

# AAUW Springfield

*Good things to come this Fall ...*



## Please Join Us!

### CultureFest

Sat., Sept. 28 —

We will again be crewing a booth at this great Springfield

Event. We are offering 2-hour shifts starting at 10:00 AM for set up, and ending with final tear-down by 6:00 PM. This is a great way to talk to fellow Springfielders about AAUW.



**AAUW's StartSmart Program Mon., Oct. 14:** AAUW member

### Start Smart

Over the course of her working life, a woman will earn roughly \$1 million less than a man— simply because she is a woman.



Start Smart is an interactive workshop designed to give college women the confidence and skills they need to earn fair compensation.

Amber Vlasnik from Wright State University will join us at the Learning Cafe in Springfield High School at 7PM to talk about AAUW's StartSmart Program, and how they have used their AAUW grant at Wright State.

Anyone with a daughter entering the workforce will want to attend this meeting! Folks from Clark State may want to find out how to get hooked up with this great program.

**Fair Trade Winds — Mon., Nov. 11:**

AAUW hits the road with a field trip to the Fair Trade Winds store at 36 North Fountain Avenue. Join us at 7 PM to learn about how this store is supporting women across the globe in their small start-up businesses, and maybe do some early holiday shopping to boot!



## Calendar 2013-14

### MEETINGS:

**Branch: 7 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays**  
*(Unless otherwise noted)*

- Oct 14 StartSmart Program, Learning Café @ SHS
- Nov 11 Fair Trade Winds, 36 N. Fountain Ave., Sprfg
- Dec 9 Holiday Social Event, Crothers home
- Jan 13 Winter Comfort Mtg & Book Discussion
- Feb 12 5:30-7:30 PM  
(WED.) BWW Trivia Fundraiser
- Mar 10 Organizational Mtg for April AAUW Convention
- April 11-13—AAUW Convention in Springfield
- May 12 Spring Potluck/  
Scholarship Award Mtg
- Summer Garage Sale/Fundraiser  
TBA



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## Choose your favorite!

Hope you'll join us for a discussion of one (or more?) of the books listed below. We are planning a book chat the evening of Jan. 13, 2014 at member/president Joyce Spangler's home. Please look over the 6 books below and EMAIL your top choice(s) to her at: [topeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:topeditor@yahoo.com) / or tell her no later than our October 14 meeting.

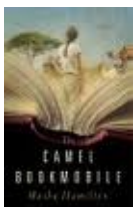
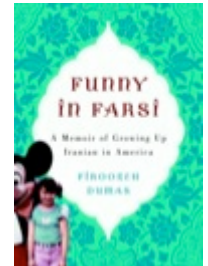


### **The Red Tent** by Anita Diamant (CCPL\* Book Club Selection)

Her name is Dinah. In the Bible, her life is only hinted at in a brief and violent detour within the more familiar chapters of the Book of Genesis that tell of her father, Jacob, and his twelve sons. • Told in Dinah's voice, Anita Diamant imagines the traditions and turmoils of ancient womanhood--the world of the red tent. It begins with the story of the mothers--Leah, Rachel, Zilpah, and Bilhah--the four wives of Jacob. They love Dinah and give her gifts that sustain her through childhood, a calling to midwifery, and a new home in a foreign land. Dinah's story reaches out from a remarkable period of early history and creates an intimate connection with the past.

### **Funny in Farsi** by Firoozeh Dumas (CCPL Book Club Selection)

In 1972, when she was seven, Firoozeh Dumas and her family moved from Iran to Southern California, arriving with no firsthand knowledge of this country beyond her father's glowing memories of his graduate school years here. More family soon followed, and the clan has been here ever since. • Funny in Farsi chronicles the American journey of Dumas's wonderfully engaging family: her engineer father, a sweetly quixotic dreamer who first sought riches on Bowling for Dollars and in Las Vegas, and later lost his job during the Iranian revolution; her elegant mother, who never fully mastered English (nor cared to); her uncle, who combated the effects of American fast food with an army of miraculous American weight-loss gadgets; and Firoozeh herself, who as a girl changed her name to Julie, and who encountered a second wave of culture shock when she met and married a Frenchman, becoming part of a one-couple melting pot.



