



January 2025

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Happy New Year!

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January AAUW Branch Meeting “Movie Night”

Monday, January 20, 2025

Sandy Melroy’s House - 1931 Rainbow Ave, De Pere
5:30 pm, Social Time; 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Movie and Discussion
Snack (contributions welcome) and drinks provided or byob

Discussion leader: Lisa Ubbelohde

Movie: *“The Six Triple Eight”*

The Six Triple Eight12/2024 on Netflix. This is a true story. Forming the 6888th Battalion, during World War II, eight hundred and fifty-five African American women join the war effort to address a three-year backlog of undelivered mail to the troops. Despite discrimination and war-torn conditions, they sort over seventeen million pieces of mail in record time and are crucial in maintaining troop morale. Kerry Washington plays the lead.



**Quick Look
January
Dates**

14	DEI AAUW and LWV Study Group
20	Branch Meeting: Movie Night
27	Combined book groups: “ <i>Waltraud</i> ” by Tammy Borden, author and speaker

Presidents Message

Happy New Year!

New beginnings bring us a fresh start on new or recurrent resolutions and this year promises to bring us many opportunities! I won't address the ubiquitous ones we all dutifully put on the list every year but that we see fading by mid-February or March. This year I'll think a little more broadly in what I hope to accomplish and hope we can work on some as a group.

Resolution #1 – Read more. Not just the number of books or pages read, but I want to read more in terms of the scope of what I read. To read more in terms of scope often means broadening the range and depth of your reading to encompass a wider variety of topics, genres, authors, perspectives, or styles. Expanding scope can involve:

1. Genres

- Exploring genres you don't usually read, such as historical fiction, memoirs, science fiction, or multicultural literature.

2. Topics and Themes

- Delving into new subjects like philosophy, environmental issues, or social justice—connecting closely to your community work and interest in multicultural learning.

3. Authors and Perspectives

- Seeking voices from different cultures, backgrounds, or viewpoints, such as LGBTQ+ authors, contemporary global writers, or classical works you might not have read before.

4. Formats

- Adding diversity to the type of reading material—poetry, essays, graphic novels, or audiobooks can complement traditional novels.

5. Contexts

- Understanding books in a broader context, such as the historical, cultural, or political settings that influence them.

You can use ChatGPT to curate a reading list for you and refine it as you go. If you haven't started using some of the AI tools out there, ChatGPT is a great way to start. My curated reading list included some familiar titles, such as *Caste*, *Braiding Sweetgrass*, and *Pachinko* and some new ones I've added to my 2025 reading list – *The Ministry of Utmost Happiness*, *Hood Feminism*, and *Milk and Honey*. Stretch yourself! Try reading a book that addresses something new to you or that stretches your thinking. Be bold in your choices!

Stay tuned, I'll talk about Resolution #2 in next month's newsletter! Here's to a year of peace and joy for all,

Terri



INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS



DEI AAUW and LWV Study Group

Dotty Juengst and Terri Gulyas (DEI Committee Co-Chairs)

Meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM via zoom

Book: The Sum of Us (Discussion topics in Chapters 6 and 7)

(To get the Zoom link, email Terri Gulyas at tsgulyas@gmail.com)

Chapter 6, Never a Real Democracy: A segment of our society has fought against democracy in order to keep power in the hands of a narrow, white elite.

Chapter 7, Living Apart: No governments in modern history save South Africa's apartheid and Nazi Germany, have segregated as well as America has. All segregation is the result of public policy past and present.

Everyone is welcome even if you didn't read the chapters or come to other meetings. We discuss how our experiences reflect these topics.

We will also discuss the news articles below:

* [As DEI efforts are targeted, DPI is recognized for diversity commitment](#) (from "Wisconsin Examiner")

(Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Superintendent Jill Underly)



Underly accepted the 2024 Diversity Award from the State Council on Affirmative Action on behalf of her agency. (Screenshot via Wisconsin DOA YouTube)

* [USDDP board member files complaint with DPI](#) (from "Press Times")



* [Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction issues ruling after investigating the De Pere school district](#) (from "Green Bay Press Gazette")

AAUW GBA BOOK CLUBS JOINT MEETING

Shirley VerBruggen

Monday, January 27, 2025

3:00 pm at Kress Branch Library and via Zoom

Lower Level Meeting Room; parking is right outside the door

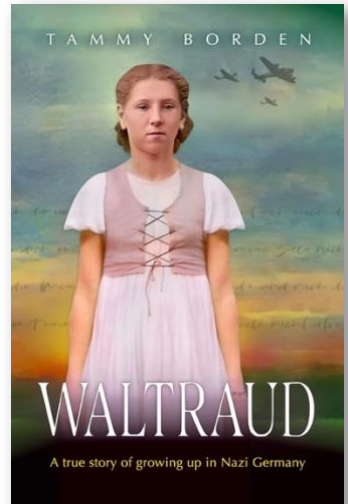
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PLEASE JOIN US!

