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# USED BOOK SALE

*Penn State Snider Ag Arena*

**Sat., May 17**  
through  
**Tue., May 20**



Sat-Sun-Mon: 9 am-8 pm;  
Tue: 9 am-7 pm

[bit.ly/BookSaleFacebookEvent](https://bit.ly/BookSaleFacebookEvent)

[www.aauwstatecollege.org](http://www.aauwstatecollege.org)



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## Creating a buzz for the Used Book Sale



We have received enthusiastic support from groups and media supporters! Check out the *Recognition Rail* near the checkout area of the sale to learn who has been helping behind the scenes. Whether sharing book sale information one-on-one or with a group, in-person, or electronically, it is all good.

Check out this wonderful blog post about the sale, shared by branch member **Dina Liberatore**:  
<https://www.rediscoverstatecollege.com/the-good-stuff-dina-liberatore/>. To help create

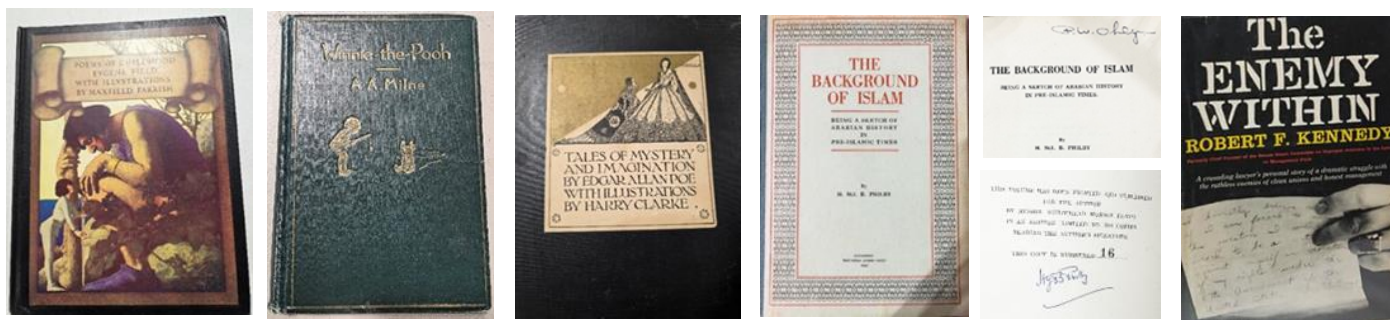
some more buzz, share the following with those in your circle: [Book Sale Quick Facts](#)  
[Book Sale Full Details](#) [bit.ly/May17-20 Sale Flyer](#) [bit.ly/BookSaleSocialMediaSquare](#)

**Last Call for Used Book Sale Volunteers!** If you have not already done so, be sure to sign up to volunteer today: [bit.ly/BookSaleVolunteerSignup](#). The *Used Book Sale Bulletin*, which includes a full orientation of the sale, is being sent this week to all sale volunteers. Here is the schedule, as of May 2: [bit.ly/BookSaleVolunteerSchedule5-2-2025](#).

## Special Treasures at the Sale



Branch member **Sally Kalin** leads the Special Collections team and is joined by **Terry Melton** and **Rebecca Mugridge**. They consult many sources to determine whether a book is “special,” evaluating it on condition, rarity, and topic. Hats off to the team for their hard work throughout the year! The following books, along with a few hundred others, will be for sale in the **Special Collections** room at the event, in the corner next to the checkout and the Exit door.



**Above, left to right:** 1) *Poems of Childhood* by **Eugene Field** (1904) with illustrations by Maxfield Parrish; 2) first American edition of *Winnie the Pooh* (1926) by A.A. Milne, belonged to Loren Tukey, husband of Louise Tukey, past AAUW State College president and book sale co-founder; 3) *Tales of Mystery and Imagination* (1935) by Edgar Allen Poe, illustrations by Harry Clarke; 4) *The Background of Islam* (1947) by St. John Philby, a famous explorer. It is #16 of a numbered series of 500, signed by Philby. The dark spot on the lower right-hand corner is just on the photograph. 5) *The Enemy Within* (1960) by Robert F. Kennedy, signed.

