



President's Message

Lisa Hedin

Greetings AAUW Hastings members! Our program and business year continues to move right along. In the face of some pretty significant challenges and losses our Branch is having an interesting and engaging program year; held a low-key but very successful fundraising campaign; continues monthly book group discussions; figured out how to have coffee together; shares hospitality with occasional mailings; is providing scholarships to numerous college women to attend NCCWSL 2021, and is taking our brains if not our bodies on Gad-About adventures! Give yourself a pat on the back.

Just as the Hastings Branch has continued to be active in this pandemic year, so has AAUW National. Programs were moved on line and 35 webinars reached more than 30,000 people; work with Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other minority serving institutions was ramped up and AAUW's Start Smart is now offered at 29 such institutions; and AAUW activists sent 62,400 letters to elected officials calling for action on AAUW priorities in 2020. To see more of the AAUW National Year in Review go to <https://www.aauw.org/about/years-in-review/2020-review/>

Stay well, take care of each other, and count your blessings.

Program

Danna Elling Schultz, Tina Folch, and Diane Saed

Building Remembrance For Reconciliation (BR4R)

The first step towards a healthy relationship among all peoples is learning about, speaking, and hearing the truth of our history. In honoring February as Black History Month, AAUW is excited to have as our guest speakers, for our program, members of Building Remembrance for Reconciliation (BR4R). BR4R is a group of Minneapolis and Hastings residents dedicated to learning about and memorializing the history of African American settlers in Hastings, Minnesota.

The presentation will cover the history of early Black settlers in Hastings with a focus on the Wallace and Curry families. Greg McMoore and James Curry are direct descendants of the same ancestor Israel Dungeon and will share the history of their family from Virginia to Minnesota to South Minneapolis.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 8 **Book Club**
- Feb. 15 **Coffee & Conversation**
- Feb. 16 **Hastings Reads**
- Feb. 18 **Coffee & Conversation**
- Feb. 22 **Virtual General Meeting**
- March 4 **Coffee & Conversation**
- March 5 **Gadabouts**

HASTINGS BRANCH

Meets on Mondays
St. Philip's Lutheran Church
1401 15th Street West,
Hastings, Minnesota 55033

2020-2021 PROGRAMS

September 28, 6:30 pm Virtual Salad Supper
We've Come A Long Way, Ladies!
Audrey Johnson

October 26, 6:30 pm
Leading into the Future: Current Realities
and Mental Models
Derrick Jaeger & UyenThi Tran Myhre

November 23, 6:30 pm
Karla Bingham

December 7, 6:30 pm **Holiday Party**
Food, Music and Celebration

January 25, 6:30 pm **Virtual Chili Supper**
Margaret Anderson Kelliher

February 22, 6:30 pm
Building Remembrance For Reconciliation
James Curry, Heidi Langenfeld, & Greg
McMoore

March 22, 6:30 pm
Dementia and Friends
Colleen Fritsch

April 26
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May 24, 6:30 pm **Book Sale**
College Possible
Amy Browender

Our speakers:

James Curry Producer, director, writer, editor and educator James Curry has been active in filmmaking for over 30 years. Educated at Full Sail, The American Film Institute and the Minnesota School of Business, he earned his MFA in Film from the Vermont College of Fine Arts. He has worked on numerous projects in Los Angeles and Minneapolis ranging from trailers, commercials and music videos as well as broadcast for NBC, FOX and currently the morning news for KSTP. Clients include documentary work for Prince. His short film Westbound was selected for the 2016 New York Short Film Festival, the Twin Cities Black Film Festival and the Minneapolis Saint Paul International Film Festival. His last documentary Masterjam was the focus of a mental health panel convened at the 2019 Denton Black Film Festival and won Best Documentary at the 2018 Twin Cities Black Film Festival. In 2021 he was awarded the Jerome Hill Artist Fellowship for Film. He continues to teach film and production at Augsburg University. He is one of the founders of BR4R (Building Remembrance for Reconciliation) with whom he is collaborating with its members on documenting two pioneering Black families of Hastings, the Curry and Wallace families of whom he is a descendant.

