

# AAUW Sponsors 50 Books List On Women's History

POTSDAM - When the Educational Foundation Vice President for St. Lawrence County Branch of AAUW, Lyn Burkett, Potsdam, started to plan for the 50th anniversary of the AAUW Educational Foundation, she wanted to design a project that would be a testament to the legacy of the foundation and raise funds to continue the scholarship it supports.

So, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the AAUW Educational Foundation, the St. Lawrence County Branch of AAUW is sponsoring 50 Books for 50 Years: Sharing Women's History With a New Generation of Readers. Lyn Burkett worked closely with Sarah Sachs, the Children's Librarian at the Potsdam Public Library, to update the women's history collection in the children's library.

In doing so, they created a 50 Books list for use by the 64 other libraries in the North Country Library System, many of which do not have a trained Children's Librarian on staff. In addition, anyone looking to buy a great book for a daughter, granddaughter, niece, neighbor, or donate to your own local library can access the list for their recommendations. The 50 Books list is available on the branch website at [www.northnet.org/stlawrenceaauw/50books.pdf](http://www.northnet.org/stlawrenceaauw/50books.pdf).

Most of the 50 Books are for 9-12 year old readers, but some are for young adults and some are for younger readers (as young as four years old). The topics include the suffragettes, science and invention, arts and entertainment, colonial America and the revolutionary war, American Civil War and Slavery, 1900-1945, religious traditions, sports, (un)common individuals, and film and television.

This program will raise funds to purchase fifty books for the Potsdam Public Library on different aspects of women's history for young readers.

There are several ways to



**BOREDOM BUSTER BASKET** - Potsdam Public Library's Children's Librarian Sarah Sachs and St. Lawrence County Branch AAUW's Educational Foundation VP Lyn Burkett, show off the Winter Family Boredom Buster Basket offered for a silent auction at the Potsdam Public Library to support the 50 Books for 50 Years: Sharing Women's History With a New Generation of Readers project of AAUW to modernize the women's history collection at the library. You can bid until Friday on the basket donated by Misty Hollow, Potsdam.

donate to this program.

There is a silent auction at the library (auction will be held downstairs at the book sale on Saturdays) through January 23. Bids will be accepted on a Winter Family Boredom Buster Basket, stocked with a jigsaw puzzle, bracelet kit, car model kit, and other items donated by Misty Hollow on Market Street in Potsdam. The highest bidder will be announced Saturday, January 24. Proceeds from the auction will go to Friends of the Library to purchase books for the AAUW 50 Books for 50 Years program.

Anyone may "adopt" one of the books on the 50 Books for 50 Years book list through the Potsdam Library's Adopt-A-Book program. Your cost will be the library rate, which is normally a 42 percent discount on hard covers, and a 25 percent discount on paperbacks. Just stop in or call the library (265-7230) for details. You will receive an estimated cost on

your request. You can decide whether you want a name plate attached. You will be called when your request arrives. Payment is made when you the book arrives.

Also, cash donations for the 50 Books for 50 Years program may be made to Friends of the Library, who will purchase a book on the list for the collection.

In addition to donations for the 50 Books for 50 Years program, you are also encouraged to donate to the AAUW Educational Foundation. All donations, no matter how small or how large, are gladly accepted!

The AAUW Educational Foundation - the world's largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women - supports aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented.

