



**“Something will be offensive to someone in every book,
so you've got to fight it.”**

— Judy Blume

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Tech Trek Ice Cream Social



Hayward-Castro Valley Branch Presents

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

Faith Lutheran Church, Jensen Hall
20080 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley, CA 94546

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!

RSVP to Judy Harrison at jharrison663@comcast.net.

AAUW California Webinar



AAUW California Presents

Book Banning and Curricula Censorship in California?

AAUW California to the Rescue!

Thursday, September 21, 2023

7 PM

On Zoom - Registration Required

We all know book banning and censorship of educational materials are rapidly sweeping across the country. And now, they are on our doorstep! But we don't have to – and we won't – tolerate it. Join this webinar to learn what the AAUW Public Policy team is doing about it, and how you can help.

The **School Board Project** Committee members will explain the breadth of the problem and the scope of the proposed solution, along with a member from Equality California, our collaborative partner, and a representative from the League of Women Voters to guide members with some useful tips about speaking out at school board meetings.

This session will be recorded and posted on the website.

Speakers

- Anne Quinn – Co-Chair, League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo Committee on Civil Discourse
- Jean Burns Slater – President Five Cities-Pismo Beach Branch; Co-Chair, League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo Committee on Civil Discourse
- Kathi Harper – AAUW California Public Policy Committee, Chair School Board Project Sub-Committee
- Tom Temprano – Managing Director of External Affairs Equality California
- Seena Trigas – President COV Branch; Member School Board Project Sub-Committee

[Register HERE](#)

September Community Events



The Niles Main Street Association Presents

**59th Annual
Niles Antique Faire
Sunday, August 27, 2023
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

37573 Niles Boulevard, Niles, CA

Join us for a delightful journey through time at the 59th Annual Antique Fair in the charming Niles district of California on August 27th!

- From 8 AM to 4 PM, experience the magic of this spectacular event, where history and treasures come alive. Best of all, it's FREE for everyone to attend!
- Step into a world of wonder as you explore the myriad of vendors showcasing their exquisite antiques, collectibles, and captivating arts.
- Discover unique treasures and find that one-of-a-kind item you've been longing for!
- Indulge your taste buds in a culinary journey as you savor the delicious delights offered by our amazing food vendors.
- Treat yourself to scrumptious bites and fuel up for more extraordinary finds!



City of San Leandro Presents

**Artisan Market
Sunday, August 27, 2023
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

100 W. Juana San Leandro, CA

Celebrate San Leandro's local artists, makers, and small businesses on August 27th! Get a jump on your early holiday shopping and support a local business.



Hayward Executive Airport Presents

Annual Open House
Sunday, September 24, 2023
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Families and aviation lovers are invited to this free event, which will feature a variety of entertainment for people of all ages. The Open House will include static aircraft displays, police and fire vehicles and equipment, and classic cars. Local restaurants and vendors also will be onsite selling food and drinks. Open House admission and parking are free.

[For More Information](#)

JOIN US FOR A SCREENING OF **intelligent lives**



Academy Award-winning actor and narrator Chris Cooper contextualizes the lives of three central characters through the emotional personal story of his son Jesse. INTELLIGENT LIVES challenges what it means to be intelligent, and points to a future in which people of all abilities can fully participate in higher education, meaningful employment, and intimate relationships.

Castro Valley Center for the Arts
19501 Redwood Road, Castro Valley, CA 94546
Sunday, September 24, 2023 | 2:00pm - 4:15pm
Reserve your seat for the 70-minute film and the panel discussion at <https://cvace.link/intelligentlives>



Note: Seating is limited. No food or drink will be allowed in the theater. Please arrive with plenty of time to be seated prior to the 2 p.m. film start time.

CVACE is committed to providing equal opportunity for all individuals in education, social programs, activities, and services. CVACE does not discriminate based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnicity, gender, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression, or genetic information. The permission of any or most of our stakeholders, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics, is required for the grant of equal opportunity to the full development of speech, assembly, petitioning, the right to participate in government, and the right to equal employment opportunities.

Castro Valley Adult & Career Education and the Community Alliance Presents

A Screening of Intelligent Lives
Sunday, September 24, 2023
2:00 - 4:15 PM

Castro Valley Center for the Arts
19501 Redwood Rd. Castro Valley, CA

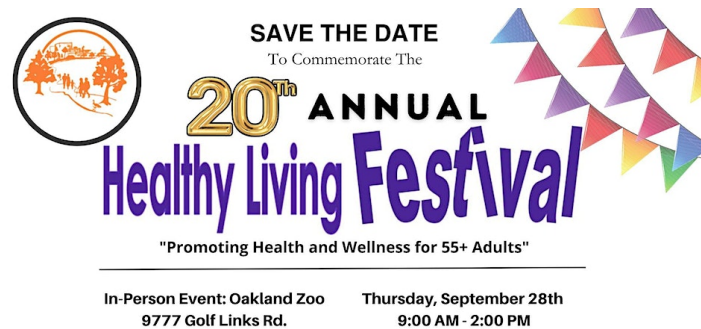
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central characters through the emotional personal story of his son Jesse. Intelligent Lives challenges what it means to be intelligent, and points to a future in which people of all abilities can fully participate in higher education, meaningful employment, and intimate relationships.

I encourage you to attend and to personally invite families you know that have children that have what we see as challenges. You will leave encouraged and uplifted to see their impact.

Reserve your seat for the 70-minute film and panel discussion to follow. Note: Seating is limited. No food or drink will be allowed in the theater. Please arrive with plenty of time to be seated prior to the 2 p.m. film start time.