Heidi Langenfeld Heidi Langenfeld is currently a volunteer at the Pioneer Room in Hastings. Her interest in the history of Blacks in Hastings began in 2006 while researching George Washington Daniels. Daniels was born a slave in Georgia. He served in the Civil War with William LeDuc, who hired him to bring his horses to Hastings in 1865 and worked on the LeDuc farms from 1865 to 1879. Curious whether there were other Blacks in Hastings when George arrived here led Heidi to start a research project that continues today.

Greg McMoore Since the mid 1860's Greg McMoore and his family have called Minnesota home. After graduating from Macalester College, Mr. McMoore continued his studies at Howard and George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Mr. McMoore has trained, developed programming and consulted in the fields of race, class and culture in Minnesota, The U.S. and internationally. Now retired, Greg and his family currently reside in south Minneapolis where his Grandmother Elsie Wallace came as a young woman. His Great Great Grandparents, John and Nancy Wallace lived first in Lakeville, and then moved to Hastings where they raised their children.

Here is the Zoom link for the meeting and program:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83609135493?pwd=cEJTV1E1SElqWU1sR1dJamhXdHd2QT09>

Meeting ID: 836 0913 5493

Passcode: 856412

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(Chicago)

You will receive this ZOOM Meeting invitation again, via email, before the February meeting and program.

Coffee and Conversation

Bring your coffee, tea, or water and catch up with other AAUW Hastings members. This will just be a time to visit with friends who we haven't been able to see for a while. There will be no formal programming. The intent is to keep the conversation groups small. Breakout rooms will be used to keep conversations to 4-8 people at a time.

Monday, February 15 (Presidents' Day), 7:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83117352785?pwd=YkxUZ0duYVdYeS83R1V4L0VhaXpDUT09>

Tuesday, February 18, 2:00-3:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88432844824?pwd=dUEwbmRKRVRJZWFSaVdxSHNQZEtVZz09>

Thursday, March 4, 9:30-10:30 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82918474646?pwd=dWc4ODNKOEVucmViNXVsRndySGJVdz09>

Treasurer's Report

Mary Charlson

For the month of January a check was written in the amount of \$2,500 to Amy Roach our recipient of the local AAUW scholarship. Our checking account balance as of January 31, 2021 is \$3,549.13.

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

On February 8, at 1:30 on zoom the book group will be discussing *The Book Charmer* by Karen Hawkins. Hawkins describes a small, sleepy southern town whose population is slowly decreasing until a new family moves to town enabling two fiercely independent women to experience the magic of books.

American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins will be our Monday, March 8, 1:30 selection on zoom. This fast moving novel tells of the ordeal of a Mexican woman who had to leave behind her life and escape as an undocumented immigrant to the U.S. with her son.

If You Ask Me. Essential Advice From Eleanor Roosevelt edited by Mary Jo Binker was chosen as our Monday, April 12, 1:30 selection. In 1941 Eleanor Roosevelt embarked on a new career as an advice columnist. Published for 22 year in *Ladies Home Journal*, the column covered everything from war and politics to love and marriage and popular culture. Each chapter is prefaced with issues then and now.

The zoom link for the February 8th book club meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81615109295?pwd=ak1oSWFqbHBiY1QxSzRTM1BnRjY3dz09>

Meeting ID: 816 1510 9295

Passcode: 162701

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HASTINGS READS 2021 events began the first week in February with the Equal Justice Initiative Virtual Presentation which was on Saturday, February 6; hoping some of you were able to take part in this event.

Other events include:

Movie Time - Wednesday, February 10 at 1:00pm at Tilden Senior Center. The film *Just Mercy* will be shown.

Author Shannon Gibney – Ms. Gibney is one of the contributors to the main selection *A Good Time For The Truth* and will be Hastings AAUW guest speaker on Tuesday, February 16, at 6:30 pm. Her essay is titled “Fear of a Black Mother” this essay is the first chapter of the book. To get the zoom link, register via the Dakota County Library calendar.

