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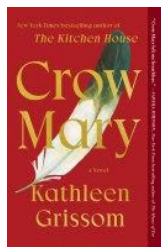
Best-selling Author Kathleen Grissom January 14, 7 pm via Zoom



We are delighted to welcome *New York Times* best-selling author Kathleen Grissom to our January 14 branch meeting. Author of the book club classics *The Kitchen House* and *Glory Over Everything*, Ms. Grissom will join us via Zoom to discuss with us our all-member read, *Crow Mary*, an

enthraling historical novel inspired by the legendary life of Crow Mary. *Crow Mary* is a richly detailed story of love, clashing cultures, and historical events that profoundly changed lives.

Please join us on January 14 at 7 pm via Zoom to welcome Kathleen Grissom to our branch. You don't have to have read *Crow Mary* to attend the meeting, but the evening will be more enjoyable if you have read it. There is still time! And do not forget to invite others. This meeting offers a great opportunity to be "up close and personal" with a best-selling author.



Zoom link for the meeting is on the calendar page. It will also be sent again closer to the meeting date.

President's Message



Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season! Our holiday brunch at Weathervane certainly contributed to the festivities. Thank you, Sheila Doherty, for arranging it. I look forward to another productive and informative year with our AAWU

branch as we carry out AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls. We will kick off the new year on Tuesday, January 14th with our annual Author Visit via Zoom at 7:00 pm. This year our author is Kathleen Grissom. She is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Kitchen House* and *Glory Over Everything*. At our meeting she will discuss her latest book, *Crow Mary*. This book was inspired by the life of a real Crow woman named Crow Mary, who lived during the 19th century. The book depicts the difficult conditions faced by Native Americans during the period of westward expansion, including forced assimilation and exploitation by fur traders. This book has received great reviews so I'm sure it will be an interesting discussion. I hope you can join us and please feel free to invite other book lovers to join us.

At our February meeting on February 11th at 7:00 pm, Peter Swanson, a retired Science teacher and Hingham resident, will do a presentation about sustainability. This meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

We will meet in person at the Weymouth Tufts Library (46 Broad Street) in person and we will also be live on Zoom for those that are not able to attend in person. This is a very important and timely topic so please spread the word to others in your community and invite them to come with you.

Reading about strong women leaders and learning how we can help to preserve the planet now and for future generations are just two small ways to help us to achieve AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls.

[Lynn Howard](#)
Co-President

Membership Matters

As we face a New Year and a new president, it is crucial that we prepare to fight for issues that are at stake in maintaining equal opportunity for women



and girls. AAUW is a non-partisan organization, yet we are political because our mission includes holding leaders accountable for giving women and girls equal opportunities. We

realize our biggest fights are ahead of us. With President-elect Donald Trump in the White House women's rights and women's equity are at risk. From closing the pay gap, to expanding reproductive freedom, to helping women and girls reach their full earning potential, battles we continue to fight.

A portion of our dues from local, state and national goes toward empowering women and girls to remove the barriers and biases that stand in the way of gender equality. In addition to our dues, any donations that can be made to the National AAUW would be put to good use. Increasing our membership will add to the expense of fighting the Trump administration's effort to remove progress AAUW has made in securing Women's rights and our plan for future progress in elevating issues that affect women and girls.

Let's "Each one, Reach one". Recruit a new member in 2025!

[Anne Foley](#)
Membership VP

Public Policy

Childcare and Campaign Finance



<https://pix4free.org/>

The state's campaign finance law was revised last month to allow candidates to use committee funds for childcare services, in limited circumstances. OCPF will issue regulations on this issue before January 31, 2025.

For more information, contact Patrice Metro, patriceuk@aol.com.

[Patrice Metro](#)
Public Policy Chair

Equity Now

Together, we can achieve a vision of equal opportunity for all

Book Discussion



Our branch book discussion group meets monthly from usually on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. The monthly selections for 2024-2025 are posted on the branch web page, direct link <https://aauw-ma.aauw.net/files/2022/03/2024-2025-Book-List.docx.pdf>. The group is open to all branch members. If you would like to receive a Zoom link to any of the discussions, please contact [Lynn Howard](#) (781-901-9120, mobile). This month the entire branch will discuss ***Crow Mary*** with a visit from the author Kathleen Grissom.

SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31 New Year's Eve 	1 New Year's Day 	2 Hanukah ends 	3	4
5	6 Epiphany 	7 Orthodox Christmas Day	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Branch Program 7 pm	15	16	17	18
19	20 Inauguration Martin Luther King Day	21	22	23	24	25
26 Lailat al Miraj 	27	28 Branch Board Meeting 7 pm	29 Chinese New Year Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act 2009	30	31	1 1 st Day of Black History Month

December 31, Last day for your 2024 donation to AAUW

January 14, Branch Meeting: Discussion of *Crow Mary* with author Kathleen Grissom 7 pm via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89852541051?pwd=ARxuZcea36WrZyoSGtkmxB7Fln1fVr.1>
 Meeting ID: 898 5254 1051
 Passcode: 843314
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January 28, Branch Board Meeting, 7 pm via Zoom (The Finance Committee will meet prior to the board meeting.)

Join Zoom Meeting
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Articles for publication in the South Shore Area branch newsletter, *News of Note*, should reach the editor, Hollie Bagley (holliebagley@gmail.com) by the 20th day of the previous month

HAPPY NEW YEAR