

Branching Out

Mission: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research

For Your Calendar

Sept. 13 at 7:00. Dangerous Gun Amendment. Program by Connie Ryan from Iowans for Responsible Gun Laws. Use this link to join: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83073432050?pwd=sNBkF1MdiDx_UTdzCbPH4C2zAJZxZN.1

Sept. 20 at 4:00. Read-in at Johnston Farmers' Market, 6245 Merle Hay Road. Sponsored by Annie's Foundation. Bring a lawn chair, a banned book and read.

Oct. 4 at 7:00. Beginning Work on the ERA. Watch the new video on the ERA and discuss next steps. Kirkendall Library, 1250 SW District Dr, Ankeny. The library allows food, so you may bring coffee and a snack.

Nov. 2 at 5:00. Nikole Hannah-Jones. A Conversation about *The 1619 Project*, CY Stephens Auditorium, Ames. Carpool from Office Depot parking lot at 5:00. 4365 Merle Hay Rd, Des Moines.

Nov. 15. at 5:00. Dinner with Mary Helen Stefaniak at Christopher's on Beaver.

Nov. 15 at 6:30. Meet the Author session with Mary Helen Stefaniak at Beaverdale Books on Beaver.

Dec. 10 at 2:00. Holiday Tea at Sharon Gee's home, at 4323 Grand Avenue, Apt 427. Bring an appetizer or treat to share.

Jan. 3 at 7:00 using zoom. Beginning of *The 1619 Project* study. This study will continue on a weekly basis on Tuesdays through March 7.

See previous issues for more information about these events.



AAUW Des Moines Provides Books for Annie's Foundation

Annie's Foundation is a new organization based in Johnston. It was founded as a response to efforts to ban books in local schools. They distribute copies of banned and challenged books to readers of all ages. The AAUW Des Moines leadership team voted to provide copies of books from their wish list for them to distribute. Their wish list includes *And Tango Makes Three*, *Julian at the Wedding*, *When Stars Are Scattered*, *The Hate U Give*, and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Annie's Foundation is having a read-in from 4 – 6 pm on September 20th at the Johnston Farmers' Market at 6245 Merle Hay Road. Grab a banned book, bring a folding chair or blanket, and show them some support. More information about Annie's Foundation can be found at their website here: <https://anniesfoundation.com/>



Renew Your Membership

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2022-23, now is a good time to do that. Dues for fiscal year 23 are \$67, \$64 of which are tax-deductible. Branch dues are \$10, and AAUW Iowa dues are \$10, making the total \$87. You can pay dues by mailing a check payable to AAUW to treasurer Janet Pickerell at 915 NW Prairie Ridge Dr., Ankeny, IA 50023. You may also pay dues online at <https://www.aauw.org/membership/>

Paid life members or honorary life members who have reached 50 years of membership are exempt from paying dues.