The Family Event - scheduled for Friday, February 26 is a YMCA event for families with children-or grandchildren in elementary school. There will be activity kits for families to pick up and take home. More info on this event later.

* The full Hastings Reads schedule can be found at the end of the TWIG.

Gadabouts

Margaret Goderstad & Lisa Hedin

March 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM:

Join a Zoom to listen to the Minnesota Orchestra live streamed concert Soaring Strings. The Orchestra will be led by guest conductor Juraj Valcuha. The concert begins at 8:00 pm and will be streamed on Minnesota Orchestra website, MN Orchestra Facebook, TPT MN channel, and MPR Classical station. We will meet for an hour prior to the concert to visit.

April 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM:

Walker Art Center - A virtual exploration of the exhibition *Designs for Different Futures*. Walker tour guides will discuss a selection of speculative designs from the show dealing with social, political, and environmental issues.

May (date to be determined):

Minnesota Historical Society - “Women in Bars” - A film dealing with both sides of prohibition.

Please let Margaret Goderstad know if you are interested in one of the Gadabouts, she will make sure you get an email reminder closer to the event.

Margaret’s email: margaret.goderstad@gmail.com

Margaret’s phone #: 651-480-6307

Community

Margaret Goderstad

Once again, I urge members to check websites of organizations. If you are looking for interesting entertainment, check out YouTube. There is such an abundance of quality music offered on that media.

Hasting Arts Center is holding a fundraiser by selling some handsome sweatshirts at only \$20 per shirt. Check the website for a picture and order by calling or emailing.

Dakota County Libraries are sponsoring several free events during the month. Register today at their website. These Zoom events run from 2-3:45 pm.

February 9 - Enjoying Memories with Writing

February 16- Flower Collage

February 23 - Seed Art

At the end of the TWIG, you will find a flyer with more details about the conference, and an application form which you may copy and give out to prospective scholarship recipients. We have also sent an article to the Hastings Journal requesting inclusion in the Thursday editions for the next 3 weeks. Please note that we set a February 15th deadline for all applications.

If you have any questions, please contact Gail Glashan, or any member of the committee: Pat Powers, Ann Skoglund, and Jan Junkman. We appreciate your help. This is a great opportunity to provide many young women in our area with a chance to participate in a world-class leadership conference. We are excited that the Hastings Branch may be able to register up to ten women to participate in the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders 2021.

NCCSWL

Gail Glashan

In the last issue of the Twig, we told you that Sophia Sanchez was planning to attend the May 25-26 NCCWSL conference in Washington D.C. this year.

Sophia was the recipient of our NCCWSL scholarship for 2020, but because the conference was cancelled due to the pandemic, we extended the scholarship to her, again, for 2021. However, due to the continuation of the pandemic, the conference will only be held virtually this year. Therefore, the \$1000 scholarship that we were planning to use to send our recipient to Washington D.C. is no longer appropriate. This money is in our budget and was a grant from AAUW MN, to be used only for NCCWSL scholarships. Because the conference is virtual, the registration is only \$95. Considering the reduced fee, we anticipate registering 9 more qualified recipients for the virtual conference this year. And, we would love your help in spreading the good news to family and friends to find more young women interested in applying for the scholarship.

50th Anniversary Gala

Glenda Shnirring

**BREAKING NEWS!!
50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA MOVED TO
SEPTEMBER 27**

Covid-19 continues to impact our Branch calendar. Tracing back, we were to have the 50th anniversary gala of the Hastings Branch in April of 2020. Due to Covid, we cautiously thought we could perhaps have the gala in September of 2020. Next, we anticipated that certainly we could have it in April of 2021. Well, here we are seeing clearly that even that date would be too soon to safely bring you, the members, to an in-person event.

At the recent February 1, Branch board meeting it was decided to announce that the celebratory 50th Branch anniversary gala will take place on September 27, 2021, at the Hastings Public House. While even this date can seem in question for some, we are expecting the membership will have been immunized and enough time will have passed for everyone to feel comfortable and more than ready to greet and meet one another with emotions at their peak. Put this breaking news on your calendars now and start thinking about what you'll wear at AAUW's fall of 2021, 50th Anniversary gala.

