



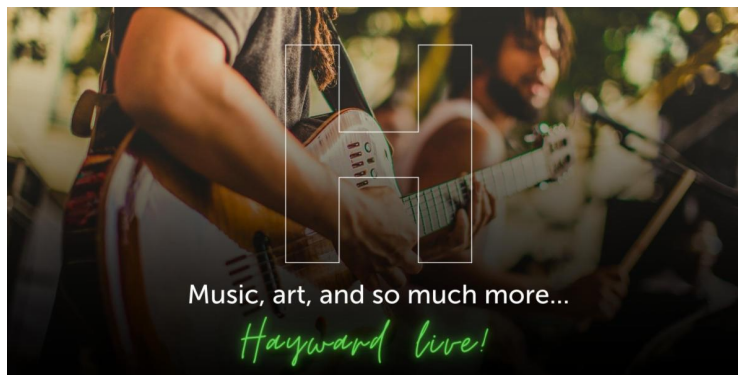
“Read books. Care about things. Get excited. Try not to be too down on yourself.

Enjoy the ever-present game of knowing.”

Hank Green, author, YouTuber, science communicator

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August Community Events



City of Hayward Presents

HAYWARD LIVE!

Friday, August 4, 2023 & Saturday, August 5, 2023

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Bring the whole family out to Downtown Hayward to experience musicians, artists and vendors that will set up each Friday and Saturday afternoon and early evening to do live performances, create art pieces, have some fun!

These events are free and kid friendly.

All activities will take place on the sidewalks, bump-out patios, and parks along B Street.

[Visit the Hayward Live! website](#)



The Hayward Chamber of Commerce Presents

3rd Thursday Street Parties
Hot August Nights
Thursday, August 17, 2023
5:30 - 8:30 PM

Hayward will celebrate summer 2023 with its traditional Chamber of Commerce-led Downtown Hayward Street Party from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, August 17. The event will have all of the elements Hayward residents have come to expect from the Street Party Series over the past 20+ years: great music, food, vendors, classic cars and family fun while bringing in thousands of guests to the Downtown Hayward area!



Castro Valley
Summer Concert #3:
Dee Coco & Co

Castro Valley Library Presents

Dee Coco & Co
Thursday, August 24, 2023
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Castro Valley Library Parking Lot

Join us for an OUTDOOR Summer concert at the Castro Valley Library! Bring your lawn chairs...bring the family ...bring a picnic!

Come out and enjoy the ultimate Bay Area party band, Dee Coco & Co! R&B, Funk, Soul and Rock, Dee Coco Johnson and her band do it all. They'll have you up and dancing!

Because this is an OUTDOOR event, automobile parking will be limited at the library. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on Alameda County Library property. Please bring your own chairs, the library is unable to provide chairs for this event. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

[Learn](#)



San Leandro Public Library Presents

Family Fun Night: Animal Show
Conservation Ambassadors - Wild Things, Inc.

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Karp Room - Main Library
300 Estudillo Ave. San Leandro, CA

Which animals will you see up close at this Family Fun Night featuring Conservation Ambassador's Wild Things Inc? All ages welcome. Doors open at 6:20pm and the show begins at 6:30pm. Arrive on time for a seat as doors will close if we reach room capacity. Questions? Please call 510-577-3960.

Over a million California School children have experienced the unique style of education blended with live animals, relevant storytelling and a fun, enlightening message.

[Visit the Conservation Ambassador website](#)

Tech Trek Ice Cream Social



Hayward-Castro Valley Branch Presents

Tech Trek Ice Cream Social
Sunday, September 10, 2023
2:30 - 4:30 PM

Tech Trek camp is over and it's time for our membership to meet the girls, and their families, at our annual Ice Cream Social. This year we sponsored 7 girls for in-person camp at Sonoma State and 1 girl for virtual camp. They are:

Srishty Banga, Canyon
Naomy Cervantes, Winton
Amalea Jue, Creekside
Khadeeja Kamal, Creekside
Danitza Lomeli, Winton
April Taylor, Bret Harte
Michelle Villalobos, King

Ayah Gregory was selected for the virtual camp.

Please plan to come. Learn about their wonderful experiences at Tech Trek camp!

Interest Groups



Drama Reading Group

On **Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 1:00pm** the drama reading group will meet at Liz Bathgate's home at 22112 Queen Street in Castro Valley for a special summer reading of ***Women's Suffrage*** by Dorothy Alexander Sugarman in honor of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution on August 26, 1920, giving women the right to vote.

The play begins in 1913 at a meeting of the National American Women's Suffrage Association. Many women are gathered, and there is tension in the air. A heated debate ensues as leaders strive to resolve the issues.

Refreshments will be served during intermission. We will meet inside, and you are welcome to wear a mask if you feel more comfortable.

Please let me know if you can come so I can plan the dessert. Liz 510-581-0461. Questions? Email Liz at elisabethbathgate@icloud.com

National Park Service- Women's Suffrage History Timeline



Book Group

The Book Group will meet on **Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at 3:30 PM** on Zoom. We will discuss "**Driving Over Lemons**" by Chris Stewart, former drummer for Genesis.

A funny, generous, wonderfully written account of a family making a life and home in remote but enchanting southern Spain. No sooner had Chris set eyes on El Valero than he handed over a check. Now all he had to do was explain to

Ana, his wife, that they were the proud owners of an isolated sheep farm in the Alpujarra Mountains. That was the easy part.