The joint AAUW Green Bay Branch book clubs will welcome,

- special guest: **TAMMY BORDEN**

- author of: **"WALTRAUD: A TRUE STORY OF GROWING UP IN NAZI GERMANY"**



Author Tammy Borden, grew up hearing her mother's first-hand accounts of coming of age under Hitler's regime, even joining her on several trips to Germany to stroll the cobblestone streets where recollections were shared in their actual settings. Through the years, she recorded those stories, fully intent on writing a WW2 historical fiction novel based on a true story. She's now woven her mother's real-life stories into an eye-opening and deeply moving narrative.

The Zoom link will be sent to the members of the two book clubs.

Not in a Branch book club? Please bring friends and invite others who may be interested in joining. All AAUW Green Bay Branch members and guests are invited to attend.

Email shirleyverbruggen@gmail.com for the Zoom meeting link or

join us in person at the library!

Pick up your copy of the book soon!

Lion's Mouth is offering a 5% discount on orders of a copy of "Waltraud" placed on their website. Indicate "AAUW" when ordering to receive the discount.

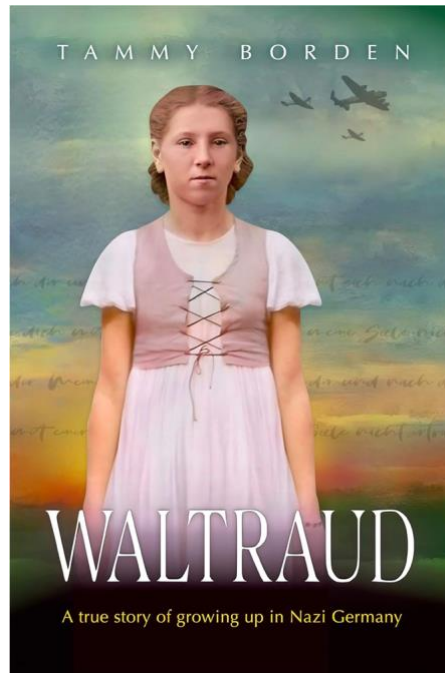
Brown County Library does not have a book club set of "Waltraud", but they do have the book available to put on reserve individually. A request for a book club set has been submitted, but there are no guarantees that the library will purchase them.

More information about the author can be found at tammyborden.com

With questions about the book club event, email shirleyverbruggen@gmail.com

***Of note: January 27, is also "International Holocaust Remembrance Day"**
Please make a virtual visit to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to learn more.
Here is the link: <https://www.ushmm.org/remember/international-holocaust-remembrance-day>

(next page includes a printable bookmark of this event)



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**Book available to order at Lions
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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE!

Sue May

Green Bay Area AAUW is pleased to welcome several new members this month.

Welcome New Members!

Claire Asbury is joining us as a retired Human Resources professional. I met Claire when she joined the Heartland Business Systems team for a time in the Great Plains division and we have remained friends ever since. Claire enjoyed her visit to one of our meetings and decided to join. **Welcome Claire!**

Joellyn Kacynski is joining our group as a semi-retired Cardio-Pulmonary rehab nurse. She attends Trinity Lutheran with Lisa Ubbelohde who invited her to an AAUW meeting. Joellyn decided AAUW was a group she wanted to join. **Welcome Joellyn!**

Drew Coopman is a "returning" new member. Drew and his wife Thao (also a member) welcomed their daughter, Silvana home for Christmas after nearly five months in NICU. **Welcome back to AAUW Drew!**

If you know someone who may be interested in joining AAUW-Green Bay area, please invite them to one of our meetings or interest groups. We would love to meet them! For more information reach out to aauwgb@gmail.com. For information about joining Green Bay Area AAUW - please check the website at: <https://greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net/join/>





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