

AAUW of Virginia
In partnership with the Tigray Development Association
Presents
Fall International Program
Literacy: the Key to Development in Ethiopia

The Virginia State Board of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in partnership with the Tigray Development Association is hosting a fundraiser for the Tigray Library and Literacy Development Project at the Ethiopian Embassy on Sunday, September 25, 2011, from 2:00–4:30 pm. Yohannes Gebregeorgis, a political refugee and trained librarian, was named a Top 10 CNN Hero in 2008 for his work in bringing libraries and literacy to children in his native Ethiopia. <http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/cnn.heroes/archive/yohannes.gebregeorgis.html> In 2010, he established the Segenat Children and Youth Library in Mekelle, the first children’s library in the region of Tigray. This flagship library was featured in *American Libraries* <http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/news/08232010/new-youth-library-ethiopia-makes-impossible-dream-reality> and caught the attention of members of the Virginia State Board.

Open to all AAUW members and friends, this free program will feature:

Slide Presentation on the Cultural and Historical Aspects of Ethiopia

Traditional coffee ceremony with sample: Ethiopian woman in national dress

Presentation on the Tigray Development Association and Humanitarian Efforts

Overview of the Tigray Library and Literacy Development Project presented by a librarian and colleague who worked closely with Yohannes Gebregeorgis.

Opportunity for AAUW members to make a voluntary contribution that will make a significant difference in library and literacy efforts for children in Ethiopia.

Signed copies of “Silly Mamma” and “Tirhas Celebrates Ashenda” by Yohannes Gebregeorgis will be for sale. Tax deductible donations may be made out to the Tigray Development Association. (Tigray Development Association Segenat Children and Youth Library P.O. Box 73295 Washington, D.C. 20056-3295)

For more information about the project, please see: <http://segnatfoundation.org>.

Location:

Ethiopian Embassy
3506 International Drive Northwest
Washington D.C., DC 20008-3035
(202) 364-1200

Directions:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=ethiopian+embassy+washington+dc&fb=1&gl=us&cid=0,0,10604619558454988114&z=16&vpsrc=6>

