

WORKSHOP GATHERING INCLUDES MEMBER STORIES

The September 22nd branch gathering at the workshop brought out a very nice sized group and a good time was had by all. We kept close enough to the large overhead front door – in spite of inclement weather - to consider this an outdoor (mask-less) event. We enjoyed some individually packed appetizers and member stories, finding much common ground.

BELOW: *Christine Bishop, Martha Hummel, Dela Bube', and Program Committee members: Jordan Glover, Susan Chyczewski, and Nina Cowart.*



OCTOBER 9–12 USED BOOK SALE

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED! – sign-up today with Estelle Stroup, eds197@psu.edu.

- Hospitality Table
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bXU0fzr88mDVWRIM3nl4nEZRWlaXPj7UfSAfwfb3N10/edit?usp=sharing>
- Move-In Night (October 7th), Cashiers, Table Volunteers
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScaQ7Y9jDAnO8kxtnPe0M6BaLdrW1QfCdAdFsGwf9QS-Q5pFQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

HELP PROMOTE SALE

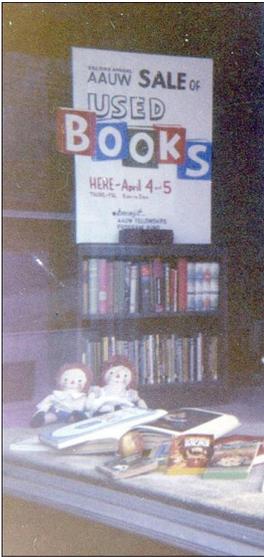
CDT article: <https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/state-college/article254036828.html>

SALE FLYER: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZDmRnEEkQhkvSVpwt7LqbAgKLRWBC4vd/view?usp=sharing>

--Dina Liberatore, Used Book Sale Chair, dina.liberatore@gmail.com

BOOK SALE THROUGH THE DECADES – A STUDY IN RESILIENCE

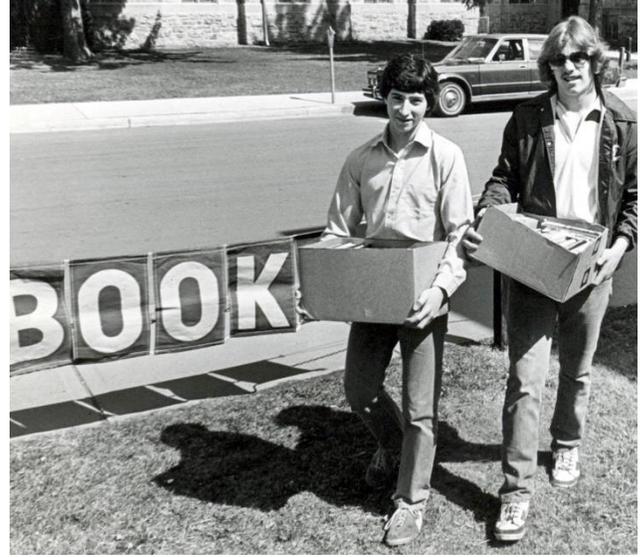
Into our sixth decade with the annual AAUW State College Used Book Sale, we've adapted to schedule changes, location changes, new volunteer resources, and much more, all in order to survive. 2021 is proving to be no different. This will be our first 100% masked event!



1962 – First Sale, Bell Telephone Bldg., Allen Street



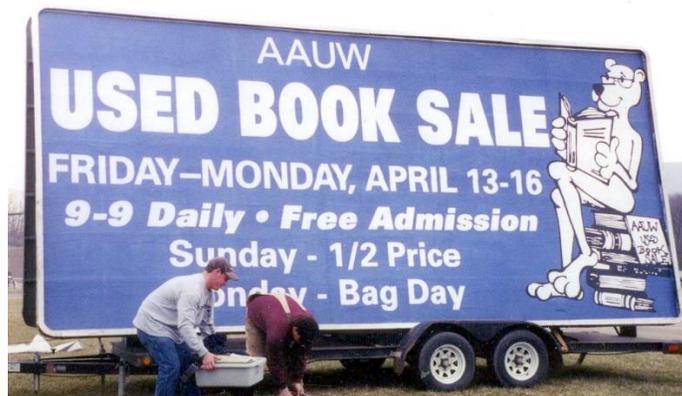
1972 – Shoppers busy at People's National Bank sale, Allen Street



1981 – Students help at the Wesley Foundation sale, College Avenue



1994 –Alpha Phi Omega students helped unload books at the HUB sale.



2001 – Held at the Penn State Snider Ag Arena, this sale was during spring semester. Throughout the 1990's, a number of sales were held while Penn State was in session.



2011 –Louise Tukey has been a driving force behind the sale since the beginning. See Have You Heard, page 8.

