

"Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously. And because all things have contributed to your advancement, you should include all things in your gratitude."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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AAUW California Peer to Peer Groups



AAUW California Gov Trek Committee Presents

What Your Branch Needs to Know about Gov Trek Zoom - Registration Required

- **October 16:** Gov Trek 2023-2024: What Your Branch Needs to Know. The recorded meeting is available on YouTube link below.
- **November 12:** Gov Trek 2023-2024 Information Session: For Students & Branch Leaders Come learn more about Gov Trek, the benefits, requirements, and differentiating factors that make this free leadership education program the one to attend! Bring your questions!
- **January 8:** Gov Trek 2023-2024: Ready? Set....Live!
- **April 1:** Gov Trek 2023-2024 Recap

The meeting schedule varies by month. To join the conversation and register for events. Please email, **Shauna Oenning Ruyle** at govtrek@aauw-ca.org. The Zoom link and

meeting information will be sent to you.

Gov Trek is open to any girl currently enrolled as a high school junior or senior. Gov Trek's goal is to address the shortage of women in political leadership roles. Students engage in interactive and inspiring activities with exposure to women legislators, career options, and the inner workings of a political campaign.

[Click HERE](#) to access the YouTube video playlist of meetings

Alameda County Events



The Alameda County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 2024-2028 Countywide Area Plan for Older Adults (CWAP)

Every four years, the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) prepares a Countywide Area Plan for Older Adults (CWAP) that strategizes the provision of services for residents aged 55+ and brings Alameda County closer to our goals as an Age Friendly Community. The services are provided by the AAA along with our network of community partners, which include the Advisory Commission on Aging, community-based organizations, public agencies, and the private sector.

Planning for the 2024-2028 CWAP is underway, and your participation is crucial. By taking the CWAP Survey for Alameda County residents aged 55+, you help create an area plan that reflects your needs, your vision, and your perspective.

The CWAP's direction is steered by a committee that includes representatives from community-based organizations, cities, consumers, academics, and other stakeholders. Planning also includes multiple departments within Alameda County, including the Social Services Agency, Health Care Services Agency, Public Health, Behavioral Health Care Services, and other agencies. And, most importantly, you.

To take the Countywide survey, **[START HERE](#)**. Closing date is **12/1/23**.

And for all Alameda County residents who care about older adults, don't miss our public forums. See the schedule below for an event near you. Forums will be in-person and online.

District 2/Elisa Márquez **11/13/23-2:30 PM** Ruggieri Senior Center, 33997 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City. To participate remotely in the district 2 forum scheduled for 11/13/23, call 888 475 4499, Zoom ID 876 5745 8493

District 3/Lena Tam **12/6/23-3 PM** San Leandro Veterans Memorial Building, 1105 Bancroft Avenue, San Leandro

District 4/Nate Miley TBA-watch this space for updates!

November Community Events



Hayward Area Historical Society Presents

Remembering John F. Kennedy

Thursday, November 9, 2023

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Hayward Area Historical Society
22380 Foothill Blvd., Hayward, CA

Join HAHS Board President, Tom Lorentzen, online, as he leads a discussion reflecting on the 60th anniversary of the JFK assassination.

Space is limited - please call **(510) 581-0223** to reserve your spot. Space is given on a first come, first served basis.

[Check out HAHS Website](#)



The Chanticleers Theatre Proudly Presents

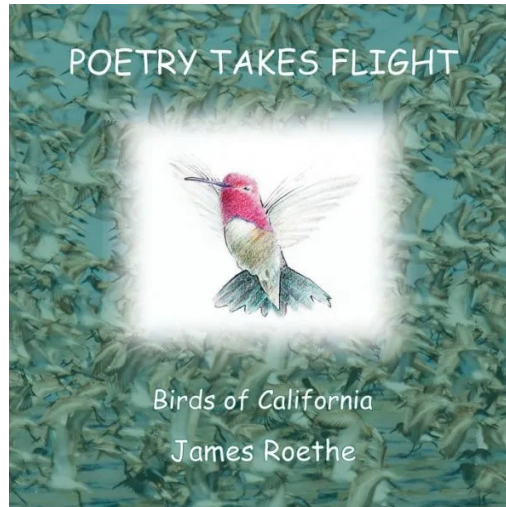
The Fantasticks

November 10 - 19, 2023

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

The Fantasticks is a 1960 musical with music by Harvey Schmidt and book and lyrics by Tom Jones. It tells an allegorical story, loosely based on the 1894 play *The Romancers* (*Les Romanesques*) by Edmond Rostand, concerning two neighboring fathers who trick their children, Luisa and Matt, into falling in love by pretending to feud.

