

News from the Northwest

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President's letter

I hope you have recovered from the disappointing Presidential election and are focused on planning your Thanksgiving gatherings with friends and family. The holiday lights are already appearing as we look forward to December. Wishing you a peaceful and joyful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year. Rest up and prepare for a challenging new administration in January that does not value public education, women's rights nor social justice.

Upcoming Programs:

Sharing Women Who Inspired You Our Dec. 18th AAUW branch program at 7 pm will be a casual, social get together. You are invited to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Link to Join the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82086212681?pwd=KwxPnubUW6HVFOs4AEjCl4LD2N4NSX.1>

Meeting ID: 820 8621 2681 Passcode: 192447

At this meeting we, the members, will share and get to know our branch members and the women they admire. Prepare to share details about a woman who has inspired you in your life. We recognize that our mothers are key to shaping our worldview, but also consider thinking beyond your family to see if another woman has inspired and motivated you. One favorite of many women (including your branch president) is Eleanor Roosevelt. We can't wait to hear who inspired you!

SAVE THE DATE: January 22, 7 pm Travel Experience as a Solo Woman

Worried about traveling safely as solo woman traveler? Get advice from experienced travelers. More details to come in January.

Nov. Program Summary:

On Nov. 9, the Chicago AAUW branch invited us to join them to hear from two recipients of **AAUW Fellowships and Grants**. It was very interesting to hear about the impact of AAUW on their lives. If you missed it, the program was recorded and is posted to the Jane Addams branch web site.

<https://janeaddams-il.aauw.net/>

Branch Book Discussions: Dec. 3., 4 pm - *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Advance registration is required so we know who plans to attend. Registration link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpd0qrpzMjE9M9H6MCAJ-n1LqyQ17Vu1uu>

There will be a separate recurring link for the following book discussions in 2025 (Jan -June) after the Dec 3rd meeting. Registration will be required separately for each meeting.

Plan ahead to read our future books for discussion. Here is the schedule of book discussion dates and selections for the balance of our fiscal year. We have a mix of fiction and non-fiction. The name in parenthesis is the book's sponsor, who is expected to lead the discussion.

December 3: *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride (Karen Heckmann)

January 28: *Circe* by Madelyn Miller (Suzie Garfield)

February 25: *Signal Fires* by Dani Shapiro (Gwen LaCosse)

March 25: *The Wind Knows My Name* by Isabel Allende (Karen Heckmann)

April 22: *A Well Trained Wife: My Escape from Christian Patriarchy* by Tia Levings (Elaine Fisher)

May 27: *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner (Diane Forsythe)

June 24: *Fuzz* by Mary Roach(Gwen LaCosse)

You will receive an invitation from Kate Skegg to register for the events.

Membership Recruitment



Remember, we need to invite possible new members to join us by asking them to attend programs or our book discussions. Let's grow the branch!