Everyone is welcome. We are a small, but mighty group.

[Click HERE to Join Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 845 5187 2188

Passcode: 252339

Hope to have you join us. Please RSVP to slaterl@sbcglobal.net.



Dining Out Event

Hello Members! Lots of choices to meet and socialize the summer:

1. Let's meet for a lunch at **12 noon, Wednesday, August 9, at Pho Auntie 7**. It is a small, unassuming place located at 2690 Castro Valley Blvd., C V. I am told this Vietnamese restaurant packs big flavors into the simplest of dishes. Let's be adventurous and try it.

2. The local Castro Valley Greek Orthodox Church is holding its annual Festival August 19 and 20 at the Church on Center Street. I am going to walk around and savor a BBQ lamb sandwich on **Saturday, August 19**. Meet me for lunch in the tented seating area at 12:30 if you are interested. Some of you have leadership commitments and can't go on Saturday, and I hope you try to go on Sunday. It's a happy, family style event.

3. Like to hear music outside in a park setting? The San Francisco Ukulele Rebellion is scheduling a jam at Niles Community Park on **Sunday, August 13**. I'll be joining this group for fun. Lots of good players will be there leading songs you know. This is a jam, which means casual format. Hours are 4 to 6 pm.

Let me know if you are coming: patmacsata@gmail.com

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President's Message

Your Board

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Censorship by the Numbers

The American Library Association (ALA) compiles data on book challenges from reports filed by library professionals and from news stories published throughout the United States. Because many book

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AAUW Hayward-Castro Valley Branch board meetings occur on the first Monday of every month at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Contact Linda for Zoom information.

All branch members are encouraged to attend board meetings.

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

challenges are not reported to the ALA, the 2022 data compiled by ALA represents a snapshot of book censorship throughout 2022. A challenge to a book may resolve in retaining the book in the collection, or a book being restricted or withdrawn from the library.

ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom documented 1,269 demands to censor library books and resources in 2022, the highest number of attempted book bans since ALA began compiling data about censorship in libraries more than 20 years ago. The reported book challenges in 2022 nearly doubles the 729 book challenges reported in 2021. Censors targeted 2,571 unique titles, a 38% increase from the 1,858 unique titles targeted for censorship in 2021. Of those titles, the vast majority were written by or about members of the LGBTQIA+ community or by and about Black people, Indigenous people, and people of color.

Books are not the sole target of attacks by conservative parent groups and right-wing media. Both school and public librarians are increasingly in the crosshairs during book challenges and subject to defamatory name-calling, online harassment, social media attacks, and doxxing (to publish private or identifying information about), as well as direct threats to their safety, their employment, and their very liberty.

In 2022, nearly 51% of the demands to censor books targeted books, programs, displays, and other materials in school libraries and schools; 48% of book challenges targeted materials in public libraries.

How do we fight back? Continue supporting your library and defending the freedom to read in your community by repeating these actions again and again, and to encourage your friends, family, neighbors, and community to join the effort. Here are four (4) actions you can take:

1. **Check out (and read) a Challenged book!**
2. **Attend your Library & School Board Meetings**
3. **Submit a Letter to the Editor**
4. **Report Censorship!**

Fighting censorship will take work from all of us on the local level, and every person that joins the campaign is one more voice to speak out against it when it comes for our communities. Celebrate Freedom to Read, every day.

[Learn More at ALA's Banned and Challenged Books](#)

Public Policy



AAUW California Public Policy Committee Launches the "School Board Project"

There is a dangerous wave sweeping across our country to withhold certain historical information from students and to preclude student access and exposure to educational materials and/or campus events concerning a number of historically marginalized groups, including persons of color and people in LGBTQ+ communities. These efforts include financial and other forms of support for candidates for school board positions who support these policies and who would then be in a position to see them come to fruition.

These policies are antithetical to AAUW California's public policy priorities to ensure "equal access to quality public education for all students" including "access to diverse curriculum that represents historically accurate information." This is why AAUW California is determined to do everything we can to stop this movement from taking hold in our beautiful state, and why we have entered into a collaboration with Equality California to identify, recruit, and support candidates to run for nonpartisan school board races up and down the state.

On June 25, 2023, AAUW California Public Policy Chair Kathi Harper, along with a representative from Equality California, made a presentation to the Los Angeles IBC explaining the project. Learn more about the issue, what the project consists of, and how AAUW California members can help by listening to the recording included below. Be part of the solution by completing a survey from the Public Policy Committee to help us determine whether this is or might become an issue in your community and to let us know

if you are in this fight with us. The survey can be accessed **HERE**.

AAUW California Public Policy Committee, July 10, 2023

[Download the Presentation to LA IBC](#)

[Learn More about Equality California](#)

Member News

If you have news about a member who needs to be congratulated on a special occasion or accomplishment, who needs to be encouraged during illness or difficult time, or to be reminded we are here for him/her, please contact your branch president, Linda Slater at slaterl@sbcglobal.net.

Membership Matters



The Hayward-Castro Valley values you too much to lose you as a member. This vital organization, which advances equity for women and girls, is strongest when we all join together. Please renew online or make your dues check payable to **AAUW-HCV**:

Renew **BY CHECK**: Mail to Liz Bathgate, membership chair, at 22112 Queen St. Castro Valley, CA 94546. Regular member \$107; Life member \$15; Dual member \$15.

Renew **ONLINE**: Go to [Login - AAUW](#)

Questions? Send an email to elisabethbathgate@icloud.com

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