[Buy Tickets HERE](#)



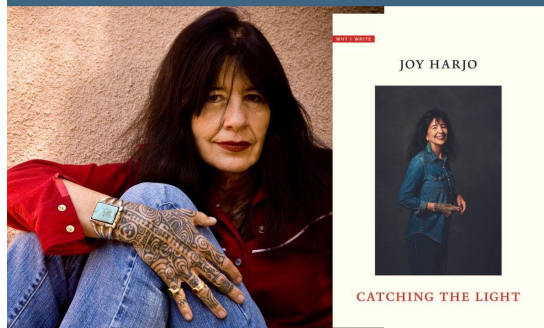
The Castro Valley Library Presents

**Poetry takes flight: Birds of California
with author James Roethe
Thursday, November 16, 2023
2:00pm to 3:30pm**

The Friends of the Castro Valley Library are honored to present James Roethe, author and poet, online, in a discussion of his latest book, Poetry Takes Flight: Birds of California. Poetry Takes Flight is James Roethe's second book about birds and his first book of poetry. The book is intended to provide the reader with a bit of knowledge about the birds of Northern California and, hopefully, some understanding of why so many people today have taken up birding as a hobby. Registration required.

[Register HERE](#)

Online
Author Talk



Hayward Library Proudly Hosts

Why She Writes: An Online Afternoon Chat with Joy Harjo

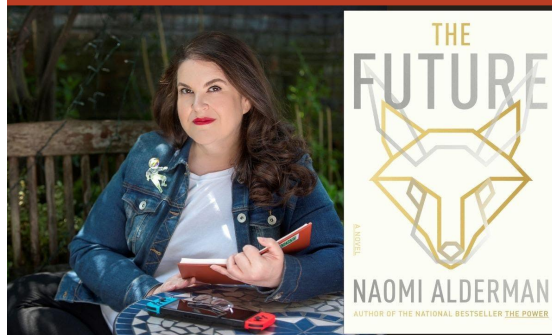
Thursday, November 16, 1:00 p.m.

United States Poet Laureate and winner of the 2022 Academy of American Poets Leadership Award Joy Harjo joins us for a chat about her most recent memoir, *Catching the Light*, and to discuss her rewarding lifetime as a writer and poet. Comprised of intimate vignettes, this book offers a fresh understanding of how poetry functions as an expression of purpose, spirit, community, and memory.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Joy Harjo.

[Register HERE](#)

Online Author Talk



Hayward Library Proudly Hosts

Power of Women in Science Fiction: Naomi Alderman on Writing Dystopian Worlds *Thursday, November 30, 12:00 p.m., Online*

Bestselling and award-winning author Naomi Alderman will join us to talk about her new book, *The Future*. This new novel delivers a dazzling tour de force where a handful of friends plot a daring heist to save the world from the tech giants whose greed threatens life as we know it.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Naomi Alderman.

[Register HERE](#)

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**EDUCATION FOR OLDER
ADULTS & THE FAMILIES
WHO SUPPORT THEM**

The Castro Valley Library & Alameda County District Attorney's Office Presents

How to Avoid Scams: Holiday Edition
Thursday, November 30, 2023
11:00am to 12:30pm
Library Learning Center

Join us and the Alameda County Deputy District Attorney for a fun presentation that includes a “Scam Jam Trivia Challenge – Holiday Edition” with (small) prizes. Want to know more about scams and suggestions for avoiding them? For all ages, FREE.

