



Mary Ann Blain and Angie Hay sort books.

### BOOK DONATIONS DEADLINE: JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup>

There are just a few more days to donate books to the AAUW State College Used Book Sale! Due to the pandemic and state-mandated safety guidelines, we are preparing for a smaller annual Used Book Sale in May. **Therefore, we must cut off book donations on Tuesday, January 12.** Book donations are accepted at our Workshop, 176 Technology Drive, Boalsburg.

Our preference is that you drop off donations when we have staff to assist you:

**Monday, January 11  
6:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Tuesday, January 12  
9:00 am - 2:30 pm**



Christy Bartley (front) and Sherry Crassweller (rear) price books.

Drop-off bins, located at the top of the driveway, will also be open 24 hours a day through January 12. Consult our website for information on the workshop location and on what kinds of book we accept:

<https://aauwstatecollege.org/used-book-sale-donations/>

For questions: [Info@aauwstatecollege.org](mailto:Info@aauwstatecollege.org)

Allyship and Racial Justice:  
Self-Discovery on the Journey  
to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion



A multi-generational panel of women leaders from several Centre County organizations will share their personal and professional experiences in diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The program panel features women leaders from the community and the university.

**Moderator:** Melissa Walker, Director of TRIO Training Academy within Educational Equity at Penn State and owner of the Training and Development Network.

**Panelists include:**

- Wendy Vinhage, Executive Director, Centre County United Way
- Carol Eicher, Founder and Chair, Community Diversity Group
- Katie Marshall, Penn State World Campus mental health case manager
- Danielle Ambrosia, SCASD English teacher and BARWE (Building Anti-Racist White Educators) District Facilitator
- Anne Ard, Executive Director, Centre Safe
- Sarah Malone, AME Church

The program is free and open to the general public. Questions? Contact Naana Nti, [naananti500@gmail.com](mailto:naananti500@gmail.com)  
Register in advance for this meeting: <http://bit.ly/AAUWallyship>

## NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

### NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR 2021-2023

The Nominating and Leadership Committee announces the following open positions on the AAUW State College Board of Directors for 2021 - 2023, with positions starting in July 1, 2021:  
**Co-President, Co-VP for Programs, Co-VPs for Membership** (two positions), **Co-VPs for Marketing and Communications** (two positions), **VP for Finance**.

If you would like to nominate a member or yourself for a specific position please contact a member of the committee by **January 18, 2021**. --Suzanne Kerlin, Nominating and Leadership Committee Chair

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### RECOGNIZING OURSELVES AND OUR PARTNERS: AWARDS NOMINATIONS DUE JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup>

Take a moment to think about your AAUW colleagues and our community partners. Is there a member or community partner who stands out in your mind as having worked above and beyond to help achieve our AAUW goals? If so, write a brief paragraph on how that person, group, or organization meets the criteria found on the Awards pages

(pp. 10-11) in our *Handbook* or at [http://www.aauwstatecollege.org/about/branch\\_awards.html](http://www.aauwstatecollege.org/about/branch_awards.html). Please submit your nomination(s) to Chriss Schultz, [cschultz8g@gmail.com](mailto:cschultz8g@gmail.com) by **January 18, 2021**.

#### ***Outstanding Woman***

This award is given to a member for meritorious service to the Branch.

Recent past recipients: 2016 - Billie Willits; 2017 - Centennial Committee; 2018 - Carol Hodes; 2019 - Sue Johnston; 2020 – Mary Dupuis

#### ***Making a Difference Award***

Representing the spirit of AAUW, this member has made a big difference in an important initiative to the branch within the past year. Recent past recipients:

2016 - Connie Schroeder; 2017 - Cindy Hall; 2018 - Michele Crawl; 2019 - Star Campbell; 2020 – Ann Echols

### ***Gateway to Equity Award***

Individuals or groups who, by action and philosophy, have advanced equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research are recognized by this award. Recent past recipients: 2016 - Mid-State Literacy Council; 2017 – Penn State Commission for Women; 2018 – Penn State Humphrey Fellows Program; 2019 - Interfaith Human Services; 2020 - Fair Districts PA–Centre County

### ***Centre County Council for Human Services Volunteer of the Year***

The CCCHS recognizes a member organization’s nomination for outstanding volunteer service at the April CCCHS Volunteer of the Year dinner. Recent past recipients: 2016 – Del and Steve Scott; 2017 – Mike Williams; 2018 – Jennifer Karch; 2019 – Angie Hay; 2020 – Suzanne Kerlin and Sherry Crassweller, Co-leads, Used Book Sale Workshop.

