

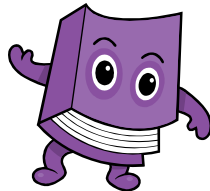


Cobb Update

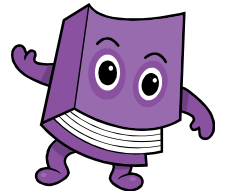
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Special Dates of Interest

- Sept 13 - Branch Meeting
- Sept 19 - Book Group
- Sept. 26-Oct 2 - BOOKFAIR
- Oct 7 - Roving Gourmet
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**BOOKFAIR IS
ALMOST HERE!!!**



General Meeting, September 13, 2016

AAUW's focus on STEM will be well represented in person by our guests.
Plan to come - you won't want to miss this program.

Join us at 7 PM (Program starts at 7:30 PM) in the large meeting room at ECGC
(East Cobb Government Center) at 4400 Lower Roswell Road.
Refreshments will be served.

Program:

"The Teacher and the Student: Meeting the STEM Challenge"

Guest speakers:

Jacquie Merickya-Brand, science teacher at Palmer Middle School in Kennesaw

Sara Makboul, freshman at Kennesaw Mountain High School

Jacquie will discuss her years of experience inspiring girls to believe in themselves and their potential for STEM careers.

Sara, a former student of Ms. Merickya-Brand, will present the project she will submit as one of the ten finalists of the 2016 Discovery Education 3M Young Student Challenge.

Sara will be competing against nine other finalists for the title of "America's Top Young Scientist" and a prize of \$25,000.00.

The competition will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on October 17-18 at the 3M Discovery Center. What an achievement!!

***Please join us to show support for this young scientist.
She illustrates perfectly our commitment to further STEM
education for girls and women.***

***Spread the word to your friends and neighbors that would find this
program educational and beneficial to encourage girls to follow
a passion for STEM.***



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Book Group

For additional Book Group information please email or call Bonnie Williams at 770-971-6130
bonniebw41@att.net

The next meeting is September 19th at **2:00PM** at the home of Norma Cannon who will also provide the refreshments.

The book is, **All the Light We Cannot See** by Doerr. We do not have a facilitator, but I will bring discussion questions from the Internet (also in the back of a paperback copy.) The book has been around for a while, so if you need a copy, the public library will have one for you.

Contact Norma if you plan to attend.
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Our book this month:

*All the Light We
 Cannot See*

By: Anthony Doerr

ROVING GOURMET



October 7th, 7 p.m.
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I would really appreciate it this year if someone(s) would take charge of selecting the restaurant and collecting reservations each month!!!

Just be sure I have the info IN TIME for a "more timely" Newsletter.

BE SURE AND CHECK OUT OUR BOOK SELECTIONS FOR THE NEXT YEAR ON THE LAST PAGE AND

If you want to volunteer for any of the places open for Hostess, Facilitator or Refreshments, please call Bonnie Williams 770-971-6130

AND.... If you are interested and have never joined us, we'd love to have you come to our book group meetings on the third Monday of the month

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Fall is in the air (almost) as we look forward to a new year of activity for Cobb AAUW. With a leadership team focused on inclusion and AAUW mission-based programs, we are anticipating an outstanding year of being together, working together, and making a difference together.

It is an important election year and we are looking to engage members of the community to register to vote by October 11th. Did you know that Georgia is a purge state? If you have not voted since the 2012 presidential election, you may not be registered as an active Georgia voter. Better let your family, friends and neighbors know to register ...be safe rather than sorry!

On October 11th at 7:00 PM, we will have a very important branch meeting and program at the East Cobb Government Center with guest speaker Janet Kishbaugh JD, who is head of the Research and Information Services of the statewide nonprofit Public Education Matters Georgia which is one of the many organizations of the Keep Georgia Schools Local Coalition focused on the Opportunity School District (OSD) Amendment on the November Ballot.

I hope your summer has been full of family time and fun and escape from the relentless heat! This summer has been an unusual one for me with family challenges pulling me away to Tennessee for a good part of the summer, offset by a wonderful two week vacation in August to celebrate our brother Jeff's 75th birthday at the family cabins along the north shore of Lake Superior and a heartwarming late summer wedding of my niece, Ally, in Tucson, AZ – complete with her Mom, Margi, officiating during an incredible sunset ceremony.