[For More Information](#)



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints presents

The 36th Annual Creche Exhibit
December 2 - 6, 2023 from 12:30 - 3:30 PM
3865 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto, CA

EXPLORE THE BEAUTY

Hundreds of nativities representing 30+ countries, rustic carvings to fine porcelains. The exhibit is FREE and open to the public.

EXPERIENCE THE JOY

Hands-on activities for all ages, holiday music, artists in action including Rose Datoc Dall, J. Kirk Richards and other local artists.

GATHER AS A COMMUNITY

- Marionette shows
- Crèche history and stories
- Festive holiday concerts

[For More Information](#)

Interest Groups

Drama Reading Group

Drama Reading will take place on **November 9th at 1 PM** at Liz Bathgate's home. I will make a berry cobbler for all of us to enjoy.



The play is “**THE LITTLE FOXES**” by **Lillian Hellman** which is considered a classic of 20th century drama. Tallulah Bankhead played the star roll when it was produced on Broadway.

The play’s focus is Southerner Regina Hubbard Giddens, who struggles for wealth and freedom within the confines of an early 20th-century society where fathers considered only sons as their legal heirs.

Please let me know if you can come by calling 510-581-0461.
Liz



Book Group

The Book Group will meet on **Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 3:30 PM** on Zoom. We will discuss “**Immense World: How Animals Sense the Realms Around Us**” by Ed Yong.

The book won the 2023 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction and was selected for The New York Times’s “10 Best Books of 2022” list. It is a dazzling tour of the radically different ways that animals perceive the world that will fill you with wonder and forever alter your perspective of the animal kingdom, by Pulitzer Prize–winning science journalist Ed Yong.

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 laterl@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”. A small group of members joined her at Chef Experience China Bistro in Hayward on October 25th to hear her reading and discuss this wonderful book about her memories of childhood. Thanks to Pat Macsata for bringing this sensitive local author to inspire us.



President's Message

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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



AAUW National News By Gloria Blackwell, AAUW CEO

We are proud to announce that the 2023 Alumnae Recognition Award ceremony was held on November 2, 2023. This event honored our alumnae and celebrated both AAUW's 135th Anniversary of AAUW's American Fellowship Program, the first fellowship program established by AAUW.

This year, we were thrilled to honor Black feminist pioneer, activist, author, publisher, and AAUW American Fellowship alumna Barbara Smith. Barbara Smith played a groundbreaking role in defining an African American literary tradition, building Black women's studies and feminist scholarship in the U.S., and opening up a national, cultural, and political dialogue about the intersections of race, class, sexuality, and gender. Among her many outstanding accomplishments, Barbara Smith co-founded Kitchen Table: Women of Color Press, the first U.S. publisher of books for women of color to amplify voices that had long been marginalized.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Barbara

Public Policy



California Legislation - Final Scorecard 2023 Legislative Session

September 14, 2023, was a tense day in Sacramento: the last day for each House to pass bills that could be sent on to the governor. After at least nine months of writing, researching, amending, and lobbying, the legislative session drew to a close. So how did AAUW California's priority legislation fare?

While, AAUW California still had some priority legislation sitting on the governor's desk, we are happy to report that **AB 1394** was signed into Law! Authored by Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, and co-sponsored by AAUW California, this bill seeks to help child sex abuse survivors remove their images from social media platforms, holding big tech accountable for design features that knowingly, recklessly or negligently facilitate, aided or abet child exploitation.

We are excited to report that two of our B-level bills have been signed into law: **AB 1071 and AB 1078**. AB 524 is sitting on the Governor's desk awaiting signature and SB 36 has been transformed into a 2-year bill. We had thirty-one C-level bills this year. Eight of our C-level bills were signed into law. Ten are awaiting the governor's signature, and thirteen are now 2-year bills.

For additional details about the bills that we supported at the C-level, or bills at any level, as well as access to the most current information, check out our bill tracker [HERE](#).

And if you would like to sign up for action alerts for AAUW California's Priority Legislation in 2024, you can sign up [HERE](#). You can also share the link below with anyone else—inside or outside of AAUW—who you think may be interested in receiving these alerts.

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

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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](#)

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