



NEWSLETTER - June 2025 (Volume 86, Issue 11)



Branch Calendar

June 5 - 5:30 pm

Book Discussion

Marcia Goltermann's

295 Prospect Avenue Elmhurst

The meeting will start with a salad supper and discussion to follow.

The Keeper of Stories by Sally Page.

Discussion leader: Sherall Carlson

No Meeting This Month

Board of Directors

President's Message

Dear AAUW Branch Members,

As we approach June and the start of summer, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our branch board members for their dedication and service as leaders within our Elmhurst Area AAUW Branch NFP. Their commitment and hard work are invaluable in supporting our mission. Without their help we would not have become a Five Star Branch.

Summer is a time of transition. For those of you whose terms are concluding in June, thank you for the countless volunteer hours you've dedicated over your tenure. I would especially like to recognize our board members who have served for many years and are not continuing in a board role this coming fiscal year – including Carolyn Heiney, Jennifer Jordan, Pat O'Dwyer, Suzanne Stock, Perry Doubt and Sarah Caltvedt.

As I leave the role of President after 2 terms, I also would like to recognize our newly elected and current board members: Renee Oshinski (President), Susan Boyd and MaryNic Foster (Program Co-Vice Presidents), Linda Fischer and Jen Fetty (Membership Co-Vice Presidents), Krista Friedman (Recording Secretary), Bev Maguire (Director of Finance), Moira Murray (Director of By Laws and Policies), Jo Mulvihill (Director of AAUW Funds), Denise Dean (Director of Public Policy), and Moira Murray (Director of Nominating Committee), Susan Pingitore and Andrea Hutchinson (Co-Directors of Publicity/Communications), Sally Schuster (Editor Directory), Kasia Byrne (Editor Branch Website), Kathy Patti (Editor Newsletter), Elaine

Davison, Carol Rounds, Darlene Van Meir (Chairs – Book Discussion), Elizabeth Laliberte (Chair – Half the Sky) and Renee Oshinski and Jennifer Jordan (Chairs – Fundraisers 2024-2025.)

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming book sort and Used Book Sale! .

Moira Murray
President
AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP

FINANCIAL REPORT

April 30, 2025

Jennifer Jordan, Director of Finance

	April 30, 2025
Bank Accounts	
Checking accounts - US Bank	
Fundraiser Fund	17,386.73
General Fund	<u>5,238.22</u>
Total Checking	22,624.95
CDs at US Bank	
CD Fundraiser Account	5,083.92
Total CD at US Bank	5,083.92
Grand Total	27,708.87
 Totals by Fund	
Fundraiser Fund	17,386.73
General Fund	<u>10,322.14</u>
Grand Total	27,708.87

Membership

The renewal date for membership for most of our members is June 30. You will begin to receive reminder notices by email soon.

TO RENEW ONLINE: [My.aauw.org](https://my.aauw.org) Log into your Personal Snapshot. Click on My Memberships at Left. Click the Red RENEW button at the bottom and follow the prompts. If you need help, email connect@aauw.org or call 202-785-7782 weekdays 10 am – 5 pm ET.

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OR

Send check payable to "AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP" to PO Box 243, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

The dues this year will increase by \$2.00. Dues will now be \$103.00.

Linda Fischer

PROGRAMS

Seeking your ideas!

The programming committee is looking for suggestions/leads to help us plan programming for next year.

We would love your input whether it be a person, place, or thing that aligns with the AAUW vision.

Please submit your ideas by the end of May to either Susan Boyd: boyd.susan.ml@gmail.com or MaryNic Foster: Mfoster83@att.net.

BOOK DISCUSSION

AAUW Book Discussion will meet June 5 at 5:30 at Marcia Goltermann's home at 295 Prospect Avenue.

The meeting will start with a salad supper and then we will discuss *The Keeper of Stories* by Sally Page. The discussion will be led by Sherall Carson.

Carol Rounds

Elmhurst Area AAUW Used Book Sale

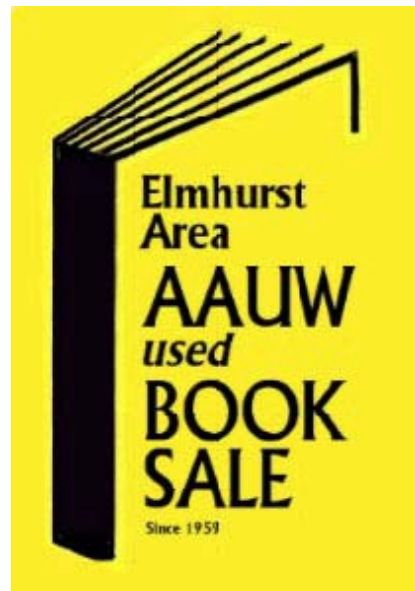
Sale Dates: June 26-29, 2025

Our Elmhurst Area Branch will have a used book sale again this summer at Sandburg Middle School!