AAUW STATE COLLEGE FUNDED SCIENCE-U SUMMER a SUCCESS



After having to cancel Science-U camps in 2020 due to the pandemic, the Office of Science Outreach at Penn State was excited to conduct 2021 Science-U Summer Science Camps virtually this year! Eight different camps were held weekly between June and August - covering topics such as physics, genetics, animals, robotics, astronomy, and materials science - and were attended via Zoom by enthusiastic campers entering grades 3-12. In total, nearly 130 campers attended the camps, with several attending multiple camps.

The virtual format of the camps enabled Science-U to reach campers in 16 Pennsylvania counties and seven other states! Centre County residents still accounted for the majority (75%) of campers, with most coming from the State College Area School District. While attendance was significantly less than participation in past, in-person camps, the high level of engagement by campers was encouraging, and campers reported having positive learning experiences!



The Science-U team mailed or delivered camp kits to campers for most of the summer camps. These kits enabled campers to have materials at home for specific hands-on activities and experiments. Left, the *Make It Matter* camp kit shows items that were used to create polymers, explore the properties of light, and learn about electrochemistry. (Photo courtesy of Penn State Office of Science Outreach)

Recipients of the AAUW STEM Scholarship awarded in 2020 attended two of the Science-U virtual camps - *Life...in Space!* and *Make It Matter*. The *Life...in Space!* camp for students entering grades 6-8 focused on astronomy and astrobiology. More than half the participants were female campers (68%), and they were excited to learn about the possibilities of life on other planets and the methods that scientists utilize to investigate signs of life.

The *Make It Matter* camp allowed high school students to work on projects related to materials science. About 67% of the campers were female, and they enjoyed meeting various faculty members who explained their research projects at Penn State. Campers also virtually toured several Penn State laboratories! The AAUW scholarship recipient who attended this camp had this to say about her experience:

"I felt honored to be a scholarship recipient. I felt like I was representing the AAUW organization, which motivated me to work harder, and push through any difficulties I had. I loved the Science-U camp that I participated in. It was a new subject that I had never really known, and I was really interested in it. I loved the hands-on activities and I loved how we got to meet new people daily. I was really thankful for this scholarship, and the camp for pushing me out of my comfort zone and trying something brand new." – 2021 camper and AAUW STEM Scholarship Recipient

--Michele Crowl and Carol-Beth Book, AAUW STEM Committee

GENERAL ELECTION GUIDE 2021



DATES:

Election Day is 11/2.

Deadline to register is 10/18.

Last day to apply for a mail in ballot is 10/26. Don't wait that long! Once you receive your ballot, you have to get it back to the Elections Office by Election Day. The mail isn't likely to move that fast.

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

The races of interest are for statewide judges and local school boards. You'll need to check your municipality for council and supervisor races. The countywide races for District Attorney and Jury Commissioner are already settled. **Bernie Cantorna** won both parties' primary elections for District Attorney, so he faces no competition. Each party elects a Jury Commissioner in their primary; placing their names on the fall ballot is a formality.

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES: The party of the sitting Governor determines which candidates are listed first on your ballot, so, Democrat first. Note: All judicial terms are for 10 years.

The Pennsylvania Bar Association rates all candidates for the statewide bench. You can read their reviews at: <https://www.pabar.org/site/For-Lawyers/Committees-Commissions/Judicial-Evaluation/Resources/JEC-Ratings/2021>

PENNSYLVANIA SUPREME COURT: This is the oldest court in the nation. It hears appeals from both Superior and Commonwealth Courts. The current majority is Democratic, but with this seat in play and another in two years, the majority could be reversed. *Vote for one.*

Because both candidates are Highly Recommended by the PA Bar Association, here is a fun fact about each:
—**Maria McLaughlin**, Democrat, currently a Judge of the Superior Court, is a former Penn State cheerleader who worked three jobs to put herself through school.

—**Kevin Brobson**, Republican, currently a judge of the Commonwealth Court, is the judge who gave Donald Trump a win on one of his cases challenging the election results in PA [Trump actually got his only two wins nationwide from this court, both overturned by the PA Supreme Court].

PA SUPERIOR COURT: This court hears appeals from the county courts primarily involving family law or disputes between individuals. One of the busiest courts in the country, these 15 judges must take every case brought before them. Currently the Republicans control this court 8-7. *Vote for one.*

Both candidates are Recommended by the PA Bar. Your choice here likely depends on the professional background you prefer in a judge for this court.

—**Timika Lane**, Democrat, currently is a county Judge in Philadelphia. She has served as a public defender and teaches continuing legal education.

—**Megan Sullivan**, Republican, is currently a lawyer who has spent most of her career as an assistant district attorney in Chester County.

