



Program Meeting

Saturday, October 8, at 9:30 am

***With Information about Book Censorship
Featuring Shana Wade***

**Downstairs Classroom
Mesa County Library, 443 North 6th Street, GJ**



Shana Wade is the Associate Library Director at Mesa County Libraries. Previously she was the Interim Director of Mesa County Libraries for two years while the Board searched for a new Director. Shana has been the force behind the library's yearly Comic-Con successes.

Please bring others who may be interested in this topic, so that we can grow our membership.

REFRESHMENTS: Bring your own snack and/or beverage (in a covered cup) OR pick one up from *The Novel Cup* kiosk at the corner of 6th and Grand.

Additional Information of Interest before the Meeting

“Book Ban Efforts in Colorado See Little Success”

<https://coloradonewsline.com/2022/09/30/book-ban-efforts-in-colorado-see-little-success-amid-national-uptick/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eid=6092d358-8113-4a14-946a-8bec2bf96caf>

After the Meeting:

- View the Library's display of "challenged books" in the Lobby
- Attend Betsy Zollner's funeral and/or reception
- Consider lunch at the Catholic Outreach's Empty Bowls event for \$25.... from 11am to 1:30 pm at 245 South 1st Street, GJ
- Attend the Downtown Arts Festival in Grand Junction
- Read a Banned Book!

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What You Missed Last Month

By a voice vote of those attending, Jane Fitzgerald was approved to act as Branch Administrator for the coming year.

We all learned so much from speaker Kamie Long. She works for the Colorado State Forest Service which is part of the Colorado State University System since they are land grant colleges. Describing her varied duties from day-to-day kept us appreciative of her work on wildfire mitigation, and her description of how to avoid bear encounters while in the woods was very entertaining. She explained why clear-cutting some forests is advantageous for aspens, and spruce, but not for ponderosa or pinyon pines.

Thanks so much to those who brought the delicious pastries, fruit and cheese. Thanks to Lori Wood for providing the meeting space and coffee. And thanks to all who attended....a very good meeting!

Happy Birthday to You

Your AAUW Branch wishes to acknowledge its members and let you know we appreciate you.
Members celebrating a Birthday in October are: None

Coffee & Chat Special Interest Group



This informal (fun) group will meet on **Saturday, October 22 at 9:30 am.... The Patio at Spoons Bistro & Bakery**, 3090 North 12th Street, Grand Junction. The group's only agenda is to chat, about whatever topics come up, from the frivolous to the serious. Come when you can; bring a friend. Call Jane at 970-241-9684 with any questions.

NOTE: this is the 4th Saturday of the month, not the last Saturday.

Peggy's News

The Western Colorado Alliance for Community Action has established an award named for Peggy Rawlins (our AAUW branch member) to be given to an Alliance member who has shown 'determination and grit and fearlessness in speaking truth to power' a character we all associate with Peggy'. The Western Colorado Alliance for Community Action is an organization whose aim is to "bring people together to build grassroots power through community organizing and leadership development."



We are saddened to inform you of the death of long-time and Honorary AAUW member Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) Biggs Zollner on Sunday, September 18, 2022. Betsy, the eldest daughter of Clyde and Josephine Ramsay Biggs, was born in Grand Junction, Colorado on Sunday, April 11, 1926.

Betsy graduated in December of '42 at 16 from Grand Junction High School in the class of '43. She attended Rosemary Hall in Greenwich Connecticut as a prep school and Pine Manor Junior College in Boston and Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts class of '48. After her graduation from Smith she traveled in Europe to visit her Aunt Mary Ramsay Briner's family, a Jungian analyst, who worked out of Zurich, Switzerland. Her travels in Europe ended by living with a French family while attending the Sorbonne in Paris, France. Betsy joined the Anglican (Episcopal) Church when she was in Paris in 1949.

As a young woman she worked for her father here in Grand Junction for Biggs-Kurtz, and then in Denver and New York for other employers.

She met her husband-to-be, F. Stanton Zollner, at her sister's wedding, the brother of the groom. They married on September 5, 1953. The newly-wed couple lived in New York City where they had one daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, while Stan worked for Prentice Hall Book Publishing in the loose leaf tax services division. They were later divorced in 1957; Betsy and Kate returned to Grand Junction, Colorado.

Betsy was active in many clubs and organizations: AAUW {American Association of University Women} where she participated in Walking groups and Book Reviews through AAUW for over 50 yrs, and Bookcliff Country Club Book Club, a long-time member of Wednesday Music Club, DAR {Daughters of American Revolution}, National Federation of Music Clubs, a member of Mesa County Historical Society, St. Matthew's Church and bible studies and Women's Community Bible Study, Knife and Fork Club, in the '60's she was a member of the World Friendship Council and was on the Board of Chipeta Girl Scout Council in the 1970's and was a founding member of Chipeta Girl Scouts when she was a girl.

Her altruistic nature, in conjunction with her mother Josephine Biggs, encouraged the enhancement of local artists including accumulation of Harold Bryant paintings at the Mesa County Art Center plus donating monies to schools: Lincoln (Park) Elementary for the playground and Broadway Elementary for the computer lab. She enjoyed attending the Grand Junction Symphony as well as Community Concerts.

Services will be held October 8th, at 11:00 AM at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

A reception will follow at the Bookcliff Country Club at 1:30 PM.

Become an Informed Voter

We are fast approaching the 2022 mid-term elections on **Tuesday, November 8**, and the stakes could not be higher. All 435 seats in the House of Representatives, and 35 of 100 Senate seats, will be contested, and in Colorado, we will elect a governor. As you know, AAUW is nonpartisan but encourages each eligible voter to exercise their franchise and VOTE! In support of the AAUW mission to advance equity for women and girls, please consider each candidate's position on issues that impact women's rights and well-being.

Locally, The League of Women Voters of Mesa County is hosting several forums. Other good information and upcoming events may be found on their website at:

<https://lwvmesa.clubexpress.com/>.

Gubernatorial Candidate Forum

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 5:30 PM until 6:30 PM

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84272250679>

CD3 Candidate Forum with Lauren Boebert and Adam Frisch

Wednesday, October 12, 2022, 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82869030708>

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MESA COUNTY

**VIRTUAL
MESA COUNTY
CANDIDATE FORUM**

Thursday, October 13, 6 - 8 pm

Moderator Justin Gollob, PhD, Professor
Political Science, CMU

CLERK & RECORDER Robert Ballard (L)
Bobbie Gross (R)
Jeffrey Waldon (D)

CORONER Dean Havlik (R)
Meaghan Johnson (D)

COMMISSIONER Bobbie Daniel (R)
Charlie Pink (D)

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