A complete listing of books offered in the Special Collections room is available at [Book Sale Full Details](#). Scroll to the bottom of the page to “Special Collections.”

## Doctor Who and vintage science fiction featured at sale



Paperback specialist **Carol Pollard** has uncovered a large and varied collection of sci fi paperbacks, including some vintage ones from the 1940s to 1980s, and a cache of *Doctor Who* paperbacks. One group of Doctor Who books will be found in Special Collections, and the majority will be in Science Fiction.

Join us for the Awards & Scholarship Banquet, Thursday, May 29



We will honor branch award and scholarship recipients, welcome new members, reconnect with old friends, and install new officers for 2025-2027 terms.

**Program details** – The banquet will take place **Thursday, May 29, at the Toftrees Golf Resort** (One Country Club Lane, State College, PA 16803). A Meet & Greet with a cash bar starts at 5:30 pm. The dinner and program will begin at 6 pm and end around 8 pm.

**Buffet Dinner Menu:** Vegetables with dipping sauces, mixed green salad, rolls and butter, grilled flank steak w/caramelized onions, grilled salmon with pico de gallo, vegetable medley, potato du jour, assorted dessert cakes, coffee, decaffeinated coffee, and tea.

**Recognize branch honorees** – We look forward to recognizing the 2025 branch honorees at the banquet, introduced in the April *Branch Bulletin: Member Making a Difference* - **Sherry Lonsdale; Outstanding Woman - Michele Crowl; Named Gift Honorees – Strategic Planning Implementation Task Force; Gateway to Equity Award Recipient - Strawberry Fields; Centre County Council for Human Services Volunteer - Amy Wilson.**  
--Suzanne Kerlin and Chriss Schultz, Award Co-Chairs

**Meet our 2025 scholarship recipients** – This spring, the Scholarship Committee reviewed 15 applicants for our scholarships to returning adult learners, and selected five students to receive awards for the 2025/2026 school. We look forward to meeting them at the banquet and will be inspired by learning about their journey and their plans for the future.  
--Leslie Laing, Scholarship Chair

**Reservations are due by Wednesday, May 21. Cost is \$35 per person.**

**Questions?** Contact Betsy and Renee at [programs@aauwstatecollege.org](mailto:programs@aauwstatecollege.org).

--Betsy Manlove & Renee Cloutier, AAUW State College Program VPs

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**Clip off Banquet Reservation Form to include with your check:**

Complete and mail this form with your check, payable to “SCAUW, Inc. (**note:** “SCAUW” has just one “A”) and mail to **Betsy Manlove, 711 W. Foster Ave., State College, PA 16801.**

Alternatively, reservations may be deposited in the large BANQUET envelope at the book sale. Inquire at the Information table in the front lobby.

**MEMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GUEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:** \_\_\_\_\_



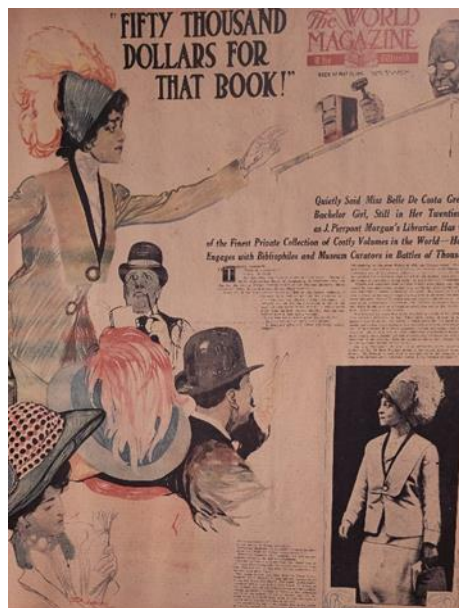
# MEMBERSHIP FOCUS

## Highlights from NYC trip to Morgan Museum & Library



Membership VPs Susan Chyczewski and Carline Crevecoeur made a wonderful leap to organize and lead an April 22 bus trip for AAUW State College, to visit the Morgan Library & Museum in New York City. In particular, the trip was to see the exhibit there on Belle da Costa Greene, which was quite inspiring. Of the 40+ people who went, about half were branch members. They were joined by friends, family, and colleagues.

