



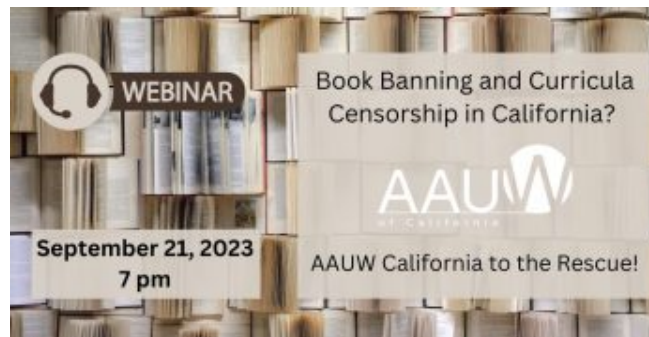
**Approximately 1 in 8 women will develop  
invasive breast cancer during their lifetime.  
Be proactive. Knowledge and early detection save lives.**

**“You gain courage, strength, and confidence by every experience in  
which you really stop and look fear in the face.”**

— Eleanor Roosevelt

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## 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](#)

## October Community Events

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>



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Castro Valley Adult & Career Education and the Community Alliance Presents

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

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19501 Redwood Rd. Castro Valley, CA

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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!



SAVE THE DATE

To Commemorate The

# 20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL Healthy Living Festival

"Promoting Health and Wellness for 55+ Adults"



In-Person Event: Oakland Zoo  
9777 Golf Links Rd.

Thursday, September 28th  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

United Seniors of Oakland & Alameda County Presents

## 20th Annual Healthy Living Festival Thursday, September 28, 2023 9:00 am - 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](#)



The Castro Valley Library Presents

## A Summer Concert with Aki Kumar Thursday, September 28, 2023 6:30 - 7:30 PM

In the library parking lot at 3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley, CA

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

You will not be disappointed by the last concert in our Summer Series!

San Jose-based musician Aki Kumar is a harmonica virtuoso serving up "Bombay Blues." You don't want to miss it.

[Check out Aki Kumar's Website](#)



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**

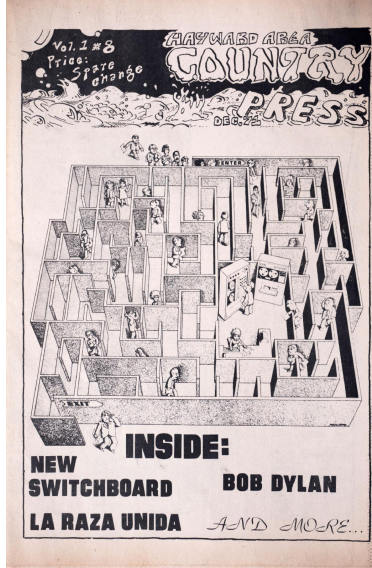
Fremont Main Library  
2400 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont  
Rm: Fukaya B

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

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



Hayward Library Proudly Hosts

**"Country Press and Barrio Expressions: Young People Build Community and Identity in the Bay Area, 1970-1985,"**  
a community conversation about local media that thrived in  
**Hayward in the 1970s and 80s.**

**Friday, October 6, 2023**

**3:00 - 4:30 PM**

Fremont Bank Room  
Downtown Hayward Library

1970s Hayward saw a flourishing of youth movements to end injustices and create caring communities through understanding. The Country Press Collective and Barrio Expressions, original to Hayward, reveal the lives and interests of diverse groups, including LGBTQ and Chicano/a youth, on their own terms and in their own spaces. The event will include speakers who helped to make this media.

"Country Press and Barrio Expressions" is **Part 2 of the Hayward is Home** local history series created by CSUEB History Chair Bridget Ford and her students with support from Cal Humanities. Refreshments will be served.

Next in the series: a Nov. 3 talk about the creation of the Hayward Shoreline.

[Register HERE to Save Your Place](#)



The Chanticleers Theatre Proudly Presents

**Brian Copeland in  
"Not a Genuine Black Man"  
Friday, October 6, 2023  
7:00 PM**

He's Back! The longest running solo show in San Francisco theatrical history comes to Chanticleers for One (1) Night Only. You don't want to miss it. Get your tickets before they are gone.

[Buy Tickets HERE](#)



Hayward Area Historical Society Presents

**Beyond the Veil**

**Friday & Saturday, October 20th & 21st at McConaghy House  
Friday & Saturday, October 27th & 28th at Meek Mansion  
6:15 PM - 10:00 PM**

Explore tales and traditions, folklore and ghouls, spirits, and sightings, in a guided tour through McConaghy House, Meek Mansion or both. These guided tours are a perfect treat for spooky season!

Space is limited! Tickets **must be purchased in advance** - no tickets will be available at the door. These tours often sell out so don't wait!