Secretary

Arlene Wellemeyer

Minutes - January 25, 2021 AAUW Meeting - Hastings Branch (Zoom)

1. Members (approximately 33) joined the meeting by 6:30 pm and were invited to share their chili tips. President Lisa Hedin called the meeting to order at 6:43 pm. Her greeting emphasized the Spring voting available on the AAUW National website [aauw.org], specifically on public policy for the next two years, as well as the education requirement for AAUW membership. She urged members to engage and use these opportunities to express their views.
2. The minutes of the November business meeting were approved as printed in the December TWIG. Motion: Kathy O'Keefe; second: Pat Schultz.
3. The Treasurer's Report (November/December, 2020) was approved as emailed. (Motion: Betty Hoeschen; Second: Glenda Schnirring). Mary Charlson reported a current checkbook balance of \$6,049.13.

4. Committee Reports

Membership: Jackie Rigelman reported one new member (Nicole Sindelar).

Program: Tina Folch noted that the February presentation will be Building Remembrance for Reconciliation (BR4R), formerly known as Bridges. The 50th Anniversary of the Hastings Branch will be discussed at the February Board meeting, whether or not to plan an in-person event in April. See TWIG for further information on this.

Fundraising: Jackie Rigelman reported that her working group on alternative fundraisers has met and will present ideas to the Board at the February meeting. See the TWIG for further information on this also.

Public Policy: Pat Powers reiterated the opportunity to vote on AAUW National public policy and bylaw changes before February 5. It was stressed that 5% national membership participation rate is required to pass any change, thus it is important than local branches respond. Pat also noted that AAUW National has joined with like-minded organizations in taking a public stance against the riot in the U.S. Capitol on January 6.

Gad-Abouts: Margaret Goderstad and Lisa Hedin announced some new activities for February and March: (1) A virtual tour of the Russian Museum of Art in Minneapolis on February 2, 2pm; (2) a livestreamed concert by the Minnesota Orchestra on March 4, 7pm; (3) additional Coffees and Conversation (more info in TWIG).

Book Club and Hastings Reads: Shirley Tammen noted the next Book Club discussion (Zoom) will be on February 8.

All details on the Book Club meetings, authors visits, etc. can be found on Facebook or Dakota County Libraries websites.

AAUW Funds: Glenda Schnirring asked if any members are interested in serving on the selection committee for the annual Hastings High School scholarship award. Kathy O'Keefe expressed interest.

NCCWSL: Jan Junkman has written a piece for the *Hastings Journal* on the NCCWSL award(s). The May 25-26 meeting this year will be a virtual meeting with a registration fee of \$95. Therefore, it is hoped that nine additional awards can be made, in addition to the one already committed for Sonja Sanchez. Members are encouraged to make these NCCWSL awards known to eligible college women among their family, friends and acquaintances.

Community: Margaret Goderstad noted the Hastings Art Center is again offering Coffee Concerts and reminded members to check the HAS website frequently.

Diversity: Lisa Hedin noted the equity focus of the *Hastings Reads* program this year. Also, ISD 200 has developed an equity policy that will receive a first reading at the next meeting of board. The equity policy is available on the ISD 200 website, and members are encouraged to review it.

5. Pat Powers moved to adjourn the meeting. Tina Folch seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

The evening's presentation followed at 7:30 pm. Margaret Anderson Kelliher spoke to us on how she became involved in Minnesota State Government, her decisions on running for public office, her leadership role as Speaker of the House, and her current position as Commissioner of Transportation. In the question and answer period, members raised the issue of Hastings being a "public transportation desert" and urged Commissioner Kelliher to keep our city in mind as she leads the State's planning for improved public transportation. Attendance: (approximately 40).

Web Page

Mary Ellen Fox

Accidentally delete your email with the latest directory?
Forget where our meeting is located this month?
Then, check the website!

Here's the link: <https://hastings-mn.aauw.net/>

Member protected section PASSWORD: hastings2017

Historian

Lisa Hedin



AAUW Hastings Board

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AAUW Mission Statement

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

AAUW Vision Statement

Equity for all.

