



## NEWSLETTER - January 2026 (Volume 87, Issue 6)



### Branch Calendar

#### **January 7 - 7:00 pm**

Annual All Branch Read  
*Careless People: A Cautionary Tale of Power, Greed, and Lost Idealism*  
by Sarah Wynn-Williams  
*Elmhurst Public Library Kossman Room*

#### **January 12 - 10:30 am**

Coffee Hour  
*Brewpoint Coffee*  
617 N York Road Elmhurst IL

#### **January 22 - 1:00 pm**

Book Discussion  
*The Roaring Days of Zora Lily* by Noelle Salazar  
Discussion Leader Elaine Davison  
*Elmhurst Public Library Gathering Room*

#### **January 27 - 7:00 pm**

Half the Sky  
*Elmhurst Public Library Gathering Room*

#### **January 28 - 7:00 pm**

Board of Directors  
*Elmhurst Public Library Gathering Room*

### Next Meeting - Annual All Branch Read

**Wednesday January 7, 2026 7pm**

*Elmhurst Public Library Kossman Room*

This year's all-branch book discussion title is *Careless People: A Cautionary Tale of Power, Greed and Lost Idealism* by Sarah Wynn-Williams. The book features an exposé of Facebook, Sheryl Sandburg, Mark Zuckerberg and the conflicting demands on women in the corporate world. You may question some of the author's actions and decisions to stay with Facebook as long as she did, but it should make for a robust discussion led by Sarah Caltvedt.

## President's Message

Just a quick note during this busy holiday season to talk about upcoming AAUW activities!

We had a wonderful party at the fabulous home of Marcia Goltermann! Delicious food, a beautiful, art-filled environment, and sharing stories with our members. We toasted to a second year of a 5-Star Award and got excited about the year to come!

Hopefully everyone is reading *Careless People: A Cautionary Tale of Power, Greed and Lost Idealism* for our January meeting. More than a few people commented on getting drawn into the book early with an exciting account near the beginning of the book. Not going to do a reveal in the newsletter, you'll have to read the book!

After talking to a number of members, as well as some individuals from the Naperville Branch, and Melissa at Brewpoint Coffee, we are going to try a coffee hour for AAUW members on Monday, January 12! No agenda, just an opportunity to meet up with other members who are free and simply get to know each other better. We'll start at 10:30am at the Brewpoint Coffee in North Elmhurst (617 N. York St.) Feel free to join us! We can talk about whether we want to do this every month or every other month. Really looking forward to your feedback.

Just a reminder that we now have a donation page on our website. As you are looking at your end of year donations, you can use this page to donate to our branch or to AAUW national. With fewer book donations, we are looking at ways to increase our revenues to maintain a meaningful scholarship program.

As we close out the year, I am grateful to have found this wonderful group of strong women who are working to make an impact in the lives of women around us. I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday season.

**Renee Oshinski**  
**President**  
**AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

November 30, 2025

Beverly Maguire, Director of Finance

November 30, 2025

### Bank Accounts

Checking accounts - US Bank	
Fundraiser Fund	9,954.63
General Fund	<u>5,001.35</u>
Total Checking	14,955.98
CDs at US Bank	
CD Fundraiser Account	9,320.73
CD General Account	5,202.34
Total CD at US Bank	<u>14,523.07</u>
<i>Grand Total</i>	29,479.05

### Totals by Fund

Fundraiser Fund	19,275.36
General Fund	<u>10,203.69</u>
<i>Grand Total</i>	29,479.05

## Half the Sky

Our January 27th meeting will feature Deb Markello, who will introduce us to the Dominican Literacy Center in Aurora. Deb and a few members will share immigrant stories from *We Are Eagles* by Anna Marie Kukec Tomczyk .

We hope to meet at the Elmhurst Public Library at 7pm but winter weather may dictate a Zoom meeting. We will send a note to the regular members if there is a Zoom meeting for everyone.

If you have questions, please email [bettylaliberte2007@gmail.com](mailto:bettylaliberte2007@gmail.com)

**Betty Laliberte**  
**Half the Sky Chair**

## Funds Committee

### Scholarship Applications Being Accepted

Applications are now being accepted for three \$3,500 continuing education scholarships for 2026. The Chapter's Scholarship program is the culmination of all of the hard work our AAUW members put into last year's annual Book Sale. The appreciation for the scholarships expressed by last year's recipients at the Spring luncheon was truly an inspiration.

The Funds Committee met in early December to plan strategies for the 2026 advertising campaign. Like last year, there will be a multi-pronged approach with press releases, community calendar announcements, Facebook posts, distribution of flyers, and the Chapter's website.

Qualifications and application information are on our website. A flyer is available at the end of this newsletter. Please help spread the word to all of your community contacts.

**Josephine Mulvihill**  
Director of AAUW Funds

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## Holiday Christmas Party at Marcia Goltermann's Home





## 2026 Scholarship Flyer

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**AAUW**

**Returning Student Scholarships**

**\$3,500**

The AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch is offering three (3) grants of \$3,500 each to local women who need financial assistance to continue their education at the undergraduate or graduate level.

Eligibility includes:

- Resident of Elmhurst, Addison, Bensenville, Berkeley, Northlake, Oak Brook, Oakbrook Terrace, or Villa Park
- Age 23 or older
- Completion of at least 12 credit hours at an accredited community or undergraduate college/university
- Full or part time enrollment

For an application or more information, go to <https://elmhurstarea-il.aauw.net/scholarship/apply/> or call 630-207-4851.

Application Deadline is April 3, 2026 at 5pm cst



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