



# The Twig

## AAUW Midland Branch Newsletter

May  
2026

## Spring Luncheon by Mary Graiver and Mary Harding

**Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 11:30 am**  
**Midland Country Club**  
**(handicapped accessible)**

Save the date and join us for this year's Spring Luncheon as we Fly High! Featured Speaker will be Sara Pagano, Manager of the Midland Barstow Airport.

This is a great opportunity to introduce friends to the importance of AAUW, so invite a friend!



Reservations are required by Monday May 18, 2026. Cost per guest is \$20. Make checks payable to AAUW-Midland Branch and mail to Liz Kapla, 1205 Bayberry Lane, Midland, MI 48640. Contact Liz at [ekapla@charter.net](mailto:ekapla@charter.net) or call her at 989-631-7365 with your RSVP. We look forward to seeing you there!

## President's Message by Carol Arnosky

**Merry May to all!** We've just wrapped up the Spring Book Sale — whew! What an event. We received so many beautiful and fascinating books this season, as we always do. I was in the sort room every day from March 26 (except Easter), and I truly “bonded” with many of those books. It was a joy to see so many of them find good homes.

A huge **thank you** to all our wonderful AAUW volunteers — from barrel pickup and book drop-off to pricing, boxing, Goodwill runs, recycling, set-up night, cashiering, straightening, packing up and everything in-between. Your energy and dedication make this sale possible.

I also want to give a **shout out** to the local businesses at Midland Mall. I saw them every day and enjoyed chatting with many of the proprietors:

- **Arena Sports** — every Michigan team and every piece of paraphernalia imaginable
- **Treasure Deals** — home of the latest Needohs and Dumplings (IYKYK)
- **Cultivate Coffee** — they let us use their Wi-Fi and even offered to bring us coffee or tea
- **Midland Mall staff** — always helpful, always kind, and the mall was very clean

And finally, a nod to **Lucy Goose**, who has been faithfully sitting on her nest for at least 28 days. I checked on her daily, and as of this writing she's still there. Her “sister” across the pond welcomed goslings today. Please join me in wishing the Goose family a healthy birth and a happy life.

## Used Book Sale Success by Trudy Dutot

The Spring 2026 Used Book Sale was a great success thanks to the many hours of hard work by dedicated AAUW Midland Branch members, family, and friends. The deposits for this sale, including net credit card deposits totaled \$16,231. The credit card sales were very good. Gross credit card sales were \$3,886.75 and with fees of only \$126.48, the net amount transferred to our bank account was \$3,760.27.

The sales area looked wonderful due to the hard work of our volunteers. The cashiers were kept very busy, especially on Friday. The crowds were huge and the books flew off the tables.



*The sales floor presale and 9:00 am on Friday morning. Photo Credit: Carol Arnosky*

As in previous sales, thousands of books were donated. We started with 251 banana boxes and had about 18.5 banana boxes left at the end of the sale. This means that 92% of the books sold! Cleanup was efficient and done in just over an hour... a record!

Books and Beats, a new book and music store in Big Rapids picked up our left-over books.

Branch members, spouses and friends listed below are to be thanked for their contributions towards the success of the Spring 2026 sale.

Special thanks to Steve Arnosky and Mike Dutot for setting up the A-Frames.

**The next sale is  
scheduled for  
September  
25, 26, 27, 2026**

As always, the Exchange Club did a great job bringing out the books to the sales area. Several Exchange members helped unpack the banana boxes, which was greatly appreciated.

Thank you all for your hard work, dedication, and support! See you then.

*Thank You...*

Carol & Steve Arnosky  
Jill & Mike Birchmeier  
Luke Birchmeier  
Kerry Buell  
Annette Clapp  
Ruth Copp

Judi Cox & Nate  
Trudy & Mike Dutot  
Mary Harding  
Meg Harding and Stan Halpin  
Susan Hillman  
Carol Hoerneman-Plaush  
Paula Jonas  
Jean & Bob Julier  
Deb & Mark Kaiser  
Liz & Roger Kapla  
Julie Kennedy

Candy Keysor-Oudman  
Jan Lanter  
Alice Morgan  
Pam & Craig Murchison  
Gina Pederson  
Pauline Pittsley  
Kim Steinke  
Valerie Trabucchi  
Sharon Voss  
Donna & Roy Wedge  
Jane & Dave Wirth

## **Mark Your Calendar**

May 21, 2026 at 11:30 am– Spring Luncheon  
September 25-27, 2026 – Used Book Sale at the Midland Mall

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