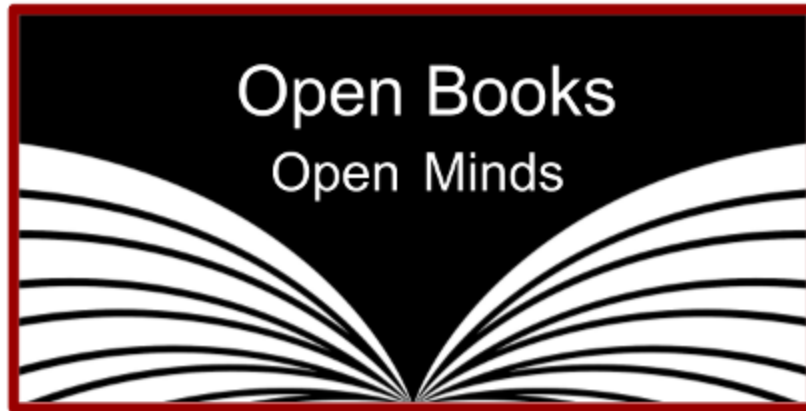


# A Public Panel on Book Banning



## **Open Books - Open Minds**

*NYS-AAUW Late Fall Regional Meeting  
Saturday, December 9, 2023  
10:00am. To 4:00pm.*

Tompkins County Public Library (TCPL), The Hotel Ithaca, and  
Cornell Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Ithaca.

### **Program Schedule**

#### ***10:00am. Social Time***

Via's Cookies ([viacookies.com](http://viacookies.com)) baked by Via Carpenter, Ithaca Branch Member, and beverages at Tompkins County Public Library Borg-Warner Meeting Room, 101 East Green Street, Ithaca.

#### ***10:15am. To 12:00pm. Open Books - Open Minds***

Public Panel Discussion on the National Dialogue and Issues Facing Our Communities with Books being banned by School Boards and Libraries.

***The panel will feature a moderator, Susan Annah Currie, and three panelists:  
Moir Lang, Mary-Carol Lindbloom, and Leslie Tabor***

sharing their knowledge, expertise and experiences on the book banning issue. A timekeeper, Kathy Earnest-Koons, will assist the panelists in keeping the panel discussions moving along.

### ***Panel Moderator***

**Susan Annah Currie** is a librarian, author and county legislator. She worked for close to thirty years in leadership positions at Cornell University and SUNY Binghamton Libraries. In 2009, she was chosen to be the director of the historic Tompkins County Public Library in Ithaca, New York and retired as the Finger Lakes Library Director of the year in 2017. In 2021, she returned to Tompkins County Public Library as interim director, guiding the library in restoring hours and services as the county reopened after COVID-19 and as the search for a new director began. She is the author of the recently published memoir, "The Preventorium." She has been an invited speaker at the Mississippi Book Festival in Jackson, Ms., the Spring Writes Literary Festival in Ithaca, NY, Tompkins County Public Library, and guest lecturer at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

In 2023, she was elected to serve as a member of the Tompkins County Legislature. She obtained a B.A. in English from Belhaven College, attended graduate school focusing on medieval literature at the University of Mississippi, has a Masters in Library Science from the University of Buffalo and completed the Harvard University Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians.

### ***Panelists***

**Moira Lang** has been part of the Ithaca community since 1978. She spent 35 years as a secondary English teacher, 25 of those years at Ithaca High School, from 1985 to 2010. Moira received her BA in English from Union College and her MA in English from Middlebury College. She retired from the Ithaca City School District in 2010 and moved to Istanbul, Turkey, to teach English at Robert College for four years. She retired in June 2014. She joined the Ithaca City School District Board of Education in July 2015.