PENNSYLVANIA COMMONWEALTH COURT: This court is unique in that it handles cases involving government entities or workers' rights. Of particular interest at the moment, this is the court of original jurisdiction for cases involving election law. Currently the court has a 7-2 Republican majority. *Vote for two.*

Here the Bar Association ratings differ. Democrat David Spurgeon is Highly Recommended. Democrat Lori Dumas is Recommended, as is Republican Andrew Crompton. Republican Stacy Sorokes Wallace is Not Recommended.

—**David Spurgeon** is a county judge in Allegheny. He has particular emphasis on domestic violence. An Adjunct Professor at Duquesne Law, he is active in non-profit volunteerism.

—**Lori Dumas** is a county judge in Philadelphia. She has written on juvenile delinquency and is working on a database with the American Medical Association, as well as being an active non-profit volunteer.

—**Andrew Crompton** was appointed to fill a two-year vacancy on the Commonwealth Court. Previously he was Chief of Staff and Counsel to former Republican Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnoti.

—**Stacy Sorokes Wallace** is president of the McKean County Bar Association. She is in private practice specializing in estates and trusts.

JUDICIAL RETENTIONS: You will be asked to vote yes or no on whether these judges should get an additional 10-year term on the court where they currently serve.

Centre County Judge **Jonathan Grine** is running for retention. We recommend you vote yes for him.

STATE COLLEGE AREA SCHOOL BOARD: Six candidates are running for four seats. Because school boards are supposed to be non-partisan, candidates typically cross-file, meaning they run for nomination by both parties. Two candidates—Anderson and Buck—were successful. Two other candidates—Crevecoeur and Huff—won Democratic nominations. The other two—Hutchinson and Young—won Republican nominations. What’s ironic there is that Hutchinson, the only candidate who is a long serving member of the SCASD board, is a registered Democrat. All these candidates are Democrats except Young, who ran on the Republican ticket only.

Vote for four.

Here are their websites and a thumbnail description of each, in alphabetical order:

—**Deborah Anderson** <https://deborahandersonphd.wixsite.com/deborahandersonscasd> She is a volunteer in the district

—**Peter Buck** www.Facebook.com/BuckForSCASD He has teaching experience.

—**Carline Crevecoeur** www.carlineforschoolboard.com She is a Branch member and a physician.

—**Jackie Huff** <https://www.huff4scasd.org/> She has teaching experience.

—**David Hutchinson** www.Facebook.com/David.hutchinson.52438 A long-time incumbent who has worked with the branch, and a former President of the PA School Boards Association, David has always been willing to talk with anyone who calls for information. He deserves our support.

—**Michelle Glenn Young** www.Young4scasd.org She is a career naval officer.

People make the mistake of thinking this off year election is not important. That could not be more wrong. Directly and indirectly, these offices have more impact on your life than next year’s election for Senator. Please participate!

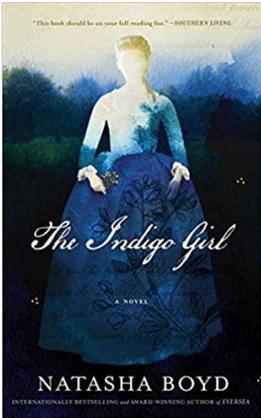
--Dianne Gregg and Mary Dupuis, Public Policy Co-Chairs



DIVERSITY CORNER

Cultural Empowerment for Women group Co-Sponsoring October 28th Event with AAUW State College

Cultural Empowerment for Women event will be offered by Zoom on October 28 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and will focus on women’s health and work challenges in the pandemic. More details to follow. Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsceyggTOiHNP1LjrAEc2Jq-PHJrGcldNo>
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



¡ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB TO MEET November 18th

Our book club is modeled after the AAUW Diversity Outreach for Impact Program, featuring diverse cultures in both fiction and nonfiction offerings. We meet during the afternoon every other month on the third Thursday of the month, with our next (virtual) meeting taking place on **Thursday, November 18th at 2:30 pm**. We will discuss **The Indigo Girl** by Natasha Boyd. An incredible story of dangerous and hidden friendships, ambition, betrayal, and sacrifice.

To participate with the group, please contact info@aauwstatecollege.org. We warmly welcome new members. **Join Zoom Meeting:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81390945794?pwd=MzVReUpDUkjhVhZFY4RlFqeEErZz09>

Diversity Quote

All the diversity, all the charm, and all the beauty of life are made up of light and shade. -Leo Tolstoy
--Contributed by Carline Crevecoeur
--Naana Nti, AAUW State College Diversity Chair



INCREASING & RETAINING MEMBERSHIP An All-Member Project

Membership matters. We all hear that, and know it is true for the health of our branch. We don’t focus enough on retention and growth, which is where we can improve.

You are invited to attend an upcoming AAUW-Pennsylvania webinar on increasing and retaining membership on **Thursday, October 14, from 8pm – 9pm** for insight and suggestions.

