

# THE READING BRANCH LINES

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Reading, PA

## AAUW Reading Branch -101 Years 1923-2024

### Reading Branch General Meeting



**Saturday, September 28, 2024**

**Wyomissing Public Library**

**9 Reading Boulevard**

**Wyomissing, PA 19610**

**11:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Luncheon Meeting**

Welcome to our first general meeting for the year. This luncheon meeting will have a Fashion and Vintage Clothing Show presented by Gabby Evans. Sandwiches and beverages will be provided. Members may bring a side dish to share. Please come and join us. RSVP to Virginia Schulze-Johnson by September 20th if you plan to attend so that we may plan accordingly.



**Berks Book Bonanza**

## 2024 SALE

75,000+ Used books, Audiobooks, DVDs, CDs, Collectibles, Children's, Puzzles, Games, Vinyl Records, Sheet Music & Much More!

<b>20</b> SEPT	<b>Friday 10:00am – 7:00pm</b> <i>FREE ADMISSION</i>
<b>21</b> SEPT	<b>Saturday 10:00am – 7:00pm</b> <i>FREE ADMISSION</i>
<b>22</b> SEPT	<b>Sunday 10:00am – 5:00pm</b> <i>FREE ADMISSION • \$5 BAG OF BOOKS SALE</i>

CASH OR CHECK ONLY

Check payments require ID  
No holding area • No carts allowed

**Berks County South Campus**  
400 E. Wyomissing Ave, Mohnton  
Entrance behind building at ramp

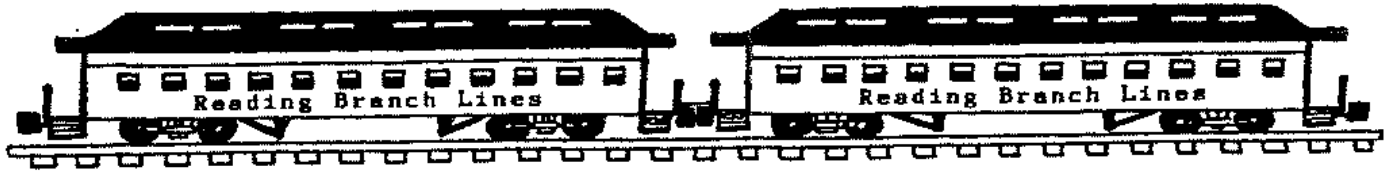


Want more information? 484-769-2179



ALL PROCEEDS benefit public libraries of Berks County & Reading Branch AAUW scholarships for women.  
Visit [www.berksbookbonanza.org](http://www.berksbookbonanza.org) or find us on Facebook!





If anyone has any suggestions for a new interest group please let our president or one of our board members know.

### September

Culinary Diversity – It was decided to combine this interest group with the Cultural Arts group and call the new group Cultural Diversity.

Cultural Diversity Monday, September 16, 1 PM  
Program Planning meeting  
Location- Ellie Hunt's House  
Contact: Ellie Hunt

Fine Arts – Wednesday, Sept. 25, 11:30 AM  
Lunch – Klinger's at Reading regional Airport  
Program – Viewing of recent Plein Aire works by local artists  
At the Berks History Center on Center Ave.  
Contact: Victoria Troutman  
Home Arts –Wed., Sept.11 , 12 Noon  
Lunch – Box lunch provided at Elaine Wynosky's home  
Contact Judy Druckenmiller

Literature – , Sept.30, 1:30 PM  
Program – Review of The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride  
Hostess – Ellie Hunt  
Reviewer – Suzanne Churgai  
Contact - Virginia Schulze-Johnson

### October

Cultural Diversity – Tuesday, October 22 at 2 PM  
Program – Reading of the play “The Savannah Sipping Society”  
Location Carol Toomey's House  
Contact – Ellie Hunt

Fine Arts – Wednesday, October 23 – 11:30 AM  
Lunch: B-2 Bistro  
Program – Visit Art Plus Gallery and then a self-guided Tour of current exhibits at Reading Public Museum  
Contact – Donna Weik

Home Arts – Wednesday, October 14  
An October meeting will be scheduled at the September meeting. For more information contact Judy after the September meeting.  
Contact: Judy Druckenmiller

Literature – Monday, October 28, 1:30 PM  
Program: Review of The Women by Kristin Hannah  
Reviewer: Janet Neel

Hostess: Karen Weiss  
Contact - Virginia Schulze-Johnson

**Condolences:** Unfortunately, we lost two of our long time active members this summer, Pat Hummel and Kate Hoh. Cards were sent, from the branch to family members at that time. Sincere sympathy to members who were friends of Pat and Kate. A memorial scholarship was created in memory of Pat who founded the original AAUW Reading Branch book sale before it became Book Bonanza.