**Mary-Carol Lindbloom** is the executive director of a multi-type regional library system in NYS that provides electronic resources to area libraries and their patrons, avails learning and training opportunities to library workers, supports hospital libraries, and offers digitization services, among their many programs and services. She holds an M.L.S. from Syracuse University and B.A. in anthropology from St. John Fisher University. Ms. Lindbloom has worked in a variety of library settings: university, public, museum, hospital, and library system. As a multi-type system director, she works with member libraries of all types, from large universities to public libraries, hospitals, schools, and museums. She participates in the region's digital equity initiatives that \*hope to avail affordable and robust internet, internet-enabled devices, training, and support to all NYS residents. A long-time AAUW Member and currently serves as Diversity Inclusion and Equity Chair for the Ithaca Branch.

**Leslie Tabor** is the Director of the Tompkins County Public Library, which means she is the chief cat herder. Leslie has worked on all sides of the customer service desk since 2008 and served the public at libraries including the Library of Congress, Pioneer Library System (OK), the New York Public Library, and the Phoenix Public Library (AZ). She helped design and build several new libraries as a program manager and had a short stint as a parking consultant. Leslie is thrilled to be back in NY State and enjoys the four seasons in Ithaca with her husband (also a librarian) and their dog, Slyde.

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**12:00pm. To 2:00pm. AAUW Themed Legislative and Social Time Luncheon**

held at the Hotel Ithaca Ithaca/Cayuga Ballroom (the hotel ithaca.com),  
222 South Cayuga Street, Ithaca

The luncheon will be open to all AAUW Members and their guests.

**Pre-registration is required  
by Saturday, December 2, 2023.**

The luncheon will feature several talks regarding current legislative issues facing women in NYS, along with AAUW-related talks.

The luncheon will have the hotel's "Downtown Buffet" which will feature a wide variety of food and beverages.

Attendees wishing to make donations to AAUW Funds ([aauw.org/donation-product-detail](http://aauw.org/donation-product-detail)) and/or the Ithaca Branch of AAUW Local Scholarship ([Tompkins Cortland.edu/foundation/our-scholarships](http://TompkinsCortland.edu/foundation/our-scholarships)) for a Non-Traditional Female Student Attending Tompkins-Cortland Community College Donations will be collected during the luncheon for submission to both AAUW and the Tompkins-Cortland Community College Foundation prior to the end of 2023. For AAUW Funds Donations, please indicate the AAUW Fund(s) (9110-Greatest Needs Fund, 4450-Education and Training Fund, 4449-Economic Security Fund, 4452-Leadership Fund, etc.) that you would like your donation applied to on your check or money order.

During the luncheon, the Ithaca Branch Members will be collecting food items for the Loaves and Fishes of Tompkins County. Please feel free to bring donated items to the luncheon. A list of suggested food items can be found at [loaves.org/make-a-gift/food-donations](http://loaves.org/make-a-gift/food-donations).

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**Hotel Accommodations and Visiting Ithaca Information**

**2:00pm. To 4:00pm. Cornell Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art Tour**

([museum.cornell.edu](http://museum.cornell.edu))– Guided and Self-Guided Tour of Exhibits,  
Cornell University Campus, 114 Central Ave, Ithaca

We will have the unique opportunity to decide if you would like a guided or self-guided tour of the museum collection. The guided tours will be directed by museum staff and will include visiting two current special collections. Please indicate on your registration form your preference for guided or self-guided exploration of the museum's collections.

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The Hotel Ithaca located at 222 South Cayuga Street, Ithaca, NY  
For Overnight Lodging Reservations: Phone #(607)272-1000 or  
[thehoteliithaca.com/Ithaca-ny-hotel-guestrooms](http://thehoteliithaca.com/Ithaca-ny-hotel-guestrooms).

**First Timers Visiting Ithaca**

Check-out VisitIthaca.com for ideas of how to make the most of your time in Ithaca.



## Registration Form

Program Registration Fee: \$40.00 Per Person

Checks or Money Orders Made-out To “Ithaca Branch of AAUW”

**Deadline to Register is Saturday, December 2, 2023**

Please mail completed Registration Form and Payment to:  
Kim Edgar, 1233 Salt Springs Rd, Chittenango, NY 13037  
[KimberlySEdgar@gmail.com](mailto:KimberlySEdgar@gmail.com), #(603)448-3708-Cell

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