[Reserve your Seat!](#)



United Seniors of Oakland & Alameda County Presents

**20th Annual
Healthy Living Festival
Thursday, September 28, 2023
9:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

Oakland Zoo 9777 Golf Links Road Oakland, CA 94605

Free senior health and wellness festival with entertainment, and a free nutritious meal. This event is organized by USOAC and its allies, plus Supervisor Nate Miley. The Healthy Living Festival is a free event for older adults, 55 and above, living in Alameda County. This annual event promotes health and wellness for Aging Adults, and includes free food, music, fun and more. Join us in taking collective action to improve the quality of life for seniors throughout Alameda County. Together, we can make a positive change!

Friends and family of guests are welcome to attend and must be registered in advance.

[Reserve Your Spot!](#)

[Learn more about USOAC](#)



World Series of Ballet Presents

Cinderella
Thursday, November 2, 2023
7:00 PM

Chabot College Performing Arts Complex, Building 1300
25555 Hesperian Blvd. Hayward, CA

Step into a world of enchantment and elegance as The World Ballet Series (WBS) presents the mesmerizing performance of Cinderella at the Chabot College Performing Arts Complex in Hayward, CA, for one (1) night only on November 2nd. Prepare to be captivated as 40 talented dancers from around the globe grace the stage, bringing this beloved fairy tale to life with grace and artistry.

If you buy a ticket(s) and would like to **join other members in Dining Out prior to the event, please email me, Linda Slater, at slaterl@sbcglobal.net** to let me know you want to be included in dinner plans.

I suggest dressing up a bit for the occasion. This is a chance to showcase your personal style and add a touch of elegance to the evening. Hope to see you there!

**Buy
Tickets**

Interest Groups



Drama Reading Group

The drama reading group will return in October.

Liz 510-581-0461. Questions? Email Liz at elisabethbathgate@icloud.com



Book Group

The Book Group will meet on **Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 3:30 PM** on Zoom. We will discuss "**The Storyteller**" by Jodi Picoult.

Sage Singer is a baker. She works through the night, trying to escape a reality of loneliness, bad memories, and the shadow

of her mother's death. When Josef Weber, an elderly man in Sage's grief support group, begins stopping by the bakery, they strike up an unlikely friendship.

Everything changes on the day that Josef confesses a long-buried and shameful secret—and asks Sage for an extraordinary favor. Sage begins to question the assumptions and expectations she's made about her life and her family.

In this searingly honest novel, Jodi Picoult gracefully explores the lengths we will go in order to protect our families and to keep the past from dictating the future.

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

Meeting ID: 871 6462 8286

Passcode: 548562

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



Dining Out Event

Hello. The local Castro Valley Greek Orthodox Church is holding its annual Greek Festival **August 18 - 20, 2023** at the Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church at 20104 Center Street in Castro Valley.

Friday 5 - 9 PM Saturday 11 - 9 PM Sunday 11:30 - 7 PM

Admission \$1 or free with canned food donation

I am going to walk around and savor a BBQ lamb sandwich on Sunday the 20th. Join us around 12:30 PM, under the covered Pavillion, to hear live music and enjoy good food. After lunch walk around and examine the little vendor displays in a relaxed, family friendly atmosphere.

Some of you have commitments and can't go on Sunday, but I hope you try to go on Friday or Saturday. It's a happy, family style event.

Let me know if you can join me: patmacsata@gmail.com

Pat Macsata

On August 9th six (6) of our Branch members greatly enjoyed the Vietnamese cuisine of Auntie Pho 7 this well-supported, relaxed restaurant in Castro Valley. Auntie herself greeted us and spent time explaining the menu. We ordered a variety of dishes, and everyone was very pleased with their choices.



President's Message

Your Board

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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.



One Book, One Community Read Showcases

The Hill We Climb
by Amanda Gorman,
National Youth Poet Laureate

Saturday, September 30, 2023

11:00am – 1:30pm

Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont
Rm: Fukaya B

One Book, One Community Read launches its 14th season by showcasing the poem *The Hill We Climb* by Amanda Gorman. Recited by the author at the Presidential Inauguration of 2021, it was restricted this year by Florida elementary schools, following a parent complaint.

Presenters:

- Jui-Lan Liu, Librarian, Alameda Co. Library
- Katryn Allesandri, Local Author

In May 2023, a Miami-Dade County school removed Amanda Gorman's poem "The Hill We Climb" from its elementary school collection following a complaint filed by a parent, according to a report by the Miami Herald. Gorman, who was 22 during the inauguration, was the country's national youth poet laureate at the time. Her poem, which she wrote shortly after the January 6, 2021, Capitol insurrection, laid out an optimistic vision of how the country could move forward and attempt to bridge its divides. In the complaint, the parent reportedly flagged multiple books addressing Black history, and claimed that Gorman's poem "indirectly" featured "hate messages." The poem is still available to the school's middle schoolers, but not younger readers. The decision to change access to the poem is alarming given both the message it contains, and the important historical context it provides. The treatment of Gorman's poem, however, is just one example of a broader resurgence of book bans driven by Republican lawmakers across multiple states. Last year, Florida's legislature approved legislation that limited teachings about race and LGBTQ rights, both of which have led to certain books being removed from school shelves. Districts in states including Texas,

Missouri, Utah, and South Carolina have also put forth similar restrictions. And according to an American Library Association Report, the number of book ban attempts at schools and public libraries reached a record high in 2022 and included nearly double the number of challenges that the group observed in 2021.
By [Li Zhouli@vox.com](mailto:Li.Zhouli@vox.com) Vox News May 24, 2023

[Learn About the American Library Association Report on Book Bans](#)

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.

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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