

AAUW South Shore Area Branch

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

News of Note

September 2025

Branch Program

**AAUW South Shore Area Branch
invites you to our annual**

Kick Off Supper

**Tuesday, September 9 at 6 pm
Community Room at South Scape in
Duxbury**

Hello!! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Our opening meeting will be Tuesday September 9th at 6:00 pm. We thank Ginny Giordano for her hospitality over many years. This year Susan Liporace has graciously offered her Community Room at South Scape in Duxbury for our gathering. It is located at 225 Lincoln Street, Duxbury.



I am picking up Bongi's Turkey sandwiches like I did last year. I will provide water chips and cookies. I ask that you bring \$15 for the food. Please let me know by Friday, September 5th if you are coming. Text or call 781-267-1098. I hope to see you for a nice evening of conversation and friendship...

[Sheila Doherty](#)
Social Chair

President's Message

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and memorable summer! I enjoyed the time off from school. I spent two weeks in North Carolina visiting family and relaxing at the beach. Then I went to New Orleans for an educational conference and some sightseeing. Finally I wrapped up the summer visiting more family in New York. Now it's time to get ready to wrap up my 30 year career in education. It's also time to begin another year of our AAUW monthly programs on the South Shore.



The Executive Board is finalizing plans for the monthly meetings. Be sure to check the *News of Note* each month for information about the monthly meetings. Also please let us know if you have any ideas for topics or speakers that would be of interest to you and our members.

We will begin our year with our traditional "Kick Off" Gathering in September on the second Tuesday of the month (9/9/25) at 6:00 p.m. This year we will hold it at Susan Liporace's clubhouse at 225 Lincoln Street in Duxbury. We will have turkey "Thanksgiving" sandwiches. Please let Sheila know by September 5th if you will be attending and bring \$15 cash with you to pay for your dinner. Reservations should be made via text or phone to Sheila at 781- 267-1098 or email at greenharbor11@verizon.net. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, September 9th. Remember to bring along a friend that might be interested in learning more about AAUW!

[Lynn Howard](#)
President

Membership Matters



Welcome back! Summer certainly flew by way too quickly. September is an ideal time to add new members. They will get the full benefit of the variety of programs our AAUW South Shore Area

Branch will offer the next nine months. The board has worked tirelessly to schedule informative programs including excellent speakers. As we watch the disturbing changes made by our president as he chips away at our democracy, it is obvious that the so-called “Big Beautiful Bill” is a big disappointment. It is a big broken promise that will cause harm to students, families, and our economy. We will never stop fighting and as I have said in the past ..There is strength in numbers. Let’s each one of us try to add a member to our branch. People are very concerned about the poor choices our president is making. It is a good time to have new members join our fight to save women and families.

[Anne Foley](#)
Membership

Public Policy

A Big Broken Promise to America’s Students and Women

AAUW Press Release July 3, 2025

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congress has passed a bill that will go down in history not as a beautiful promise fulfilled—but as a **big broken promise** to America’s students, working families, and especially to women.

From early learning through graduate school, this bill deals a devastating blow to educational opportunities in America. It **slashes financial aid, eliminates vital student loan programs, and channels public dollars into private voucher schemes** — all while doing nothing to ensure that participating schools uphold civil rights protections. Instead of expanding access, it erects new barriers that will shut out millions of students, especially women, low-income families, and communities of

color. This bill makes drastic cuts to Medicaid, it threatens reproductive freedom and the health and economic security of the very people who rely on education as a path to a better future.

For AAUW, this is personal. We are the nation’s largest non-institutional funder of women’s graduate education. For more than 140 years, we’ve fought to open the doors of higher education to all women—not just those who can afford it. And we know the truth: **when women lose access to education, they lose access to opportunity, economic security, and equity.**

This bill:

- **Undermines educational equity** by using tax breaks to fund private school voucher programs without requiring participating schools to follow Title IX, Title VI, or disability laws — creating a loophole that permits legal discrimination against students.
- **Shuts women out of higher education** by eliminating Graduate PLUS loans and creating borrowing caps that disproportionately harm women of color, single mothers, and first-generation students.
- **Attacks reproductive health and health care access** by essentially defunding Planned Parenthood and making sweeping changes to Medicaid that will strip coverage from millions of women — leaving them without access to birth control, cancer screenings, and maternal care.