--Chriss Schultz, AAUW State College Awards Chair



### **AAUW STATE COLLEGE CONDUCTS WINTER STEM SESSIONS FOR MIDDLE-SCHOOL GIRLS**

This February, AAUW State College STEM volunteers will facilitate virtual after-school programs in the State College and Bellefonte School Districts for middle-school girls.

AAUW State College STEM endeavors are a vital part of Branch activities. Proceeds from the Used Book Sale fund our community STEM initiatives.

For more information about any of our STEM programs or volunteer to assist with any of the Zoom sessions, contact

<mailto:michele@mydiscoveryspace.org>.

--Michele Crowl, AAUW State College STEM Chair

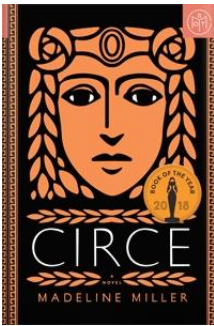


### **APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR AAUW STATE COLLEGE BRANCH SCHOLARSHIPS**

AAUW State College seeks applicants for four undergraduate scholarships, to be awarded for the academic year 2021–2022 (Fall 2021 until Summer 2022). An applicant must be a woman who:

- is a Centre County resident - with intent to maintain such residency for the duration of the grant - although she may attend a college or university located outside the county;
- is seeking her first associate or baccalaureate degree on a part- or full-time basis;
- has interrupted her studies for at least two years or delayed higher education for at least two years after graduating from high school, having enrolled in a post-secondary institution;
- has completed at least one quarter of the course work required for the degree (15 credits for an associate degree or 30 credits for a baccalaureate degree);
- demonstrates financial need, academic promise, clarity of educational goals, and service to the community.

References and financial information are required. The awards range from \$3,000 to \$7,000 depending on financial need and the recipient’s circumstances. The **Application Deadline is March 1, 2021**. For details, visit <http://www.aauwstatecollege.org/>. For additional information, contact Falene Hamilton: [hfalene@gmail.com](mailto:hfalene@gmail.com) or Suzanne Kerlin: [suziekerlin@gmail.com](mailto:suziekerlin@gmail.com).



## ¡ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB TO MEET JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup>

Our diversity book club is meeting virtually on **Thursday, January 21st at 2:30 pm**. We will discuss *Circe* by Madeline Miller, which was the International No. 1 Bestseller and shortlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction in 2019.

To participate with the group, please contact [info@aauwstatecollege.org](mailto:info@aauwstatecollege.org). We warmly welcome new members.



## CALLING ALL AAUW ARTISTS!

AAUW's annual Art Contest for members is here, and your work could be among the winning entries! To enter, [submit your photography or a digital photo](#) of your painting, drawing, sculpture, collage or other form of art through the AAUW website. All entries are accepted, but we encourage you to look through your portfolio for works that speak to AAUW's mission.

AAUW members will select their favorite entries via ranked-choice voting. Winning entries will be featured on a collection of notecards sent to members in the spring. The back of the cards will include the winning artist's biography, a fact about AAUW and a highlight of their local branch affiliation when applicable.

**The submission deadline is February 3.** For the rules on how to enter your work in the upcoming contest and to and peruse past winners, visit the [AAUW Art Contest page](#).



Submissions for the next *Branch Bulletin* are due to Connie Schroeder, [connieschroeder@gmail.com](mailto:connieschroeder@gmail.com), on **January 18**, and it will be issued on **January 25**. *Branch Bulletins* are accessible at <https://aauwstatecollege.org/blog/>.