Minnesota State Website

<http://aauw-mn.aauw.net>

National Website

<https://www.aauw.org/>

AAUW Hastings Branch announces scholarships for the...
National Conference for
College Women Student Leaders 2021

Leadership for Today and Tomorrow!

NCCWSL will be fully virtual, Tuesday, May 25, and Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

We invite you to apply for a NCCWSL scholarship to the nation's premier virtual leadership event! The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Hastings Branch announces this exciting opportunity for Hastings area sophomore or junior female college students to attend the virtual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders aka NCCWSL. The scholarship covers the cost of registration, \$95.00. 10 scholarships are available.

You will join hundreds of college women from around the country for two days of virtual leadership training, inspiration, incredible speakers, awardees and networking. NCCWSL offers skill-building workshops and educational panels that are designed to challenge and inspire you to make an impact on your campus and in your community long after you leave the conference.

Workshops are divided among the following leadership objectives.

- **Leadership development:** Develop and strengthen a leadership narrative through voice, skill set, and mind-set.
- **Professional development:** Build a professional tool kit for postgraduate life.
- **Activism:** Know the how, why, and when to take action.
- **Women's issues:** Gain a better understanding of issues and policies affecting women and of AAUW's role in empowering women.
- **Identity and diversity:** Own one's personal identity and role in increasing and supporting diverse voices.

Apply today!



The deadline for completed applications is Monday, February 15, 2021.



Email Gail at AAUW Hastings Branch to obtain an application form...

AAUWHastingsBranch@gmail.com



Or visit the AAUW Hastings Branch website at...

<https://hastings-mn.aauw.net>

For more information, visit the NCCWSL website...

<https://www.nccwsl.org>

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders 2021

Leadership for Today and Tomorrow

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AAUW Hastings Branch NCCWSL Scholarship Application

American Association of University Women

<http://hastings-mn.aauw.net>

First Name _____ Last Name _____

College/University _____

Mailing address: Street Address, City, State, Zip _____

E-mail _____

Best phone to reach you _____

Name of high school attended _____

High school city and state _____

What will be your academic status fall 2021? ___Sophomore ___Junior ___Senior

Community Involvement and Leadership Experience...

- Please provide, in 100 words or less, your definition of leadership.
- Please describe in 100 words or less, how your background and interests will contribute to the diversity of the conference and what you personally would like to gain from this experience.
- Please attach a resume or vitae, including any extracurricular activities— e.g. clubs, employment, memberships, internships, volunteer activities, along with conferences or training sessions in which you have participated.
- Please send your completed application by Monday, **February 15, 2021**, along with the above to:
AAUW Hastings Branch NCCWSL Committee, c/o Gail Glashan, 2120 Louis Lane, Hastings, Minnesota 55033
or email completed application to: AAUWHastingsBranch@gmail.com

Applicant's Certification

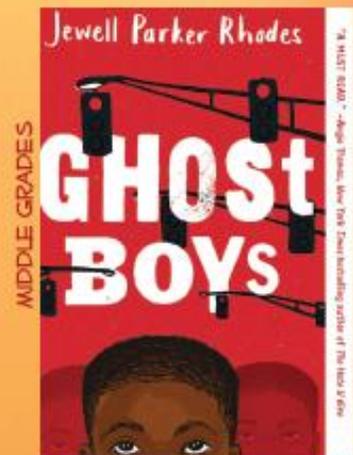
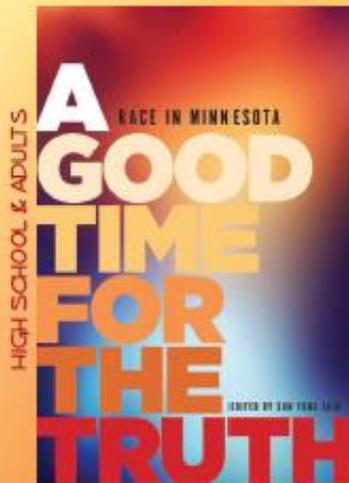
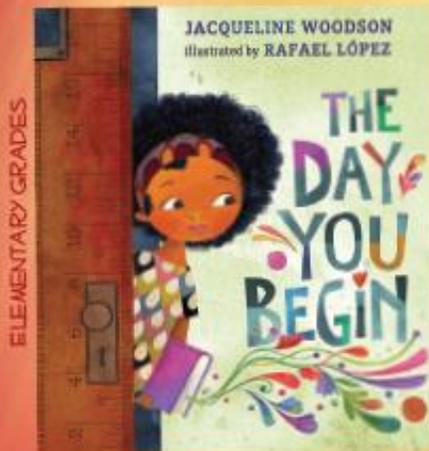
I verify that the information provided in this application is correct. I agree to notify the sponsoring AAUW Hastings Branch within three business days the status of my acceptance. I agree that if awarded a scholarship, I am responsible for participating in all conference activities and providing a written report to the sponsoring AAUW branch.