This bill does not reflect the values of fairness, inclusion, or opportunity. It is a deliberate rollback of hard-won rights, passed at the expense of women’s futures and our nation’s progress.

As the bill heads to the president’s desk, AAUW calls on the administration to reckon with what this legislation truly means — and to recognize the irreversible harm it will cause to students, families, and our economy now and in years to come.

AAUW and our nationwide network of members and advocates will not stop fighting until every

student — regardless of gender, race, income, or zip code — has full and equal access to education, civil rights, and opportunity.

[Patrice Metro,](#)
Public Policy Chair

Book Discussion



The branch book discussion group meets monthly from September through August on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Our first book selection for 2025-2026 is ***How to Read a Book*** by Monica Wood. We will meet via Zoom on September 16th at 6:30 pm for our discussion.

Even if you have not been part of the group before, we'd love to have you join us! Just let Lynn Howard (lynnphoward97@gmail.com) know and she will include your email for the Zoom link. If you can't join us for all of the monthly meetings just let us know if there is one or more you'd like to be part of and you'll get the Zoom link.

For your convenience, the 2025-2026 Book List is attached as a single page in the email that delivers this newsletter. It is also posted on the branch web page under Activities. The direct link is <https://aauw-ma.aauw.net/files/2022/03/AAUW-SSAB-Book-List-2025-26.docx-Google-Docs.pdf>.



Our January 13th meeting is our traditional all-member read. We will be reading ***The Women of Arlington Hall*** by Jane Healey. The author will be joining us via Zoom. We hope all members will participate in this exciting event!

AAUW Fall Member Gathering

Thursday, September 18th 5pm - 6pm ET

[Please join us for AAUW's Fall Member Gathering!](#)

At this special event, we will:

- Recognize outstanding supporters and branches,
- Update you on our Strategic Plan's 3 key priorities,
- Share the results of AAUW's FY25 Branch Survey, and
- Provide you with the information you need to answer our 5 Calls to Action!

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate our achievements and learn about our latest initiatives! [Register here.](#)

Summer Activities



Although there were no official summer activities for our branch, several of us attended Sheila Doherty's annual "Beach Day", an afternoon filled with delicious food and a chance to catch up with AAUW friends and to make new ones.

A group of AAUW members attended "Women of '76", a portrayal of five women of the American Revolution, created and performed by Rita Parisi at the Winslow House in Marshfield.



SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

September 2025 Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 to Oct.15)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Labor Day 	2	3	4	5 RSVP Deadline for Kick Off Supper	6 National Read a Book Day 
7 Grandparents Day,	9 International Literacy Day 	9 Branch Meeting, Kick-off Supper	10	11 Patriot Day (911 Remembrance)	12	13
14 	15	16 Book Discussion, Working Parents Day	17	18 International Equal Pay Day, AAUW's Membership Gathering	19	20
21 International Day of Peace, World Alzheimer's Day	22 National Family Day Rosh Hashana Eve Autumnal Equinox	23 Rosh Hashana	24 National Women's Health and Fitness Day, Rosh Hashana ends	25 National Daughters Day, 	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

September 5, RSVP Deadline for Kick-off Supper

September 9, Kick-off Supper, South Scape, Duxbury

September 16, Book Discussion, *How to Read A Book*

by Monica Wood. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84969774540?pwd=2h8bTRCTa2taZnVPMxqklopogjDG2a.1>

Meeting ID: 849 6977 4540

Passcode: 636598

Board Meeting Dates

October 28, 2025

January 27, 2026

March 24, 2026

June 9, 2026

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