



American Association of University Women

BATH BRANCH

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October 31, 2023 **HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

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Board Members will provide food and beverages for our Sunday luncheon, including several delicious soups and salads!



Next Meeting:
 November 5, 2023 at 1:00pm
 Finger Lakes Boating Museum
 Sunday Luncheon



8231 Pleasant Valley Rd
 Hammondsport, NY 14840

"Girls on the Run"
 by Laurie Mault
 Steuben Rural Health
 Network Coordinator,
 Girls on the Run Southern Tier



Girls on the Run reaches girls at a critical stage, strengthening their confidence at a time when society begins to tell them they can't. Underscoring the important connection between physical and emotional health, our program addresses the whole girl when she needs it the most.

<https://www.girlsontherun.org/>

Women in the News:

- California Governor Gavin Newsom appointed Laphonza Butler to fill the United States Senate seat vacated by the death of Dianne Feinstein. She will be the first openly LGBTQ person to represent California in the Senate.
- On October 24, 2023, women across Iceland went on strike to push for an end to unequal pay and gender-based violence.

President's Message

From the desk of Suzanne Curran.

Greetings Bath Branch Members!

AAUW is a group of primarily women who work together to achieve goals. Collaborative and creative are two words I would use to describe our Bath Branch. If you have just joined us, please consider using your skills and talents to further our mission of “advancing equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.” Feel free to reach out to myself or any of our board members. We work well together and welcome your input.

The 23-24 directory of members and programs is now available. You can pick yours up at the November annual Sunday luncheon meeting. Our November meeting is always a special one, for me. It’s a perfect example of how our Bath Branch strives to offer a nice blend of social and inspiring events.

Advocacy may mean reading the emails received from AAUW National and AAUW-NYS. You will find many opportunities to attend a webinar or reach out to Congressional leaders or Senators or NYS representatives to express an opinion. Michele will demonstrate how easy it is to become a “Two Minute Activist” at the November meeting.

DID YOU KNOW there are many benefits to take advantage of now that you are a member of AAUW? Find information here about various perks: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/why-join/discounts-and-perks/>. I realized this year, when I renewed, that I can receive free subscription to Ms Magazine—now celebrating 50 years of publication. Take time to explore the AAUW website. Lots to read, explore and ponder.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Brought to you by: DEI Co-Chairs Linda Haley and Sally Jacoby Murphy

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE | NOVEMBER 16



Strengthening mutual understanding among cultures and peoples

ARTWORK: FROUZIA MINALLAH

SHOWCASE

November 16, 2023 is International Day for Tolerance. The International Day for Tolerance is an annual observance day declared by UNESCO in 1995 to generate public awareness of the dangers of intolerance.

In 1996, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 51/95 proclaiming 16 November as International Day for Tolerance.

The Declaration affirms that tolerance is neither indulgence nor indifference. It is respect and appreciation of the rich variety of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human. Tolerance recognizes the universal human rights and fundamental freedoms of others. People are naturally diverse; only tolerance can ensure the survival of mixed communities in every region of the globe.

From <https://www.unesco.org/en/days/tolerance>

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE & PEACE

- United Nation and its member states observe International Day for peace and tolerance on the 16th of November every year.
- International Day for peace and tolerance was first celebrated in the year 1966 by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
- The awardees are people who have achieved a significant milestone in the area of art, culture, science, technology and media.

For more information on the International Day for Tolerance visit:

<https://www.unesco.org/en/days/tolerance>.

Resolution 51/95 is available at: <https://undocs.org/A/RES/51/95>.

November is Military Family Month and November 11th is Veterans' Day

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Research and Development is committed to leveraging and fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion to deliver outstanding public services to our nation's Veterans, and to their families and beneficiaries. Their DEI Work Group serves as a forum for identifying, addressing, implementing, and evaluating policies and practices that support a diverse, inclusive, and equitable: workforce, workplace, and research framework. The DEI Work Group provides independent recommendations to the Office of Research and Development leadership on initiatives related to:

- Developing a diverse scientific workforce through training and funding opportunities.
- Stimulating research focused on minority health and reducing health disparities.
- Promoting a culture of inclusion in ORD workplace that will enhance the quality of our work and increase its relevance to the Veterans, the VA scientific research and the clinical communities we serve.
- Promoting equity in scientific activities including the management of scientific review stakeholders so that they are an accurate reflection of the VA communities that we serve.



For more information visit:

<https://www.research.va.gov/programs/dei/default.cfm>

Happy
Holidays

SAVE THE DATES



When: Tuesday December 5 at 5:30pm

What: Our Annual Holiday Party!

**Where: St. James Episcopal Church, Corner of Lake & Main
Streets, Hammondsport, 14840**

Details to follow, but our Holiday Party will be catered!

