

Introduction of DEI Book Reading Activity for 2023-2024

For 2 years the branch involvement in DEI has been through newsletter articles and speakers. This year members will have an opportunity for members to engage in a DEI activity that will provide knowledge, self-awareness, and time to share responses to one or more books with DEI content.

Goal: Reflection, Awareness and Personal Growth

There are 3 ways to participate in the GWA AAUW Reads Together DEI activity for this year.

1. Independent Reading

- a. The monthly newsletter DEI article will be a reading guide, thought and reactions questions to the selection. You might consider keeping a journal of your reading journey (private or to share).**

2. Attend scheduled discussion sessions. The October newsletter will have a schedule of discussion sessions for 23-24. Using discussion questions from guides or we will develop our own path for discussion at each session. One session will include the children's books. You need not buy the books. YouTube has one and Susan Halliday will be recording one for you to access. The focus will be a discussion of the number of books being banned from schools and libraries. Begin collecting articles you find on this topic and titles of books to inform our discussion. Sessions will be at my house...open to all members.

3. POP UP sessions-informal coffee and company meet ups or some of you may wish to form a sub section group to meet more

regularly. If you are inclined include me to join you or I can provide additional discussion guide content beyond what's in the newsletter for you to use.

You can do any one, two or all these ways to participate. It is my hope that as many members as possible participate in some way. It may be possible at one of our general meetings at the end of the year to have short table talks to debrief our joint reading experience.

Possible schedule:

Tuesday, October 24th (4th Tuesday) 1:30-3:00

Tuesday, November 21 (3rd Tuesday)

December No session

Tuesday, January 23 (3rd Tuesday)

Tuesday, February 27th (4th Tuesday) Children's Books

Tuesday, March 26th (4th Tuesday)

April Branch meeting: DEI Program and Table Talk Time?

Tuesday, April 23rd (4th Tuesday) Final session; evaluation of program and recommendation for improvement, eliminate?

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