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From the President

AAUW Chicago, Inc Branch, the oldest in Illinois, celebrated its 135th Anniversary!! Many Board Members attended their luncheon and celebrated with them. AAUW National was established in 1881. Sometimes I am in awe when I ponder the accomplishments of women in the last 135 years. Yes, we have 'come a long way baby'! BUT the more we accomplish, the more there is to do to keep the ball rolling.

AAUW has a history of speaking out and standing up for the rights of women. The 2025 Strategic Plan defines its mission to support women in higher education. Economic empowerment is essential to gender equity. National provides millions of dollars in scholarships to women over the globe and provides tools for them to make a difference. Many Branches provide local scholarships to women. This has been and will always be the main focus of AAUW.

The Strategic Plan acknowledges that scholarship money alone will not help to overcome the barriers women face. AAUW is committed to speaking out against the underlying barriers that exist, especially in our society. This includes issues such as equal pay, open career choices, access to dependent care, paid Family and Medical Leave, and access to reproductive health care services. AAUW strives to support the dignity of all women.

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Attention Incoming Branch Presidents, Administrators and Program VPs!

You are invited to join the AAUW-IL Branch Leaders google group to share ideas, find solutions and get information from leaders across the state. Please email Sue Topp with the following information: Name, Branch, Role, Email.

If you receive emails with "[AAUW-IL Branch Leaders]" in the subject line, you're already in!

Thank you!

Sue Topp, AAUW-IL Branch Liaison
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Public Policy

The issue of priority right now for AAUW members and all people of conscience is the budget reconciliation process taking place currently at the federal level. AAUW has signed on to a letter to Congress letting them know that defunding Planned Parenthood will endanger the health of women all over the US. By making deep cuts to Medicaid, Congress is targeting Planned Parenthood and the low income women who depend on PP for many healthcare services. Even though Medicaid does not routinely cover abortion services, Planned Parenthood offers many other services that are vital to women's health and are covered by Medicaid. Please reach out to your legislators and let them know that you do not approve of cuts to Medicaid. Healthcare is not an entitlement. It is a human right.

Karen Kortsch (she/her/they)
Ken Olson
Co-Chairs, Public Policy

Branch News

AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch will host its 2025 Annual Used Book Sale on June 19 - 21 at Park View Elementary School, 250 S. Park Boulevard, Glen Ellyn. Over 12,000 books are locally donated and are timely and in great condition. Admission is free and there is no presale. The sale features Fiction, Non-Fiction, Young Adult, and Children's books. This year board games and puzzles will also be sold.

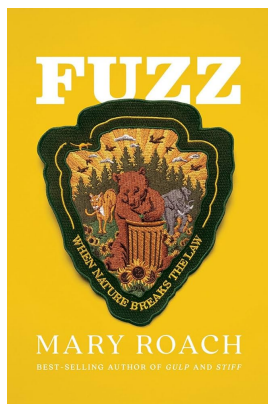
TH June 19 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

FR June 20 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

ST June 21 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday is \$10/Bag

Book sale proceeds primarily go to fund college scholarships for local high school girls.



Book Discussion on Zoom, Tuesday, June 24th, 4 pm - 5.30 pm

The **Northwest Suburban Branch** and the **Jane Addams Branch** invite you to discuss **Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law** by Mary Roach.

What's to be done about a jaywalking moose? A bear caught breaking and entering? A murderous tree? Three hundred years ago, animals that broke the law would be assigned legal representation and put on trial. These days, as "America's funniest science writer," Mary Roach discovers, the answers are best found not in jurisprudence but in science.

[Please register to attend.](#)

Could you come up with suggestions for further books to read? We will choose and decide whether to meet in the summer.

Guests are welcome!

Questions? aauwjaneaddams@gmail.com

A hands-on workshop to earn your Communications Star.

Thursday, June 26, 7 pm.

We will review the AAUW Five-Star Communications requirements and demonstrate how to post on social media easily.

Participants are encouraged to use their laptops, netbooks, or smartphones to follow along.

[Please register in advance:](#)

Presenters are Elaine Fisher and Kate Skegg from the Jane Addams Branch.

Questions? aauwjaneaddams@gmail.com

The annual **AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP** Used Book Sale will be held at Sandburg Middle School, 345 E. St. Charles Rd - Elmhurst, IL.

Thursday, June 26th 6pm-9pm (Preview Sale) \$20 Entrance Fee pp (Children under 12 not permitted)

Friday, June 27th 9:00 am - 7:00pm Free Admission

Saturday, June 28th 9:00am - 2:00pm Free Admission

Sunday, June 29th 12:00pm - 3:00pm \$10 Bag Sale - Free Admission

Thousands of gently used books, children's books, CDs, records and audiobooks. Cash and Checks are preferred for all sales.

If your branch has a program or recognition or an idea you'd like to share, please [email Jennifer Urish](#) by the 14th of each month.

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