**A memorial service for Kate Hoh will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, September 14 at Atonement Lutheran Church.**

### New Members:

Janice Bauer recently rejoined our branch this year. Welcome back Janice

## **Book Bonanza News**

### **From Judy Ellsworth**

WOW!! What a lot of progress you all made in August. The tremendous number of boxes that you sorted. . .the tables set up in the Community Room. . .the number of boxes that were UNPACKED onto the tables. . .the bookcases that were filled. . .the History section that is ready for the sale. . .and much more. How can we ever thank you volunteers enough? You are definitely special people and deserve a pat on the back.

You volunteers are THE BEST!! You have worked so hard this week that way more was accomplished than we predicted would happen - so you can rest on your laurels and get your strength up for the actual sale. Until the actual sale we are not going to have any set hours as we are basically all set up. Of course there is some general tidying up that needs to be done, we need to get the okay from the fire marshall, etc., but the Executive Committee will take care of all that.

For those of you who have volunteered to help out at the sale, Suzanne will be sending out general information and your work times about a week in advance of the sale

### **Pat Hummel Memorial Scholarship**

The Board would like to thank our members for their generosity in donating to the Pat Hummel Memorial Scholarship Fund. In consultation with Pat's family the scholarship will be awarded to a woman from Albright pursuing a higher degree in Literature or a related Liberal Arts field. We feel sure Pat would have approved. To date the fund stands at \$2775.00, a heart-warming tribute to Pat's many contributions to our branch over her decades of membership. She will be seriously missed.

### **June Vintage Jewelry Sale**

During our Vintage Jewelry Sale in June Karen Parish, Ann Wenrich, Ellie Hunt, Carol Toomey and Karen Weiss sold jewelry for our branch at the Oley fairgrounds. It was a 2 day sale and more than \$215 worth of jewelry was sold for our branch. Great Job! This jewelry is jewelry that has been donated to our branch from members and friends.



## AAUW READING BRANCH

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### *Diversity Statement*

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class. Membership is not by invitation.

### *Mission Statements*

**AAUW** advances equity for women and girls, through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

**AAUW Educational Foundation** provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

**AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund** provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

## **Branch Lines**

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## **ReadingFilmFest**

The Reading Film Office invites you to the 10th annual ReadingFilmFest on October 10-13 at the Reading IMax and Goggleworks Theatres, for the screening of over 63 independent films, followed by discussions (with many of the filmmakers). The Women's Block of films being shown at IMax on Saturday, Oct. 12, 12-2 pm looks particularly interesting along with many other film offerings. Tickets are \$10 per film Block, along with Day, Weekend, Student, All-Access, or VIP passes that are available at [readingfilmfest.com/passes-and-tickets/](http://readingfilmfest.com/passes-and-tickets/). We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Bus Trip**

Vicky Heffner sent this information to Carolyn Smith this week in case anyone is interested. Vicky is organizing a bus trip to see Suffs on Broadway. It is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2 PM Matinee Show. The bus cost will be \$80, and the tickets will cost somewhere between \$100 to \$200. Marcy (with Klein) is going to work on this and get back to me next weekend. If you could find out from your people how many can make that date work with a price of no more than \$300, I'd appreciate it. Also, where Klein drops off is within a 10-15 minute walk to the theatre, so we are close, but not right there (taxi if too far?). The \$300 only includes the bus transportation and theatre tickets, of course. Checks will have to be made out to me, probably within the next 2-3 weeks, to reserve our spots. If you have questions, please email me. I need a minimum of 10 to get group pricing. I don't care who you invite, I want as many people to see this show as possible. Vicky Heffner, Education Curator [education@berkshistory.org](mailto:education@berkshistory.org) If you are interested in going contact Vicky.

## **Redner's Tapes**

Ellie Hunt is still collecting cash register tapes from Redner's Market. This is another fundraiser to support our branch projects. If you shop at Redner's, please save your tapes and send or give them to Ellie. Please note the following requirements when handing in Redner's TAPES

- \*They require the entire sales receipt. Bonus card must be used for the purchase.
- \*They will only take receipts or tapes from 3 years back from the day she hands them in.
- \*Next time Ellie will be handing in tapes from 2022, 2023 and 2024
- \*If you have any questions, call Ellie Hunt.

## **Board Meeting**

**NOTE:** The next board meeting will be November 14 at 2:30 PM