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TPS Reading Levels: How can AAUW help? *Reading Partners!*

General Membership Meeting

Date: Saturday, January 13, 2024

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: **Fajitas Grill 2**
6219 E. 61st St.

Program: **Reading Partners Can Help—
What can WE do?**

Guest Speaker: **Lyssa Flanagan**

RSVP: President Pam McDonald,
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We welcome **Lyssa Flanagan**, Community Engagement, and her colleague **Camille Burke**, Program Manager from Reading Partners of Tulsa!

Lyssa earned her B.S. in Psychology at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. At university, she gained a service mindset and decided to dedicate her professional career to helping others.

Lyssa knew she wanted to go into non-profit work, and served as a City Year Americorps member at Daniel Webster High School. During that year of service she saw the literacy crisis firsthand and decided to join Reading Partners in 2017.

Lyssa served two years at Reading Partners as an AmeriCorps site coordinator at Kendall-Whittier Elementary and McClure Elementary. Both schools

boasted some of the highest student and tutor enrollments in the region.

In 2019 Lyssa joined the Reading Partners full-time staff as the Community Engagement Associate of Recruitment.

When not at work, you can find Lyssa in her craft room making paper crafts and

A few stats from 2022-23:

- ◆ **83%** of K-2 Reading Partners students met or exceeded their primary literacy growth goal.
- ◆ **23** Partner Schools were included
- ◆ **24,536** tutoring sessions were held
- ◆ **734** students participated with 12+ sessions



President's Corner

HAPPY 2024!

Hope everyone survived the hustle and bustle of the Holidays. We look forward to good meetings and dining together.

Our work is never done when it comes to making better lives for women and girls.

Here's hoping the winter weather stays good — No snow or ice!

—*Pam McDonald*,
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"When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time."

—*Maya Angelou*

Branch Briefs

Program Schedule

Feb. 10	Black History Month
March 9	Book Review, Read a book about Women in WW II
April 13	Prevention of Child Abuse
May 11	Celebrate the Year

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### New Fundraiser Total

The latest total on our Wine & Cheese Fundraiser is **\$885.00!** Great job, girls! And thank you to Treasurer Gabrielle Jones for keeping tabs on our funds!

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TULSA VOICE

Monthly newsletter of American Association of University Women, Tulsa Branch, 5219 S Joplin Ave, Tulsa, OK 74135

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NATIONAL AAUW News 'N NOTES

School Voucher Bills

National AAUW partners with others in a coalition to share information and resources. A recent topic was school vouchers. 17 states have instituted or expanded school voucher programs in the past year alone.

You can keep track of what is happening in the Oklahoma Legislature through [BillTrack50](#). Register at their site and you can see the bills moving (or not moving!) through our legislature. You can sign up to be notified when bills on a certain subject are being considered.

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AAUW's Art Contest Time!

The annual AAUW Art Contest began January 8, so get ready to grab a camera or painter's brush to create 2024's winners. Submissions will be accepted through January 31, 2024.

Starting in February, AAUW members can select our favorite entries via ranked-choice voting. The winners will be featured on a collection of notecards sent to all members this spring.

For more information on submitting artwork, or to peruse last year's art gallery, visit the AAUW Art Contest page.

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AAUW and ERA

As the rights of women remain under attack, in December AAUW members took to the streets of Washington, D.C. — as we did nearly 50 years ago — to demand equal rights for all. AAUW CEO Gloria Blackwell stated there, "The U.S. is the only modern democracy that does not include sex equality in its Constitution. AAUW is happy to be a founding member of ERA Coalition's National Strategy Task Force."

We call for the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to be recognized as the 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, 100 years after its first introduction in Congress.

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Title IX rules soon to change

In response to the consistent advocacy of students and AAUW members around the country, the Administration announced that the **much-delayed final Title IX rules should be released in March.**

For more than three years, students have been devastatingly impacted by the Trump-era Title IX rules, which narrowed the definition of sexual harassment and added measures that rolled back civil rights protections for student survivors of harassment or assault and LGBTQ students.

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Interest Groups

AAUW TULSA BOOK GROUP



The **AAUW Book Group** will meet via Zoom on **Friday, January 26, 6:30 p.m.** to discuss The Alice Network by Kate Quinn. In this historical novel, two women — a female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947 — are brought together in a mesmerizing story of courage and redemption.