**Left:** Leslie Laing and Takina Walker with the book *The Personal Librarian*, which was based on the life of Belle da Costa Greene.



*My friends in England suggest that I be called "Keeper of Printed Books and Manuscripts"... but you know they have such long titles in London. I'm simply a librarian.*

—BELLE DA COSTA GREENE, NEW YORK TIMES, APRIL 7, 1912



*Above, part of Belle da Costa Greene's personal library.*





AAUW State College member **Takina Walker** is a Dual-Title Penn State PhD student in English and African American and Diaspora studies.

She weighs in here with thoughts on the Belle de la Costa Greene Exhibit

**Left:** Marjory Price and Pam Glanert take a breather.

**Center:** The grandeur of the library is almost beyond words.

### Belle da Costa Greene Look-Back Party

*"Wear your hat and pearls," like Belle did*

The trip to the Morgan led trip-goer Leslie Laing to suggest a **Belle Greene Passionate Potluck** for all who attended. It was a great way to recap the trip. Carline Crevecoeur graciously hosted the April 29 gathering.

Potluck highlights included thoughtful conversation, home-baked bread and delectable pastries from Carmen Millet, a major storm as we were leaving, two sets of pearls, and one hat.



*Only a few of us remembered to "wear our hat and pearls," like Belle did! Left to right: Carol Hodes, Carline Crevecoeur, and Sherry Lonsdale, in pearls.*

## NEW MEMBER WELCOME

**Donald Hahn** - [gosahahn@yahoo.com](mailto:gosahahn@yahoo.com)



I am a Centre County native and a State College High School graduate. I received a BA from the Pennsylvania State University and a JD from the Villanova University School of Law. Having been an attorney since 1992, I am a two-time winner of the PBA Pro Bono Award and former president of the Middle District Bankruptcy Bar Association.

I served three terms on the State College Borough Council, including one term as Council President. I was elected Mayor of State College in 2017 and

Magisterial District Judge in 2019 and am currently running unopposed for reelection. I am enjoying my 27th year of marriage with my wife, Cynthia Hahn, executive director of C-Net and an AAUW State College member.

**Kari Sherwood** - [karilynnsherwood@gmail.com](mailto:karilynnsherwood@gmail.com)



My name is Kari Sherwood, and I am a new Assistant Professor in Rehabilitation and Human Services in the Penn State College of Education. (We Are!). I recently graduated from the University of Michigan (Go Blue) with my PhD in Social Work and Psychology. I am also an alumna of Oklahoma State University (Go Pokes) and Bowling Green State University. My research focuses on the social maltreatment of autistic individuals and their associated mental health.

I have three children, Hero (21), Karys (15), and Kai (13). Hero lives in Michigan with his birth mom, and Karys and Kai live with me and will attend State College Area School District. We are excited to join the State College community and begin getting involved! Specifically, I am interested in learning more about the AAUW Diversity and Inclusion committee and would love to help with the book sale next year, as I am an avid reader of nonfiction. I also love going out for dinner or drinks, going on nature walks, and advocating for all things social justice. I am excited to learn about all State College has to offer!

## Explore Branch Engagement Opportunities



If you are not currently “engaged” with the branch, or would like to shift directions, check out the list of engagement opportunities today: [ENGAGEMENT](#).

