more quality movies come here. A discussion may follow the movie over coffee. If you are interested, contact Paula Jonas at [52jimpaula40@gmail.com](mailto:52jimpaula40@gmail.com).



**Please consider joining the fun!**

## AAUW Midland Branch Officers 2025-2026

### Elected Officers

President	Carol Arnosky
Co-VPs Program	Mary Graiver
	Mary Harding
VP Membership	Judi Cox
Finance VP	Liz Kapla
Recording Secretary	Jane Wirth
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### Appointed Officers

Branch Communications	Carol Arnosky
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Parliamentarian/Bylaws	<i>open</i>
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Technology	Carol Arnosky
Twig Editor	Annette Clapp
Used Book Sale	Trudy Dutot

### Committee Chairs and Team

Archivist	<i>open</i>
Interest Group Coordinator	Deb Kaiser
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### AAUW Resources

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Board meetings are open to the membership. Call President Carol Arnosky at 989-832-8186 to join a meeting.

## Mark Your Calendar

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Sort Room at the Midland Mall

September 26-September 28 – Book Sale at the Midland Mall

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