

President's Message

Dorothy Sandahl

Greetings AAUW to 2026!

AAUW Hastings is charging into the new year! All of the pieces are coming together to make a fabulous journey!

First, DEI, Jodi Husting, assisted by Lisa Hedin, are taking the lead with the schools in presenting **SHE Engineers**. We are scheduled to integrate programs with Pinecrest and Kennedy and be the sole presenter at McAuliffe. We received bad/good news in December for a National Grant to cover the costs of She Engineer Program; we were not selected but they want us to reapply and gave directions on how to be successful. And we can apply for a State Grant, but it will not be available until after the programs are completed. Our fearless Board decided teaching girls the SHE Engineer program is totally in our AAUW Vision and approved moving forward anyway. More to come on who, what, where and how...

Meanwhile, our **By-Laws Team** had over 60 emails, multiple meetings and over 6 drafts to bring our By-laws up to date with AAUW required standard, current practices and creating a vision for the future. We are required by AAUW National to have this completed by June, 2026. The Board is currently reviewing the Draft and seeking approval by February. Then the membership receives it in March, seeking comments, questions and finally approving the By-Laws at our annual meeting in April, 2026.

The Hospitality team is organizing our **annual Chili Supper in January**, where the Board will be doing the cooking. Arrive early at 6:00 and bring your appetite—there will be 5 or 6 varieties of chili, along with some desserts to finish off the meal.

Finally, **AAUW National** has some great webinars and especially this month, they have one on how to be a nonpartisan political activist:

January 29th is a nonpartisan political webinar on taking action.
https://polo.feathr.co/view_email?cpn_id=6952931b71c9266b3a21da40&t_id=6952931b71c9266b3a21da41&per_id=66f6b42685735b893acf9c72

Women face many challenges—let's stay engaged and advocate for their rights.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 12 **Book Club**
Jan. 26..... **Chili Supper, Meeting, & Program**
Feb. 9 **Book Club**

HASTINGS BRANCH

Meets on Mondays

St. Philip's Lutheran Church

1401 15th Street West,

Hastings, Minnesota 55033

2025-2026 PROGRAMS

September 22, 6:00 pm **Salad Supper**
Inclusion Benefits All
Basma Ibrahim DeVries, Ph.D

October 27, 7:00 pm
Cancer Legal Care
Meghan Scully, Managing Attorney

November 24, 7:00 pm
Guatemala Dentistry, Common Hope
Kelly Marthaler

December 6, 10:00 am
Holiday Celebration at the Hastings Golf Club

January 26, 6:00 pm **Chili Supper**
Your Story, My Story, Our Story - A
Community Grows Together
Pat Branstad

February 23, 7:00 pm
Cases, Trends & Insights
Kathy Keena, Dakota County Attorney

March 23, 7:00 pm
Women's Health
Dr. Mona Roach

April 27, 6:00 pm **Spring Social & Annual**
Tourism in Hastings **Meeting at Hastings**
Golf Club

Kristy Barse, Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce President

May 18, 7:00 pm **Book Sale**
Hope Tree Counseling Services
Sarah Kiani, M.A.

Program

Barb Hollenbeck

"Your Story, My Story, Our Story - A Community Grows Together"

At the January meeting, Pat (Holtorf) Branstad will talk about Uniting Cultures/Uniendo Culturas, a multicultural group in St. James committed to building a thriving, more welcoming community.

The small town of St. James in southcentral Minnesota has a population of almost 5,000. Originally settled by northern European immigrants, the community has experienced a demographic shift over the last 40+ years; today more than 40% of the residents and greater than 60% of the student population identify as non-white, primarily Hispanic or Latino.

Uniting Cultures/Uniendo Culturas was organized in 2017 through the efforts of individuals from both the Hispanic/Latino and White communities to work towards a better understanding of the ethnic and cultural diversity in St. James. The group's mission to 'create spaces to grow as individuals and community through sharing, learning, collaboration and action to unite people' is guided by its vision of developing a stronger sense of community with a culture of inclusion where individuals feel respected and valued, are treated fairly, and have equal opportunity.

Fun fact: Pat graduated from Hastings High School!

Submitted by Gail Glashan

Membership

Linda Ferris & Jody Rudh

If you've received a reminder regarding membership renewal and have yet to remit payment, AAUW does offer multiple ways to pay. The total cost for membership renewal is **\$105.00** (\$74 national, \$9 state, \$22 Hastings). You can:

1. Pay by check. You can mail your check directly to me and I will process it through the system for you. Please mail your check to: **Linda Ferris, 320 6th St. W., Hastings MN 55033**
2. Pay by credit card online. It's super easy! Follow the step-by-step instructions outlined in this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vXUvq-1JY4>

Treasurer's Report

Xilian Maceda

Quick report by the numbers:

Beginning Balance of December 2025: \$15,001.22

Brunch Expenses: \$1,818.48

Other Check Cashed: \$102.99

Checks Deposited: \$1,756.00

Membership: \$281.00

End of December Balance: \$15,196.50

Checks Still Not Cashed: \$79.74

Treasurer Transition and Important Procedures

Recently, the AAUW Hastings community was informed of a change in the Treasurer position. Due to health concerns, Pam Onnen has decided to step down from her role. The organization is grateful for Pam's dedicated service and wishes her well.