## Time to renew your AAUW membership?



Time to renew your AAUW membership? Members receive an email renewal notification from AAUW the month prior to their renewal date. **RENEW ONLINE** through AAUW National – respond to the email reminder from National or go to [AAUW Membership](#) on National’s

webpage where you will be asked to reset your password. **RENEW BY MAIL** – go to [bit.ly/AAUWSCMembership](http://bit.ly/AAUWSCMembership) and click on “Join by Mail” at the page bottom. Print the form and send it with a check to the address listed. **QUESTIONS?** Contact Membership VPs **Susan Chyczewski** and **Carline Crevecoeur** at [membership@aauwstatecollege.org](mailto:membership@aauwstatecollege.org).

## Nancy Chiswick achieves AAUW honorary life membership



Congratulations to branch member **Nancy Chiswick**! In recognition of her fifty-year commitment as a member of AAUW, she has been awarded *Honorary Life* member status and is now exempt from paying future AAUW national dues.

--Caroline Crevecoeur and Susan Chyczewski, Membership Co-VPs

## APRIL RECOGNITION

### April 24 CCCHS Volunter Dinner honors branch member Amy Wilson

AAUW State College was proud to honor Amy Wilson, our Centre County Council for Human Services Volunteer of the Year, at the Rose Cologne volunteer recognition dinner held April 24 at Mountain View Resort. Amy's many contributions to the board over the years have been invaluable. Thank you, Amy, for all that you do!



Amy (right) with friend and co-financial reviewer for the branch, Sue Werner.



Our table at the dinner included, left to right: Sue Werner, Sally Kalin, Vasundara Varadan, Connie Schroeder, Amy Wilson, Chriss Schultz (Awards Co-Chair), Vijay Varadan, Jennifer Mastrofski, and Michele Crawl.

## PUBLIC POLICY

### Your Primary Election Ballot for May 20



If you requested a mail-in ballot, you should have received it in the mail. If not, call the Centre County Elections Office to inquire about your status: 814-355-6703. If you want a **mail-in ballot but have not yet applied**, that deadline is **May 13**.



Anyone wishing to **change their party registration must do so by May 5, which is also the deadline to register.** Independents cannot vote in party primaries.

If you are going to vote in person, you can review your sample ballot at <https://centrecountypa.gov/238/Elections-Voter-Registration> To reach the correct page, look at the black column on your left. Click on the Ballot Information tab. On that page, the bottom item in the black column is Sample Ballots. Clicking there will take you to a page listing every precinct by number and name. Note the full list of Democratic precinct ballots appears before the full list of Republicans because the current Governor is a Democrat. Do be sure to click on your precinct within your party.

We have no competitive races at the county level.

## **SCHOOL BOARD**

School Board races are the most competitive elections races for us in Centre County. For SCASD, both parties have the same seven candidates on their ballots. Vote for four. Democrats, you have five candidates registered in your party: incumbents Deborah Anderson and Jackie Huff and newcomers Jesse Barlow, Jennifer Black, and Rebecca Desmarais. Republicans, you have two registered in your party: Kirsten McTernan and Mihaly Sogor. The county Republican party is encouraging write-ins for their other two spots, but we do not have any names as of this writing.

The Spotlight article published by the *Centre Daily Times* contains plenty of information about the nature of school board races along with profiles of each candidate. If you subscribe to the *Centre Daily Times*, check it out: [School Board Candidate Profiles](#).

For School Board races outside the Centre Region, see your party's website, addresses at bottom of this article.

