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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW), OSHKOSH BRANCH

Upcoming Branch Meeting

Literacy at Work

Tuesday, April 27, 7:00 p.m., [Zoom](#)

Speaker: Michelle Sliwicki, Winnebago County Literacy Program Teacher

Wednesday Evening Book Club

May 12 – Select books for 2021-22

June 9 – *The Darwin Affair* by Tim Mason; reviewed by Sheila Denney

July 14 – *Salvage the Bones* by Jesmyn Ward; reviewed by Nancy Worland

Facebook: Find our branch on Facebook by looking for AAUW-Oshkosh. Like and follow our page to get its posts in your newsfeed. Like and share posts to spread the word about our branch happenings.

Our **branch website** can be found at <http://oshkosh-wi.aauw.net/>.

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AAUW State Convention April 23 – 24, 2021

Did you know that this year marks the 100th anniversary of AAUW in Wisconsin? Please plan on joining us as we toast our first 100 years of AAUW in Wisconsin. We hope that the activity of our many statewide members will secure the future of AAUW for many years to come.

It is time to get serious about making plans to attend our virtual convention April 23rd and 24th. Registration opens on March 1st. Be sure to visit the convention website and sign up for the sessions you wish to attend. More information is being added daily, and a digital copy of the convention book will be arriving in your email soon.
[AAUW WI – April 23rd and April 24th \(aauwwistateconvention.com\)](http://AAUW WI – April 23rd and April 24th (aauwwistateconvention.com))



Helen Bannan portrays
Jessie Jack Hooper

Even if you choose not to attend any sessions, read through the convention program and learn about the many women in our state who have taken on leadership roles and what they are achieving. All members have an opportunity to purchase the commemorative AAUW pin. You will also be able to participate in the on-line auction that will take place from April 21 – 27. Many of us are getting pretty good at navigating Zoom meetings, so we hope that you will join us during our convention.

AAUW Oshkosh, (virtual) Branch meeting

March 23, 2021

Meeting/ Program began at 7:00 p.m.

Program: *"The Global Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic"*

Presented by Angela Subulwa and Alicia Johnson.

After the presentation, Alicia sent out a powerpoint that summarized the most important aspects of AAUW's priorities and recent scholarship.

Other notes on the pandemic part of the presentation:

The term *"vaccine apartheid"* has been used to refer to inequities in the availability and offering of vaccine across the world. For instance, African citizens participated in the testing of the vaccines, but

the country has been basically priced out of the market for purchasing doses. Prices per dose vary greatly by geographic region, Ten nations have administered 75% of the current vaccine supply, while in 130 countries, not a single dose of any vaccine has been administered.

There are multiple negative impacts of the pandemic evidenced across the globe, even apart from the many fatalities and continuing health problems. For example, during the pandemic, access to contraception has been disrupted in many countries. This is expected to negatively impact the lives of women across the world. The problem of domestic violence has been intensified, due to unemployment and financial stress, crowding and lack of mobility, and isolation with abusers. Help is harder to get, children are spending much more time in the home, and in public areas there are generally fewer people about at any given time (meaning that few others are present to observe family interactions).

Following the program, the business meeting commenced. Alicia reported that the branch will be gaining three new members, including Bridget Oliver.

Oshkosh might be the host city for an upcoming state convention.

AAUW has offered a new report, "Factory Flaw: The Attrition and Retention of Women in Manufacturing." The report is available at:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/research/factory-flaw/>

There will be one scholarship offered for attending NCCWSL, while three other students are also interested in attending.

Campus GEC update: Swart Hall is being renovated. Karen expressed concern that the WPA artwork in the building be preserved.

Jeanne updated that 500 girls have gone through the Tech Savvy program.

The branch earned \$66 from recent Scrip orders.

We were reminded of the upcoming local election, April 6th.

The April program will be on the Literacy Council and ESL.

Meeting concluded at 8:36 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cynthia Huebschen.