I will provide full reimbursement to AAUW should I fail to participate fully, or if I am unable to attend the conference for any reason.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

HASTINGS READS 2021

A GOOD TIME FOR THE TRUTH



Hastings Reads is a community-wide reading program that seeks to encourage reading and discussion of books and the ways in which they can help us understand the lives and experiences of ourselves and others. It is sponsored by Dakota County Library, Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library, Hastings AAUW, Hastings Community Education, Hastings Public Schools, Hastings Public Schools Foundation, Hastings YMCA, KDWA Radio, Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Gift Fund, THRIVE in Hastings, and many volunteers.

HASTINGSREADS.COM

**Equal Justice Initiative
Virtual Presentation**
Saturday, February 6
*Tentative time is 2 PM (Check
our website and Facebook
page for exact time)*

If you've read *Just Mercy* or have seen the movie, you know a little something about the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI). Join this zoom to learn more about the work EJI does to end mass incarceration, excessive punishment, and racial inequality. *To get the Zoom link, register via the Dakota County Library calendar.*

Movie Time!
Wednesday, February 10
1 PM
Tilden Senior Center

Enjoy a drama based on the true story of how Bryan Stevenson created the EJI. This film stars Michael B. Jordan and Jamie Foxx. Rated PG-13.

Zoom Book Discussion
Thursday, February 11
6:30 – 7:30 PM

Join the Hastings community for a discussion of *A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota*. This discussion, led by high school literature teachers, will be appropriate for teenagers and adults! *To get the Zoom link, register via the Dakota County Library calendar.*

**Author Visit:
Shannon Gibney**
Tuesday, February 16
*Time and location TBD
(Check our website and
Facebook page for updates)*

Shannon Gibney, one of the authors featured in, *A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota*, is coming to Hastings! Her essay, "Fear of a Black Mother," is the first chapter of the book. "Shannon Gibney is an award-winning author of books of all kinds — from novels to anthologies to essays to picture books. She writes for adults, children, and everyone in-between." Her visit might be in person or might be online. Stay tuned for updates! *To get the Zoom link, register via the Dakota County Library calendar.*

**Book Discussion for HHS
Students**
Wednesday, February 24
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

High school students are invited to a lunchtime Zoom about *A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota* (and the author visit). Students, check with your teachers to see if they are offering extra credit! *The Zoom link will be shared on Schoology!*

**Book Discussion for HMS
Students**
Wednesday, February 24
10:00 AM

Middle school students are invited to a Zoom discussion of *Ghost Boys*. A few local police officers will join our conversation to talk about their career, training, experiences, and advice. Check with your teachers to see if they are offering extra credit. *The Zoom link will be shared on Schoology!*

Family Event
Friday, February 26
6-7:30 PM at Hastings YMCA
OR at home

This event is for families with children in elementary school. We might meet at the YMCA for physically-distant activities about *The Day You Begin*, or we may have activity kits for families to pick up and take home for family discussion. Check our website and Facebook page for updates!

Book-club kits for *A Good Time for the Truth* are available at the library, and ebooks are available on the Hoopla app. Books are available for purchase at the YMCA and Tilden Community Center.



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