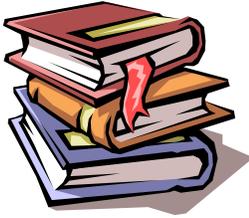
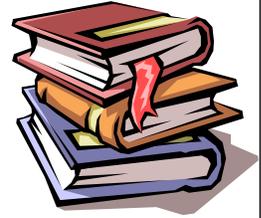


American Association of University Women Easton Branch Annual Book Fair



It's that time of year when we starting looking forward to the the annual book fair, a long standing part of the heritage of the AAUW Easton Branch.



Did you know that the AAUW Easton Branch Book Fair has been a community event for more than 70 years? Branch members in the 1930's wanted to raise money for girls attending college. They used any space available for storing, sorting, and selling the books, including their basements and garages.

Did you know that Mrs. Donovan Clark was president in the mid 1950's when the Easton Branch formalized the annual book fair? Since that time, it has been held in churches, community centers, and theatres.

Did you know that in the past, the proceeds from the book fair were made available to high school girls as Student Loans? The girls were required to repay the loan amount after graduation. Instead of loans, book fair proceeds are now used to provide grants. The original \$500 grant award has been increased to \$1000 per student.

Did you know that more than 50 local high school girls have been awarded scholarships in the past 15 years? This amounts to over \$40,000 that has been invested in the college education of women from our community.

Did you know that the best form of recycling is reuse? With all the concern today of protecting the environment, a book fair provides a unique opportunity to facilitate the reuse of books while promoting the joy of reading.

Did you know that an individual's breadth of reading is one of the best indicators of lifetime success? In children, reading expands vocabulary and encourages imagination. In adults, reading stimulates the mind and has been shown to reduce the onset of certain diseases.

The AAUW book fair continues a long tradition in our branch of providing the local community with a valuable multifaceted event. Through this event, many people are introduced to the AAUW organization and our focus on lifelong education. The annual book fair is anticipated by many members of the community.

Where else can you find an opportunity like this to serve the community, to help the environment, to assist in the education of the next generation, and to work with some amazing women.