

Branch Fundraisers

Since the Branch's founding in 1956 and its first Book Sale in 1961, the Branch's fundraising focus has been to support education and advancement for women. We annually award *Higher Education Incentive Awards* to four local high school students who will continue their education at the College of DuPage. We also support national AAUW's projects to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Our annual fundraisers provide financial support for our local scholarships and national AAUW projects.

Fall Walk



Our 2024 Fall Walk Fundraiser is planned for September or October. This is typically a two-mile walk at a local Forest Preserve.

Used Book Sale



Our 2024 Used Book Sale is planned for **June 20, 21 and 22** at Westfield Elementary School, 2S125 Mayfield Lane, Glen Ellyn.

Book Sale 2024

May 1 – Book Donation Drop-Off Sites Open
*Health Track Sports Wellness, Glen Ellyn
Wheaton Sport Center, Wheaton
Sunset Knoll Recreation Center, Lombard
(and several other sites)*

June 20, 21 and 22 – Book Sale
Westfield Elementary School, Glen Ellyn
*June 20, 8 AM to 8 PM
June 21, 9 AM to 5 PM
June 22, 9 AM to 2 PM*

More details at:
wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net/Welcome/Books



AAUW Value Promise

By joining AAUW, you belong to a national community that breaks through educational and economic barriers for all women. Locally, our Branch offers lifelong learning, service to the community, personal growth, and friendship.

Mission

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Values

Nonpartisan.
Fact-based.
Principled.
Inclusive and Intersectional.

AAUW: Breaking through barriers for women and girls since 1881.

*Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch:
Celebrating over 65 years of
empowering women and girls!*

Interest Groups

To attend an **Interest Group** meeting as a guest, call either of our Membership Vice Presidents:
*Sarah Allen at (630) 988-8231, or
Sue Hagerty at (630) 210-2953*

Book Discussion Groups



Four book groups meet year-round. For reading lists, visit: wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net/ and click on "Book Groups".

Film Group



"Film Night Out" is a monthly gathering of film fans. The gatherings include AAUW members, spouses and friends who enjoy viewing and discussing the latest movies.

Spice Routes



Several times a year, members research and dine on authentic cuisines of the Silk Road, the Spice Routes, and beyond.

Cultural Arts



Members participate in a variety of group outings to theater, fine arts venues, museums, restaurants and more throughout Chicagoland.

Public Policy



AAUW is non-partisan but takes a stand on crucial public policy issues affecting women. Members are alerted via Branch emails and social media to participate in advocacy actions. We get involved!

Study Groups

AIR Study Group

Our AIR (Aging: Information and Resources) Study Group is developing information and resources that will be helpful to members as they age or as they care for others who are aging.

Great Decisions Discussion Groups

The Foreign Policy Association (www.fpa.org) annually publishes the **Great Decisions Briefing Book** for those interested in discussing world affairs. Branch members read the Briefing Book topics and meet in small discussion groups. Spring 2024 topics include: *Science Across Borders* (March) and *U.S.-China Trade Rivalry* (April).

Programs

Branch Meetings

The Branch generally meets at 6:45 PM on the first Wednesday of each month from September through April. Each meeting offers speakers on relevant topics. Zoom options are available for most meetings. Visit the Branch website and click on “Branch Meetings” to review this year’s programs. The 2024-25 programs will be announced in September 2024.

Plans are underway to host a speaker at the September 2024 meeting who has received an AAUW Fellowship or Grant. If the speaker is a Fellowship recipient, she will discuss her field of study. A Grant recipient will discuss the project or projects undertaken with her AAUW Grant money.

All meetings are open to visitors. Contact our Membership Vice Presidents for more information.

Educational Activities

Science Girls on the Go™



This initiative is designed to encourage the pursuit of studies in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. It provides parents with easy access to **At-home Science-based Projects**, which are available in three neighborhood locations. These kiosks, modeled on “little libraries”, each have a supply of free science projects. They include detailed instructions and all needed materials. Kiosk locations can be found on the Branch website (click the “STEM” link). In addition, Branch members are leading a series of **STEM Outreach Workshops** at the Glen Ellyn Public Library. These after school programs provide students with hands-on scientific experiences.

Membership

Membership is open to anyone with an associate, bachelor’s degree or higher from an accredited university or college. In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. Dues are \$101 per year, of which \$88 is tax deductible.

By joining the **AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP**, you also join a national organization of more than 170,000 members and supporters across the United States, as well as hundreds of local branches and more than 800 college and university members. **AAUW (the American Association of University Women)** uses its influential network to disseminate information, raise awareness and effect change on women’s issues.

For further information and to join, contact either of our Vice Presidents, Membership:

Sarah Allen: (630) 988-8231

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Visit the Branch website to learn more about AAUW and print a membership application: wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net/join/



Join AAUW



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