As always, we need our members to help with sorting. We will begin setting up and sorting on Monday, June 9, and continue thru Wednesday, June 25. As in years past, we will sort from 9-noon Mondays through Saturdays.

Collection bins will be at the Elmhurst Public Library, Courts Plus, and outside Sandburg. If you have friends asking where and when they can drop off books, please encourage them to bring them to Sandburg between 9 and noon after June 9. We can assist them with unloading their books.

If you have any questions about the sale, please contact one of the co-chairs: Jennifer Jordan (630-328-3857, jennifer@jordan-dmm.com) or Renee Oshinski (630-842-0513, reneeoshinski@gmail.com).



Memorial Day Parade Update

Our branch will be walking in the Memorial Day Parade this year, in order to advertise the book sale and alert community members that we'll begin collecting books on June 9.

Break out your red, white, and blue clothing and accessories and meet us at our line up spot on Monday, May 26 between 9:00-9:15 am. We're entry #37 and will line up on 3rd St. just west of Illinois St. (right by Immanuel Lutheran Church/School).

Currently the forecast calls for a chance of rain. If we determine that the weather will be too unpleasant to walk in, we'll email everyone who has indicated that they're planning to march with us (on the morning of the parade by 8 am).

If you'd like to be added to the email list or for other questions, please contact Jennifer Jordan (630-328-3857, jennifer@jordan-dmm.com) or Renee Oshinski (630-842-0513, reneeoshinski@gmail.com)

Delightful Spring Luncheon

Tearful eyes as we listened to our scholarship winners share their stories that helped them to rise to the top of all the applicants, giggles as we learned the real reason why newly announced 50-year member Tsue Ostermann explain why she really joined AAUW, and thunderous applause for President Elect Renee Oshinski as Jennifer Jordan shared with our members why Renee was chosen as our 2024 National AAUW Branch Donation Honoree. Talk about feel good moments, and they didn't stop there.

There were new members to get to know, delicious salads to savor, and oh so much conversation. It was also a time to honor board members who are passing the torch to new members, and especially a time to thank Moira Murray for all that she has contributed to our Elmhurst Area Branch for two terms. (She liked the job!) She was tireless in organizing and keeping the branch as a top nationally ranked five-star branch. Moira spent hours reading and sending emails, participating in state and national zoom meetings, and listening to many podcasts. Best of all she shared what she learned with the board and branch members. Moira represented the branch not only with hard work, but also with grace and dignity. For that we are most grateful.

Could we say, a good time was had by all? Definitely! Let's keep those positive vibes coming when we gather again in September.

Carolyn Heiney



Phase Three Brewing Fundraiser a Success

Thank you to branch members who participated in Trivia night and visited Phase Three Brewing during the month of March, when our branch was their charity of the month. We received a donation from the brewery for \$169.02!

Scholarship Winners

The AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP awarded three \$4,500 scholarships at its annual spring luncheon on Saturday, May 3, at the River Forest Country Club.

This year's recipients are Rebecca Morales, an English as a Second Language teacher at York High School; Angelica Castro Frias, a student at North Park University; and, Alma Funes, a student at College of DuPage. The three were chosen from a field of 21 candidates who are continuing their education or returning to school.

Morales, a global education advocate with more than 20 years experience teaching English in the United States, United Kingdom, and Mexico, is pursuing her Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction at Northern Illinois University. She is a teacher trainer and author who has worked with Fulbright students, directed school international clubs, led an exchange program in Costa Rica, and hosted exchange students and teachers. She has provided professional development workshops to District 205 faculty.

Castro Frias began her college career at College of DuPage in 2022 and her university studies in January. She is working towards a Bachelor's degree in Business. She has helped to finance her education by starting a home bakery business. In addition, she has used her ability to speak Spanish to help community members with tax preparation. Upon completion of her degree she wants to start her own business.

Funes is pursuing her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. She works as a Certified Nurse Assistant to pay for her college education. Since Funes is bilingual she hopes to help people and advocate for her non English speaking patients as they navigate the health care system.



Moirra Murray, Rebecca Morales, Angelica Castro Frias, and Jo Mulvihill



Jo Mulvihill and Alma Funes

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