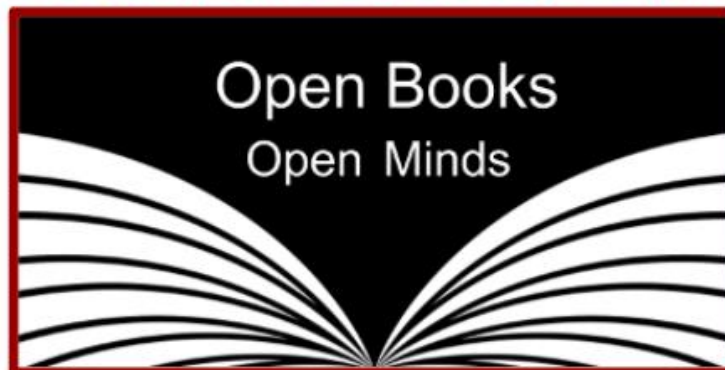
When: Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 10am to 4pm

**What: NYS-AAUW Late Fall Regional Meeting: Open Books Open
Minds, a public panel on book banning**

**Where: Tompkins County Public Library (TCPL), The Hotel Ithaca,
and Cornell Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Ithaca.**

Program Schedule on next page

A Public Panel on Book Banning



Program Schedule

10:00am. Social Time

Via's Cookies (viacookies.com) baked by Via Carpenter, Ithaca Branch Member, and beverages at Tompkins County Public Library Borg-Warner Meeting Room, 101 East Green Street, Ithaca.

10:15am. To 12:00pm. Open Books - Open Minds

Public Panel Discussion on the National Dialogue and Issues Facing Our Communities with Books being banned by School Boards and Libraries.

The panel will feature a moderator, Susan Annah Currie, and three panelists: Moira Lang, Mary-Carol Lindbloom, and Leslie Tabor

sharing their knowledge, expertise and experiences on the book banning issue. A timekeeper, Kathy Earnest-Koons, will assist the panelists in keeping the panel discussions moving along.



12:00pm. To 2:00pm. AAUW Themed Legislative and Social Time Luncheon

held at the Hotel Ithaca Ithaca/Cayuga Ballroom (the hotel Ithaca.com),
222 South Cayuga Street, Ithaca

The luncheon will be open to all AAUW Members and their guests.

**Pre-registration is required
by Saturday, December 2, 2023.**

The luncheon will feature several talks regarding current legislative issues facing women in NYS, along with AAUW-related talks.

The luncheon will have the hotel's "Downtown Buffet" which will feature a wide variety of food and beverages.

Attendees wishing to make donations to AAUW Funds (aauw.org/donation-product-detail) and/or the Ithaca Branch of AAUW Local Scholarship ([Tompkins Cortland.edu/foundation/our-scholarships](http://Tompkins.Cortland.edu/foundation/our-scholarships)) for a Non-Traditional Female Student Attending Tompkins-Cortland Community College Donations will be collected during the luncheon for submission to both AAUW and the Tompkins-Cortland Community College Foundation prior to the end of 2023. For AAUW Funds Donations, please indicate the AAUW Fund(s) (9110-Greatest Needs Fund, 4450-Education and Training Fund, 4449-Economic Security Fund, 4452-Leadership Fund, etc.) that you would like your donation applied to on your check or money order.

During the luncheon, the Ithaca Branch Members will be collecting food items for the Loaves and Fishes of Tompkins County. Please feel free to bring donated items to the luncheon. A list of suggested food items can be found at loaves.org/make-a-gift/food-donations.

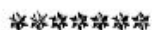


Hotel Accommodations and Visiting Ithaca Information

2:00pm. To 4:00pm. Cornell Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art Tour

(museum.cornell.edu)– Guided and Self-Guided Tour of Exhibits,
Cornell University Campus, 114 Central Ave, Ithaca

We will have the unique opportunity to decide if you would like a guided or self-guided tour of the museum collection. The guided tours will be directed by museum staff and will include visiting two current special collections. Please indicate on your registration form your preference for guided or self-guided exploration of the museum's collections.



The Hotel Ithaca located at 222 South Cayuga Street, Ithaca, NY
For Overnight Lodging Reservations: Phone #(607)272-1000 or thehotellithaca.com/Ithaca-ny-hotel-questrooms.

Registration Form

Program Registration Fee: \$40.00 Per Person

Checks or Money Orders Made-out To "Ithaca Branch of AAUW"

Deadline to Register is Saturday, December 2, 2023

Please mail completed Registration Form and Payment to:
Kim Edgar, 1233 Salt Springs Rd, Chittenango, NY 13037
KimberlySEdgar@gmail.com, #(603)448-3708-Cell

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AAUW AFFILIATION (OPTIONAL) FOR NAME BADGE	
CORNELL JOHNSON MUSEUM VISIT – GUIDED OR SELF- GUIDED	
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SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND/OR OTHER INFORMATION	

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER THANK YOU

Mary White received the following thank you note from our scholarship recipient, Chelsea Stewart:

AAUW,

Thank you so much for choosing me to receive the scholarship. The women in this group are such amazing, fun-loving people. I am so proud to have been chosen to receive this scholarship. Thank you so, so much!

<3 Chelsea