## **STATEWIDE JUDGES**

**Democrats:** You do not have choices to make in these races. Your candidate for Superior Court, Judge Brandon Neuman, currently is a judge in Washington County. Prior to his election as judge, he was a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Your candidate for Commonwealth Court, Judge Stella Tsai, currently is a judge in Philadelphia. She is a Penn State graduate. Both are endorsed by the Pennsylvania Democratic Party and are Highly Recommended by the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

**Republicans:** You have two candidates each for Superior and Commonwealth Court. The state Republican Party endorsed one candidate for each race. The endorsed candidate for Superior Court is Judge Ann Marie Wheatcraft of Chester County. Prior to becoming a judge, she was an Assistant District Attorney. She is Highly Recommended by the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Her opponent, Maria Battista, is Not Recommended because she refused to participate in the



Bar Association's review process. The party endorsed candidate for Commonwealth Court is Matt Wolford, a lawyer in private practice in Erie. Early in his career he was a Deputy Attorney General. As was the case with the two candidates for Superior Court, he is Highly Recommended by the Pennsylvania Bar Association while his opponent, Joshua Prince, is Not Recommended because he refused to participate in the Bar Association's review process.

Ballot drop boxes are out and available to you in the usual locations. Note that you can drop off only your own ballot. Please do follow carefully the instructions with your ballot about using the secrecy envelope and signing and dating the outside of your return envelope.

For more information on the judicial evaluations: <https://www.pabar.org/site/For-Lawyers/Committees-Commissions/Judicial-Evaluation/Resources/JEC-Ratings/2025>

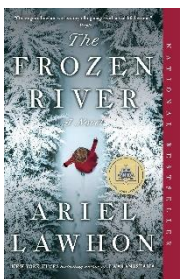
Visit <https://www.padems.org/candidates/> and <https://www.centrecountydems.com> for more on Democratic candidates. For more information about Republican candidates: <https://pagop.org> and <https://centre.gop>. **ELECTION DAY IS MAY 20.**

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

From LWVCC: [Voter Deadlines–Municipal Primary 2025](#).

## DIVERSITY

### **¡Adelante! Book Club: Thursday, May 22, 2:30 pm**



Join us virtually for our ¡Adelante! book club on May 22, when we will discuss ***The Frozen River*** by Ariel Lawhon. It is a New York Times bestseller and NPR Book of the Year. It is described as a gripping historical mystery about an 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history.

Learn more: <https://www.ariellawhon.com/thefrozenriver/>. **Meeting Link:** [bit.ly/AdelanteBookClub](https://bit.ly/AdelanteBookClub); **Meeting ID:** 815 5138 0837; **Passcode:** 410856

### **Juneteenth block party planned for June 14**



Saturday, June 14, marks State College's 5th Annual **Juneteenth Block Party**. It will be held from **noon to 6 pm** at **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza and on Fraser Street**. This event honors the importance of June 19th, 1865, when the last enslaved African Americans in the rebelling states were notified that the

Emancipation Proclamation would be enforced, announcing their legal freedom. Come and enjoy the food, art, music, performances, and many wonderful and inspiring activities. **More:** [Juneteenth Celebration](#)

## AAUW PENNSYLVANIA

### Register today for AAUW Pennsylvania Summer Retreat in Boalsburg June 27-28



The June 27-28 AAUW Pennsylvania summer retreat, with 24 branches participating, will be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Boalsburg. We have close to twenty AAUW State College members already signed up to attend. As hosts of this year's retreat, we would love to increase that number even more. The retreat promises several interactive sessions, networking opportunities, and inspiration.

**Friday night:** a reception will run from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, and it includes hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

**Saturday:** registration starts at 9 am, and the program runs from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**REGISTER TODAY** – Registration costs for AAUW State College members are covered—so there is no cost for them to attend.

Registration includes the Friday night reception (cash bar) and lunch on Saturday. **Registrations are requested by May 31.** Please RSVP earlier if possible. **REGISTER Here:** [June 27-28 Retreat](#)

## IN OUR MAIL BOX

From Cindy Hall, AAUW Pennsylvania President  
and AAUW State College Member



Dear AAUW State College Board,

The years are really adding up—*your* 109<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Every year is both a challenge and a triumph. I want to thank the Board for your significant support for the state. Your gift of \$10,000 made a real impact and has helped us to support students and offer statewide opportunities.

