

Advancing Equity for Women & Girls

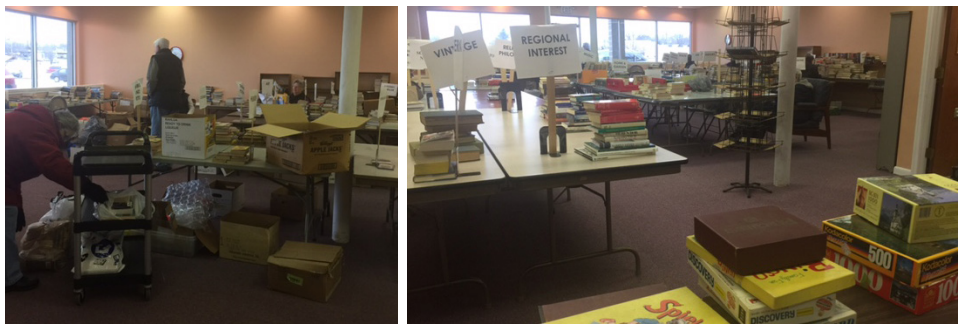


Middletown Newsletter

February 2017

New location for 61st Annual AAUW Book Sale

The 61st Annual AAUW Book Sale is up and running at our new location in the Middletown Shopping Center. We are located at 629 Breiel Blvd. (next to Great Clips). The site is set up and we are collecting, sorting, and pricing books on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings from 10:00am to 12:00. So now is the time to clean out your garages, tell your friends and family about our operation and come join us for work, fun, and fellowship! The sale is scheduled to begin on Thursday, March 30 (Preview Night), Friday, March 31, Saturday (April 1) and Sunday, April 2 (\$6.00 Bag Sale). Book marks are available at the book site and we encourage all of you to take “a bunch” and spread them around town to help publicize our major money- maker of the year. We are always hoping to collect and sell more books than the year before to provide financial aid for the scholarships that we sponsor. If you have further questions, please feel free to call Tina Newlin (424-1120), Libby Abele (424-7551), or Sharon Dowden.



Women’s Health focus of February Program

On Monday, February 13 we will meet at 7:00 pm to hear about women’s health issues and nutrition on the 5th floor of Atrium Medical Center. Looking ahead to March we will meet author Eleanor Gilmore for a book talk. Hope to see you then.

These Are the Feminist Valentines You Were Looking For

Hold the flowers and chocolate! With so much at stake for women and girls, what we really need this Valentine’s Day is support for gender equity. Fighting the patriarchy is a 365-day battle, after all. Whether you’re an ally or a fellow feminist, it’s easy to show your solidarity and spread the love with our Valentine’s grams!



Raise your voice for equal pay, reproductive rights, and more! Share your favorites on Facebook or Twitter, and don’t forget to sign up for AAUW’s Two-Minute Activist tool to make your voice heard on issues affecting women and girls.

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Calendar of Events

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays
10am-12noon – Book Sorting

Monday, February 13, 7 pm
Branch Program & Meeting
Atrium Medical Center
Professional Bldg. 5th Floor
Women’s Health Issues &
Nutrition

Thursday, February 16, 7 pm
Joy Luck Book Club
The Wright Brothers
by David McCullough
Sharon Williamson’s home

Saturday, March 11, 10:30 am
Community Room, Mt. Pleasant
Retirement Village, Monroe
Speaker: Eleanor Gilmore, author
Topic: From Sidewalk to Book Talk

Thursday, March 16, 7 pm
Joy Luck Book Club
The Secret History
by Donna Tartt

Tuesday, March 21, 7pm
Voluntary Simplicity
Betty Patterson’s Home *see article*

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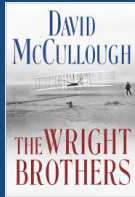
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“Joy Luck” Book Club

Thursday, February 16, 7 pm

The Wright Brothers
by David McCullough
Sharon Williamson’s
home



This #1 New York Times bestseller from David McCullough, two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize, is the dramatic story-behind-the-story of how Wilbur and Orville Wright taught the world to fly. By an overwhelming majority, Miami Valley readers selected McCullough’s book to be the Big Read title for 2017. We’ll get a jump on March events by reading this wonderful biography in February.

Thursday, March 16, 7 pm

The Secret History
by Donna Tartt



Donna Tartt, winner of the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for *The Goldfinch*, established herself as a major talent with *The Secret History* in 1992. Considered a contemporary classic, this novel concerns a group of clever, eccentric misfits at an elite New England college and their charismatic classics professor, with whom they discover a way of thinking and living that is a world away from the humdrum existence of their contemporaries. When they go beyond the boundaries of normal morality, their lives are changed profoundly and forever. A number of our members have tackled the 800 pages of *The Goldfinch* with relish, so hopefully this will introduce the rest of us to this popular author with a somewhat lower time commitment!



Nita Driscoll, Middletown Branch President

Women Go Red. Wear your favorite red apparel in celebration of National Heart Month. Heart disease is the number 1 killer of women over the age of 25 in the United States. The warning signs for women are different than in men. The American Heart Association’s Women Go Red advocates for more research and swifter action for women’s heart health for this very reason. The first step is checking with your doctor, learn the signs and symptoms, your risk factors and how to live a healthy lifestyle. Our February program at the Atrium Medical Center will address women’s health issues.

A special Thank You to Linda Evers who has been working with AAUW National on the mandatory revision of AAUW Middletown Branch By/Laws.

The nominating committee will be looking for members to serve on the board for 2017-18. If you are asked please consider saying YES. This is a great opportunity for you to use your leadership and managerial skills. The following offices will be open: President, VP Programs, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

It’s not too late to register for National Convention, June 14-17 in Washington, D.C. The Ohio Equity Day and Convention is May 5-6 at the Doubletree Hilton in Columbus.

Look Ahead: March Voluntary Simplicity

Voluntary Simplicity does not meet in February. Our next meeting will be March 21, 2017. The topic will be Earth Day and Contributions to Community. Our host will be Betty Patterson. The location for our meeting is: Mount Pleasant; 500 Seminary Drive; Brownstone Clubroom.

Mission of Voluntary Simplicity: To serve as a support group to continue exploring ways to move toward a sustainable lifestyle, simplify life, being sensitive to our families, the environment, and the world around us.

Great Decisions 2017 (www.fpa.org)

- February 9 Trade and Politics
- February 23 Conflict in the South China Sea
- March 9 Saudi Arabia in Transition
- March 23 U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum
- April 13 Latin America’s Political Pendulum
- April 27 Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan
- May 11 Nuclear Security

