

# The bucket book is now a play

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The new play *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* by Ann Marie Gardinier Halstead is a modern take on the golden rule with humor, heart, and larger-than-life characters.

Based on Carol McCloud's award-winning books, the play tells the story of Trey, a 4th grade student who learns about bucket filling from his camp counselor Mimi, Professor Smarty Pants III, and Bucket Filling Fairy (BFF), a magical creature who speaks in rhyme.

This theatrical adaptation is a fun and effective way for schools, theatre companies and community organizations to address bullying. Convention attendees had the pleasure of meeting Ann Marie and learning more about the play at her workshop in Lake Placid. Learn more about the play at [www.bucketfillingplay.com](http://www.bucketfillingplay.com).

Ann Marie first heard about Carol McCloud's book *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* at a meeting at her son's school. She read it, loved it, and thought it would make great theatre.

She was confident that a play would be a fun and effective way for schools and theatre companies to address bullying. Ann Marie was thrilled when Ms. McCloud gave her permission to adapt the book for the stage.

This book is popular in elementary schools across the U.S. and abroad. Many schools have adopted the bucket filling concept as their school theme.

Therefore, the play is popular among teachers and children alike. Parents appreciate its positive message as well. It is also popular with some AAUW branches in NYS. Couldn't your branch support a production or just spread the word about this wonderful concept.

Peaceful Schools is mounting a traveling production for central and northern NYS during the 2013-2014 school year. Visit their website [www.peacefulschools.com](http://www.peacefulschools.com) to find out more.

There are many classroom applications for the play. For instance, the summer camp skits with bucket filling and dipping scenarios make great role-play exercises for elementary school students.

Schools can produce the play with either student or staff actors. A middle or high school drama club could present the play to the elementary school(s) in their district. The running time of 45-50 minutes is perfect for a school assembly.

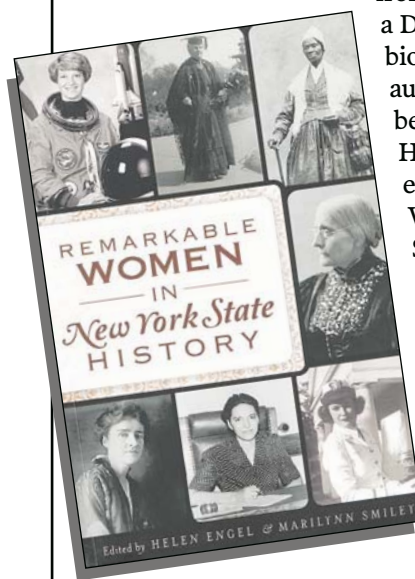
"The Bucket Books" by Carol McCloud and Ann Marie's play contain lots of possibilities for both programs/projects for your branch and local community. Be sure to contact AAUW-NYS's very own BFF (a.k.a. Joan Monk) for more information at [ftmaven@gmail.com](mailto:ftmaven@gmail.com).

Let's get serious about bucket filling!

# New book salutes historic NYS women

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Thanks to everyone throughout the state for all the work that was involved in producing a book from the Women Making a Difference project. The biographies and autobiographies have been published by The History Press in a book entitled "Remarkable Women in New York State History." The book was available for \$24.99 at the AAUW-NYS Convention in Lake Placid and will also be available at the Summer Conference in Cazenovia College.



If you have questions about how

to obtain the book, please contact me.

Now is the time to go through your records and decide what should be kept for your branch archives, what should be saved for your use or given to your successor, and what can be discarded. Make sure to update your branch history and keep your archives current.

The AAUW website ([www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)) has added some very helpful information on archives and record management. Go to Resources at the top of the page, then Guides (on the site) and then Archives (under Filter by Tags). Both of the guides, Guidelines of Preserving State and Branch Archives and Record Management Guidelines for State and Branches, can be downloaded. Both the guides are very helpful, giving useful information in an easy to read format.

For more information on this subject you can also check the AAUW-NYS website, use the History tab at the top of the page, and then go to the sidebar (Preserving Historical Records) on the history page.

If you know where your branch archives are being stored, please let me know so a list of locations for branch archives can be made available for those who may want to utilize the information now and in the future.