

AAUW Poughkeepsie Branch

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Our print archives of the history of our branch are housed in the local history room of Adriance Memorial Library in Poughkeepsie. Dating back to 1925, they serve as the institutional memory of our organization (as Eileen Hayden stated in May of 2017). Documents were examined and condensed during this year. Kira Thompson, Local History Librarian, is a pleasure to work with and will provide access to anyone wishing to use our information.

With the focus on the moon landing and locally on Woodstock, I wanted to discover what was happening in Poughkeepsie and in Poughkeepsie AAUW in 1969. The result of that search will appear in the June Newsletter. Other "Timeless Tidbits" have been printed and those will continue next year. Members have expressed appreciation for the glimpses into our past.

As in previous years' reports, the discussion of what to keep in print form continues. Our excellent web site, which is very easily searched, provides information on every aspect of our organization. The Newsletter, included on the web site, keeps members up to date. Print editions of the newsletter are currently saved, as well as membership directories, Board Meeting agendas and minutes and other items. The focus is to save what is not found on the web site. Our photos are saved on Facebook and the "cloud", so few print photos are saved at this time. Again, discussion continues about these forms of archiving our history. Currently, with our fantastic web master, Margaret Nijhuis, all goes smoothly. In my opinion, for the web site to keep its prominence and be the digital archive of the branch, we must be sure to continue to have an excellent web master.

Respectfully submitted,

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