

Annual Report Historian May 2021

I am very thankful to report that Adriance Library, and the local history room, reopened in the summer of 2020. Mask wearing is required. I have had several sessions of adding materials to our print archives.

I am also happy to report an Archival Guidelines committee was formed and developed a list of what will be kept in print and on Amazon cloud. This has been considered since 2016. Margaret Nijhuis, Diane Jablonski and I used AAUW national and state guidelines to make our decisions. The historian responsibilities were updated to match these decisions. The proposal to update the responsibilities has been given to the Working Rules Committee. The historian and our print archives at Adriance will each have a copy of our archival list and our Amazon cloud account will have the information in the Our Heritage folder. This list will be reviewed annually for relevance. Thank you to Margaret and Diane for their knowledge of all things AAUW and their set up of the cloud account. It is very well organized and user friendly. If anyone would like to know specifics of our new guidelines, please let me know.

When the Amazon cloud account was originally set up, it was designed for saving photos and documents to archive and also to hold items that would help our leadership. This would especially assist transitions of newly elected officers. This fall I would like to work with board members to upload information about programs, processes, grant information and whatever else would be helpful and relevant.

As in the past, articles for The Branch were written from a historical perspective. The major one was a look back, 100 years later, on women gaining the right to vote in 1920. In addition, digital copies were made of our 1982 film "Poughkeepsie - a City on the Hudson". This film was made by Poughkeepsie AAUW (chair Margaret Nijhuis) and Vassar College film department. As a librarian, I was proud that several libraries worked together to accomplish this long desired task.

This report details the third year of my serving as historian. I look forward to one more year of service and will be glad to help find a historian for 2022-23 and beyond. I will not continue after June 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
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