### **The Camel Bookmobile** by Masha Hamilton (CCPL Book Club Selection)

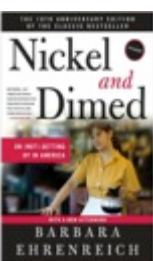
Fiona Sweeney wants to do something that matters, and she chooses to make her mark in the arid bush of northeastern Kenya. By helping to start a traveling library, she hopes to bring the words of Homer, Hemingway, and Dr. Seuss to far-flung tiny communities where people live daily with drought, hunger, and disease. Her intentions are honorable, and her rules are firm: due to the limited number of donated books, if any one of them is not returned, the bookmobile will not return. • But, encumbered by her Western values, Fi does not understand the people she seeks to help. And in the impoverished small community of Mididima, she finds herself caught in the middle of a volatile local struggle when the bookmobile's presence sparks a dangerous feud between the proponents of modernization and those who fear the loss of traditional ways.

### **The Help** by Kathryn Stockett (CCPL Book Club Selection)

Three ordinary women are about to take one extraordinary step. Seemingly as different from one another as can be, these women will nonetheless come together for a clandestine project that will put them all at risk. And why? Because they are suffocating within the lines that define their town and their times. And sometimes lines are made to be crossed.



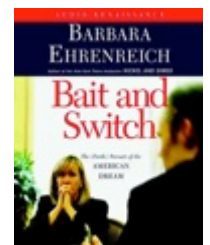
### **Nickel and Dimed** by Barbara Ehrenreich (NOT a CCPL Selection, but library has several)



Millions of Americans work full time, year round, for poverty-level wages. In 1998, Barbara Ehrenreich decided to join them. She was inspired in part by the rhetoric surrounding welfare reform, which promised that a job -- any job -- can be the ticket to a better life. But how does anyone survive, let alone prosper, on \$6 an hour? To find out, Ehrenreich left her home, took the cheapest lodgings she could find, and accepted whatever jobs she was offered. Moving from Florida to Maine to Minnesota, she worked as a waitress, a hotel maid, a cleaning woman, a nursing-home aide, and a Wal-Mart sales clerk. She lived in trailer parks and crumbling residential motels. Very quickly, she discovered that no job is truly "unskilled," that even the lowliest occupations require exhausting mental and muscular effort. She also learned that one job is not enough; you need at least two if you intend to live indoors. Nickel and Dimed reveals low-rent America in all its tenacity, anxiety, and surprising generosity -- a land of Big Boxes, fast food, and a thousand desperate stratagems for survival.

### **Bait and Switch** by Barbara Ehrenreich (NOT a CCPL Book Club Selection, but library has 2 copies)

Bait and Switch highlights the people who've done everything right -- gotten college degrees, developed marketable skills, and built up impressive résumés--yet have become repeatedly vulnerable to financial disaster, and not simply due to the vagaries of the business cycle. Today's ultra-lean corporations take pride in shedding their "surplus" employees--plunging them, for months or years at a stretch, into the twilight zone of white-collar unemployment, where job searching becomes a full-time job in itself. As Ehrenreich discovers, there are few social supports for these newly disposable workers--and little security even for those who have jobs.



\*CCPL: Clark County Public Library has enough books in their Book Club Selections for all to borrow a copy.

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# Candid Corner

*The September 6 AAUW Social Kick-off  
at Mela Urban Bistro in the Courtyard by Marriott*



Membership Chair Ann Strothman is standing sideways with Catie, Diana, and Courtney, prospective members.

Facing camera is new Life Member, Lynda Ream. Kim Fish has her back to the camera (with prospective members). Wittenberg's Dr. Laurie Joyner is in our polo shirt.



## *The Summer AAUW Yard Sale*

This fundraiser for our local chapter, held at past-president Cheri Crothers home in Springfield, raised nearly \$500 for our group (any helped many of us clean out the hidden treasures in our own homes)!



*Thanks to member Roberta Linder for above photos.*

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