Don't be surprised if I seem behind the times with Atlanta and Cobb happenings and events. I may need you to bring me up to speed as I re-acclimate myself to Georgia after an unusual summer.

At the branch meeting on Tuesday, I will have a sign-up sheet for book fair shift schedules for those unable to complete their schedule through SignUpGenius and encourage our membership to volunteer your time generously. Perimeter is a welcome return for our venue and we look forward to seeing many Cobb folks volunteering and/or shopping at the book fair. Pass the word and let everyone know!!!

Here we go again for AAUW, for our members and for our community. The AAUW National convention will be in Washington, DC, June 15-18. Think about coming. It is always a great experience and joining the AAUW Lobby Corps at the capitol to promote support of women and family issues is a highlight to share. It will be a new administration and a new congress.



Down to the wire---



Don't forget our need for workers in the Book Room!!
Working hours in the Book Room are Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 10 am to 2 pm
For more info call Karen (she's there many hours) or the Bookroom at 404-261-7646
Address: 3060 Pharr Court North, Atlanta, GA 30305

“The power of one, if fearless and focused, is formidable, but the power of many working together is better.” Gloria M. Arroyo

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, or disability. Membership is open to anyone who holds an associate's or equivalent, bachelor's, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

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TELL ALL YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS
AND STRANGERS!!!**



OUR 57th ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

PREVIEW SALE - MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 26th
COST \$10 PER PERSON

OPEN TO ALL SALE - SEPTEMBER 27th THROUGH OCTOBER 2nd

AT PERIMETER MALL





Year Book Notice

It is time to create the Year Book for the upcoming year and I would appreciate receiving any corrections or additions that you would like to your listing as soon as possible, Please email me (jvr@pcvisions.com) or call me (770-319-1776) or put it on a piece of paper and get it to me (282 Renae Lane SW, Marietta, GA 30060).

Thanks, Judy Ribarsky

AND—SORRY FOR NOT GETTING THIS NEWSLETTER OUT IN A MORE TIMELY MANNER!!!



Hooray for our Debbie - thanks for all her hard work!!!

It's AAUW 2016 Book Fair time.

With Opening Night 3 weeks away, we are gearing up final preparations for the book sale. We encourage you to volunteer for the book sale. The sale is back at Perimeter Mall and our AAUW members and customers are happy to be back at this familiar and more central location. This year we will set up in front of Macy's Lower Level. The mall continues with a major renovation and is looking forward to the book sale's return. The Macy's space will require a lot more merchandising during the sale as we will have fewer tables and bookcases. If you know of any high energy friends and family that can help us ... encourage them to commit to a day or evening to transport books from storage out onto the floor. Please remember that the number of volunteer hours our branch contributes drives the percentage of proceeds that the branch receives to fund scholarships, NCCWSL and community projects.

So, we ask that you give of your time generously!!

Please volunteer for shifts using the [SignUpGenius](#) online application. Members should have received an e-mail from Phyllis Miller to sign up for the book fair. If you are unable to access or complete volunteer sign-up online, please let me know. I will bring a spread sheet to the meeting on Tuesday, September 13th, for members to volunteer shifts.

As an FYI, this weekend AAUW participated in the Decatur Book Festival. With a booth set up at the Georgia Book and Paper Fair sponsored by GABA (Georgia Antiquarian Booksellers Association) the Book Fair earned over \$4000.00. There were many hours of hard work contributed by some key players: Ellen Milholland, Sharon Bevis-Hoover, Judy Lambert and Barbara Bennett. Other volunteers helped to staff the welcome table. Not only was it a great fundraising event it also provided great visibility for our upcoming book fair at Perimeter Mall. Hundreds of bookmarks were given to visitors and many of the dealers will be coming to the sale.

See you at Perimeter for a great book fair and fundraiser!!!!



(This bears repeating!!!) Kudos to Amy Stevens, an AAUW member making us proud by giving to those in need. Here is an article about Amy from the [August 28th issue of the Marietta Daily Journal](#).