A panel of membership chairs from branches that have been successful in increasing and maintaining membership will present what they have done that works. There will be time for your questions.

All members are encouraged to attend, because branch membership growth is everyone’s responsibility. Use the following link to join the Zoom meeting at 8pm on October 14.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89034338257?pwd=VVlY0RpuUjQyQXA3N0pTRGkrMUNSQT09>

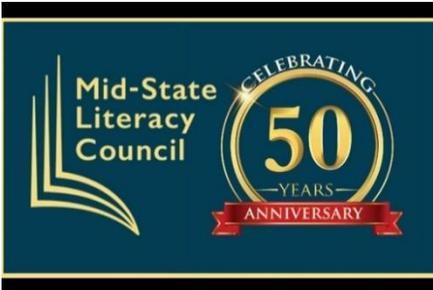
Meeting ID: 890 3433 8257; Passcode: 196827

Mark Your
Calendar!

BOOK DONATIONS ACCEPTED
Starting Tuesday, October 26th

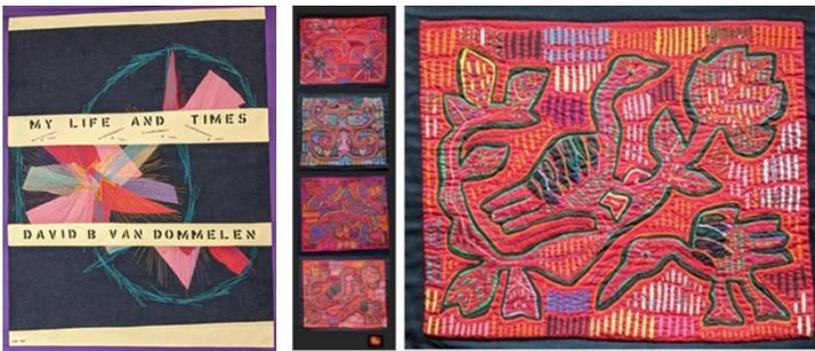
AAUW State College Used Book Workshop
2197 High Tech Road across from airport

MSLC AUCTION RUNS OCTOBER 1-17



A community grant recipient of AAUW State College, Mid-State Literacy Council is celebrating their 50th Anniversary this fall. Their **Anniversary Online Auction**, which begins **October 1st (5:00 pm)** will raise money for ESL and Adult Basic Literacy programs they offer in our community. The auction contains over 250 wonderful items across 14 categories, with the greatest number in the art, collector's, jewelry, and kitchen categories. The auction closes **October 17th, 8:00 pm**.

Visit the auction today: [October 1-17 MSLC Auction Site](#)



David Van Dommelen pieces

Left, this beautiful untitled 4-panel hand-pieced and hand-quilted wall hanging (close-up, right) measures 21" x 76." It was donated by the estate of nationally known fiber artist and Penn State professor David Van Dommelen. In all, there are 20 Van Dommelen pieces in the auction.

Funds raised by the auction are essential to assist women who need scholarships to pay for tutoring and class registrations (\$195 per semester). Tax receipts will be provided for donated items.



**TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES PLANS
OCTOBER 16th GRAND REOPENING**

Ten Thousand Villages creates sustainable incomes, lifting families out of poverty while caring for the earth by using locally sourced, recycled, and renewable materials, minimizing the environmental impact. Ten Thousand Villages State College, located at 1341 South Atherton, is expanding! It will double its current footprint and add merchandise. Construction is underway and a grand reopening celebration is scheduled for **October 16th**. Mark your calendars and contact AAUW member Sophie Penney Leach at swpenney5@gmail.com if you would like more information.



OUT AND ABOUT – LION BASH

AAUW State College participated in Lion Bash 2021 on September 9th, an engagement fair organized by the borough to bring together town and gown elements of the community. According to the organizers, about 1500 people attended the fair.

Many stopped by our table, where we had a fun activity for children and gave away some children's books while promoting our October

9-12 book sale. Left, members **Susan Chyczewski** and **Jordan Glover** engaged with passersby.



Congratulations to **Dianne Gregg**, elected President of the Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women at their 93rd convention in August, 2021. She is a long serving member of the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee and was Centre County Democratic Chair when the county turned blue. Best wishes and much success to Dianne!

Congratulations to **Louise Tukey**, a member of AAUW State College for 70 years! Louise is currently staying at Juniper Village for some rehab this fall. She would love to hear from branch members. Drop her a line c/o Juniper Village, Room 246, 1930 Cliffside Drive, State College, PA 16801.



The next *Branch Bulletin* will be issued **Monday, October 11th**. Please send submissions for inclusion in that issue by **Monday, October 4th** to *Branch Bulletin* Editor Connie Schroeder, connieschroeder@gmail.com.

Bulletins are sent electronically to branch members and friends and also are accessible at <https://aauwstatecollege.org/blog/>.