Please contact Rose at (918) 688-7128 if you would like to participate.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

We are excited —the author of the book we are reading will be with us!

This month we are reading The Book of Arcane Secrets by Susan Flowers (her pen name—come to the meeting to see what her name is!) Susan has gifted the members of this group with copies of her book. You can also find it on Amazon.



Mystery book club will meet Thursday, January 18 at 11:30 A.M., at Barnes and Noble, 5231 E. 41st St.

We will head out to lunch afterwards.

Questions?

Call Linda Brooks, 918-260-3263, or lshbrooks@yahoo.com

GOURMET GROUP



If you are interested in joining our dinners, please call Kay Witt, at 918-633-5217.

"There is nothing better than a friend, unless it is a friend with chocolate."

—Linda Grayson

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

AAUW is guided by core values that govern all programming and advocacy. It is important for our members to understand, support and advocate for those core values. Here we highlight the initial guiding value as it is stated on the National website:

**Intersectional. Inclusive.
Intergenerational. Empowering.**

Though we are nonpartisan, we are not values-neutral: We fight to remove the barriers and biases that stand in the way of gender equity. We train women to negotiate for pay and benefits and to pursue leadership roles. And we advocate for federal, state and local laws and policies to ensure equity and end discrimination.

Please reach out to others who would like to be part of positive action for all women and girls. AAUW Tulsa welcomes women and men.

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AAUW Celebrates Excellence

AAUW has been awarded a four-star rating by Charity Navigator! This recognition is a testament to AAUW's commitment to core nonprofit principles such as fiscal responsibility, adherence to ethical practices, and having tangible mission impact.

TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS Board of Education Meetings

January 16, 6:30 pm
February 5, 6:30 pm
February 26, 6:30 pm

All these regular meetings will be in the
Cheryl Selmon Room,
Charles C. Mason Education Service Ctr.,
3027 S. New Haven Ave.



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

AAUW, founded in 1881, is open to all graduates who hold the associate's, baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

*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.*

Our Value Promise:

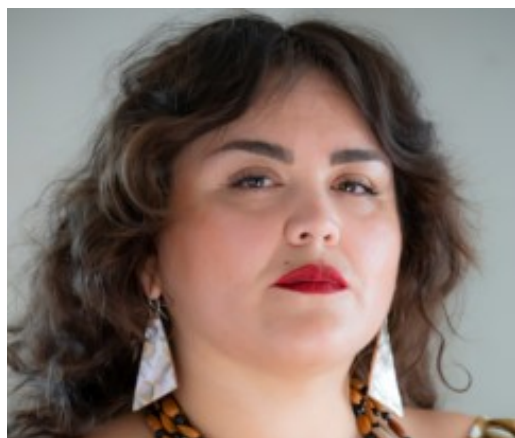
*"As a member of AAUW,
you belong to a community
that breaks through
educational and
economic barriers
so that all women
have a fair chance."*

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Oklahoma AAUW—aauw-ok.aauw.net National AAUW—www.aauw.org
State Facebook—www.facebook.com/AAUWOklahoma

AAUW'S Native American Alumnae Spotlight

AAUW is proud to celebrate Native Americans and their invaluable contributions, while also raising awareness about the inequities many still face. In honor of Native American Heritage Month, AAUW and Tulsa Branch are featuring a few of the AAUW awardees (fellowships and grants) who are working to bring awareness and promote gender equity for women and girls within the Native American community.

We will highlight one alumna each month.



Sarah Biscarra Dilley
(American Fellowship 2021-22)

Sarah Biscarra Dilley is a multidisciplinary Artist, writer, educator and member of the Northern Chumash Tribe. Their text-based, curatorial, educational, and visual work has been exhibited nationally and internationally, including at the Smithsonian Institute, SFMOMA, and Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA).

Dilley is self-taught in two dialects of the Chumash language and collaborates with others that also are studying the dialects. Dilley is a Ph.D. Candidate in the Department of Native American Studies at UC Davis.

January, 2024 Calendar



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January 13 General Membership Meeting See Page 1.

January 18 Mystery Book Group See Page 3.

January 20 Deadline for February TULSA VOICE.

January 26 Tulsa Branch Book Group See Page 3.

January 29 15th Anniversary of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

January 31 Deadline for submission of art to Annual Art Contest See Page 2.

Looking Ahead...

February 1 First day you can vote on the Art Contest entries