In addition, AAUW State College provided books for our Gettysburg retreat and this year is helping us to offer a June retreat and reception in our backyard. Happy Anniversary to my AAUW State College friends. Congratulations for #109 years of making an impact!



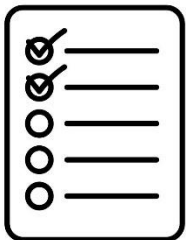
**Branch Community Outreach** - *The letters shared here are examples of the impact of Used Book Sale dollars. Whether being used to help AAUW Pennsylvania provide programming for branches throughout Pennsylvania, or to fund local Community Action Grants and STEM grants, or to supplement our branch-endowed scholarships, the dollars are well spent.*

## Excerpts from Thank You letters sent by Community Action Grantees

- **Centre Helps** – We are so deeply grateful for the grant, which will help make our new facility into a gathering place. We now have a large conference room and full-service kitchen with supplies for our programs. This allows us to offer free education services about cooking nutritious and budget-friendly meals.
- **Centre Volunteers in Medicine** – Your grant is instrumental in ensuring that uninsured individuals in our community have access to essential healthcare services.
- **Interfaith Human Services** – Thank you for your grant to our Emergency Financial Services/Vehicle Repair Program. It impacts the lives of individuals and families who must rely on a vehicle to get to their place of employment.
- **Mid-State Literacy Council** – We appreciate your investment in our community supporting literacy. The scholarships for low-income women will equip them to obtain and advance in employment, access healthcare, and pursue higher education.
- **Youth Service Bureau** – Thank you for your generous support of our Stormbreak girls' home. With your help, we are able to continue helping youth who need it most.

*MARK YOUR CALENDAR*

## Ad Hoc Strategic Plan Implementation Task Force recommendations session planned for June 2 – all-member meeting



Plan to join AAUW State College **Monday, June 2, 11:30 am–1:30 pm** for a wrap-up on the recommendations of the Strategic Plan Implementation Task Force. It will be a hybrid gathering - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor College Township meeting room and via Zoom, [bit.ly/AAUWSCBoardMtg](https://bit.ly/AAUWSCBoardMtg). Bring a lunch and plan to listen and engage! All board members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## AAUW State College-sponsored Info Booth at Arts Fest July 9-13



**Jackie Esposito**, branch liaison to the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts, reports that the branch will again staff the Arts Fest Information Booth on Allen Street over the five days of the festival. She will share a volunteer sign-up sheet by early June. Make a note on your calendar.

## AAUW State College-sponsored Penn State Forum speaker scheduled for Monday, October 13 – *save the date!*



**Caroline Fitzgerald** has been selected as the AAUW State College-sponsored Penn State Forum speaker. The Penn State Forum lunch is scheduled for **October 13 at the Penn Stater, Deans Hall**. Caroline is the Founder and CEO of GOALS—a consultancy and media platform dedicated to growing

women's sports. She has dedicated her career to empowering individuals through innovative approaches to personal and professional development.

***Ticket information will be provided by July 1. For now, mark your calendar!***

## BRANCH BEHIND-THE-SCENES

### Monthly board meetings open to membership



Branch board meetings are open to *all members* and are a great way to learn about what is going on and to offer your input. To catch up on branch business, review the [April meeting minutes](#).

There is no May board meeting. The next board meeting (hybrid) will take place **Monday, June 9, 11:30 am–1:00 pm**. In-person, it will be in the College Township Council Room (second floor) and remotely, it will be held via Zoom. **Meeting link:** [bit.ly/AAUWSCBoardMtg](https://bit.ly/AAUWSCBoardMtg).

### Branch Bulletin dates



The next *Branch Bulletin* will be issued **June 9** (a week later than the usual first Monday of the month).

The submission deadline for the June bulletin is **Monday, June 2**. Send items to editor [Connie Schroeder](#).