Tours available at 6:15, 7:30, and 8:45 PM. The 6:15 "Twilight Tour" has fewer spooks and is more informative than the 7:30 and 8:45 tours for the faint of heart.

\$30 General Admission, \$25 HAHS Members. Ages 14+.

**To purchase, please call (510) 581-0223.**

[Check out HAHS Website](#)

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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](mailto: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 returns for its first play reading for the 2023-2024 season.

Join host, Helene Victor, on **Thursday, October 12th at 1 PM**, at her home at **19253 Parkview Ave., Castro Valley, CA.**

The name of the first play has not yet been announced. Details to follow by email. Please RSVP to Helene Victor if you plan to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Helene 510-886-1640. Questions? Email Helene at [darrell.and.helene@gmail.com](mailto:darrell.and.helene@gmail.com)

### Book Group



The Book Group will meet on **Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 3:30 PM** on Zoom. We will discuss "**Meet Me at the Museum**" by Anne Youngson.

Anne Youngson's debut novel is a celebration of long letters, kindred spirits, and the possibility of writing a new story for yourself, at any stage of life.

Tina and Kristian thought their love stories were over. Each on the other side of 60, they have lost a best friend and a wife, the ambitions of their youth, their hopes for a fresh start. Yearning for connection, they strike up a yearlong correspondence, brought together by a shared fascination with the Tollund Man, subject of Seamus Heaney's famous poem. As they open up to one another about their lives - daily routines, travel, nature, beauty, work, family - these two strangers become friends and then, perhaps, something more. Full of insight, humor, and candor, Tina and Kristian's letters are a testament to the joy that can come from the meeting of two intensely curious minds.

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

Meeting ID: 880 5383 7438

Passcode: 034179

Hope to have you join us. Please RSVP to [slaterl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slaterl@sbcglobal.net).



## Dining Out Event

Elsa Valmidiano, who gave us a reading from her first book last fall, has just published her second book, "The Beginning of Leaving".

She will give a reading to the AAUW Hayward/Castro Valley Branch on **Wednesday, October 25**. We will meet for lunch at 12:30 at:

Chef Experience China Bistro  
22436 Foothill Blvd., Hayward

Elsa will give her reading after lunch. Elsa is a vibrant person who writes with sensitivity and insight.

Let me know if you can join us: [patmacsata@gmail.com](mailto:patmacsata@gmail.com)

Pat Macsata





## 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.



## AAUW California encourages OUR Help for Lahaina fire survivors

In 2018, when the town of Paradise, CA, burned to the ground and 40 of 45 Paradise AAUW members, and two from Chico, CA lost their homes, AAUW members from California and across the country stepped up to help. The result was more than \$70,000 in gift cards plus other needed items. These gifts helped our AAUW members - and some Tech Trek families - begin to recover.

Now another town, in another state, has burned and we have a new chance to help those who lost everything they owned. While, as far as we know, no AAUW members lost their homes, we have all seen the pictures of Lahaina, Maui and mourn with its residents.

AAUW California has been in touch with its counterparts in Maui to learn how we can help Lahaina and pay forward the outpouring of concern we received here in California.

It was suggested that members who want to help can take action, as individuals, by making a monetary donation to any of these agencies suggested by officials:

[Hawaii Community Foundation \(Maui Strong Fund\)](#)  
[Maui United Way \(Disaster Relief Page\)](#)

Or check out additional places that have been suggested:

[Maui Nui Strong](#)

[Maui Food Bank](#)

[Hawaii Animal Rescue Foundation](#)

We are all saddened by this tragedy.

Sincerely,  
Sandi Gabe, AAUW California President



## Encourage Senators to Support Survivors Vote YES on AB 933

Assembly Bill (AB) 933, one of the bills on AAUW California's tracking list, is a beacon of hope for survivors of sexual assault, harassment, and discrimination. In the wake of the #MeToo movement, we've seen the unsettling rise of legal threats and intimidation against survivors.

#MeToo is a social movement and awareness campaign against sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and rape culture, in which people publicize their experiences of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The hashtag #MeToo was used starting in 2017 as a way to draw attention to the magnitude of the problem.

AB 933 pushes back. It ensures survivors have adequate protections against retaliatory and baseless defamation lawsuits and are entitled to relief in the form of reasonable attorneys' fees and damages for prevailing against baseless lawsuits.

Please ask your network of friends, neighbors, and family to take action. Ensure survivors have the right to share their experiences without fear.

**Encourage Senators to support survivors** by voting YES on AB 933!

Amy Hom and Melissa Maceyko  
Co-chairs, AAUW California Public Policy Committee

AAUW California Bill Tracking Report

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:elisabethbathgate@icloud.com)

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