East Cobb Red Cross volunteer responds to call in Baton Rouge



East Cobb resident Amy Stevens has been living and working in an American Red Cross shelter in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, since last Monday. The Red Cross volunteer headed to Baton Rouge after the area was hit with heavy rainstorms that caused widespread flooding.

Stevens, 63, is serving as the disaster mental health manager in a shelter that is currently housing about 1,000 people in two large rooms in a downtown Baton Rouge convention center.

“Next thing I know, I’m sleeping on a cot,” she said.

Stevens said she is staying in a “mega shelter” as the typical Red Cross shelter houses about 100 people.



Averaging five hours of sleep a night, Stevens is working to make sure those affected by the natural disaster are ready to face the recovery process.

Stevens is supervising a staff of 16 people who care for the victims’ emotional and mental needs. Working in 12-hour shifts, she said her staff helps keep the shelter calm, so people can do what they need to do.

Stevens said people are always anxious after a disaster, so she and other mental health counselors console the victims — some of whom lost everything they owned.

For example, Stevens said someone might have lost all their shoes in the flood, but the shelter does not have their shoe size, which could cause someone to lash out in anger or frustration.

“We provide support for pretty much everything,” Stevens said.

She plans to return home this Friday.

The shelter provides for people’s basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing. She said the victims and shelter volunteers are sharing eight showers housed in trailers outside the shelter. Stevens said she has been impressed with the Louisianans’ resiliency in the wake of the massive flooding.

“They’ve been through so much before,” she said.

For the past 20 years, Stevens has been volunteering with the Red Cross and has responded to disaster areas after tragedies such as Hurricane Katrina and in damaged, flooded areas in Colorado in 2013.

Stevens said donating is the best way for people to help those affected after a disaster. She said the Red Cross estimated that it needs \$30 million to help the victims, but the organization has only raised \$18 million.

Stevens is a retired Navy lieutenant who served during the Cold War and specialized in education and training. After retiring from the United States Department of Labor, she became a licensed mental health counselor.

She is a former Director of Behavioral Health for the Georgia National Guard and has a private practice.

AAUW Book Group Selections: September, 2016--September, 2017

Date	Book	Hostess	Facilitator	Refreshments
	Schedule @ 8/19/2016			
9/19/2016 - 2PM	ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE - DOERR	NORMA CANNON	USE QUESTIONS	NORMA CANNON
10/17/2016 - 2PM	RUN - ANN PATCHETT	JOAN TERWILLIGER		JOAN TERWILLIGER
11/21/2016 - 2PM	DAY THE WORLD CAME TO TOWN - JIM DEFEDE	NORMA CANNON	NORMA CANNON	NORMA CANNON
12/19/2016 - 6:30	OUR SOULS AT NIGHT - KENT HARUF	BARBARA HAMMOND	KAREN PETERS	GROUP - DINNER
2017	2017	2017	2017	2017
1/16/2017 - 2PM	SCAPEGOAT - DAPHNE DU MAURIER	BONNIE WILLIAMS	BONNIE WILLIAMS	BONNIE WILLIAMS
2/20/2017 - 2PM	9 STORIES - SALINGER			
3/20/2017 - 2PM	VINEGAR GIRL - ANNE TYKER	JOAN ZENTENO	JOAN ZENTENO	JOAN ZENTENO
4/17/2017 - 2PM	A STAR FOR MRS. BLAKE - APRIL SMITH	NANCY COAKLEY	NANCY COAKLEY	NANCY COAKLEY
5/22/2-17 - 2PM	AMERICA'S FIRST DAUGHTER - STEPHANIE DRAY			
6/19/2017 - 2PM	A MAN CALLED OVE - FREDRIK BACKMAN			
7/17/2017 - 2PM	LAST BUS TO WISDOM - IVAN DOIG	PEG MONTGOMERY		PEG MONTGOMERY
8/21/2017 - 6:30	6:30 DINNER AND BOOK SELECTION - 2017-18	JANE BENJAMIN	BOOK SELECTION	GROUP - DINNER
9/18/2017 - 2PM	SISTERS IN LAW - HOW SANDRA DAY..... HIRSHMAN	POSSIBLE MEETING		
EXTRA BOOK	BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME - TE-NEHISI COATES	EXTRA IF NEEDED	EXTRA	EXTRA