Stepping into the position is one of our newer members, Xilian Maceda, who has graciously agreed to take on the responsibilities of Treasurer. Xilian is already working to ensure our financial records are current and accurate. During a Special December Board meeting, a motion was approved to officially appoint Xilian as Treasurer, reflecting the Board's confidence in her abilities and commitment.

To help streamline financial processes, Xilian has provided forms on our website for submitting expenses and contributions. All members are encouraged to use these forms and to include a copy of their receipt when requesting disbursements. This will help maintain accurate records and ensure timely reimbursement or acknowledgment of contributions.

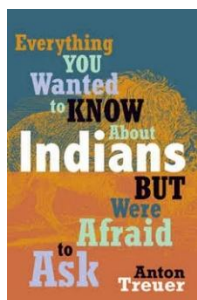
If you have any questions regarding these procedures, please refer to the website or reach out to Xilian for guidance.

Submitted by Dorothy Sandahl

Book Club

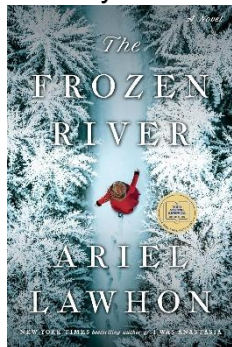
Linda Bindman, Ann Johnson, & Cindy Toppin

The book club meets the second Monday of the month at the Pleasant Hill Library at 1:30pm in the Old Mill Ruins room. Please join us, all are welcome!!



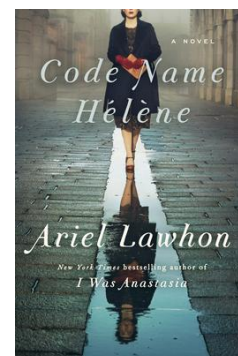
On January 12th we will be discussing the Hastings Reads Book, *Everything you Wanted to Know About Indians but Were Afraid to Ask* by Anton Treuer. For more than a decade, Anton Treuer's clear, candid, and informative book has answered questions for tens of thousands of readers. This revised edition both revisits old questions from a new perspective and expands on topics that have become increasingly relevant over the past decade, including activism and tribal enrollment; truth and reconciliation efforts; gender roles, identities in Indigenous communities; and much more.

Our book selection for February 9th is *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. This is a historical fiction



novel and mystery, inspired by the real-life diaries of 18th-century Maine midwife Martha Ballard, following her investigation into a body found in the frozen Kennebec River in 1789, uncovering secrets of scandal, power, and resilience within her community while navigating the limited role of women in that era.

For March, we have selected another Ariel Lawhon book, *Code Name Helene*.



Hastings Reads 2026

The 2026 Hastings Reads theme is **Water, Wilderness, and Wisdom: Coming Together Through Native American Teachings.**

The three books that have been selected are:
We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom (Elementary Book)
Where Wolves Don't Die by Anton Treuer (Middle Grades Book)
Everything You Wanted to Know about Indians but Were Afraid to Ask by Anton Treuer (Teen & Adult Books – there are two versions)

Anton Treuer will be speaking in Hastings on February 17th at the Hastings Arts Center at 6:30pm.

The Hastings Reads Flyer and activities information are attached at the end of the TWIG.

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/>

Volunteers Needed for STEM Nights

Jodi Husting

The AAUW Hastings Branch is excited to partner with McAuliffe, Kennedy, and Pinecrest Elementary Schools during the month of March to host science experiment stations during each school's STEM Night.

Each event will feature **five hands-on science experiment stations**, along with information highlighting *She Engineers*, a program developed by The Works Museum of Minnesota. The *She Engineers* program shares inspiring stories and real-world examples of women in STEM and engineering, helping students see themselves in these careers.

We are seeking AAUW members to volunteer at these events. Volunteers will help facilitate activities at the experiment stations. **All planning, instructions, and materials will be provided**, so no prior preparation or STEM background is required.

There will be an opportunity to sign up for volunteer shifts during our **membership meeting on Monday, January 26**.

Event dates and times:

- **Pinecrest Elementary:** March 4, 5:00–7:00 PM
- **McAuliffe Elementary:** March 10, 5:30–6:45 PM
- **Kennedy Elementary:** March 26, 5:30–7:30 PM

Thank you for supporting STEM learning and helping inspire the next generation of girls and future engineers. We hope you'll consider joining us!

Contact Jodi Husting 651-235-9133 or jmhusting@yahoo.com with questions.

Diversity

Jodi Husting

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2026

January includes recognition and reflection on Martin Luther King Junior, International Day of Peaceful Coexistence and National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a tireless advocate for racial equality, working classes, and the oppressed around the world. Commonly called Martin Luther King, Jr. Day or MLK Day, the third Monday of January is a federal holiday to honor his life and legacy. This is the only federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. While Dr. King believed this community was possible, he acknowledged and fought for systemic change. His example is our call to action. How will you participate?

The United Nations General Assembly designated January 28 as the International Day of Peaceful Coexistence. The resolution emphasizes the role of Member States to promote tolerance, respect for religious and cultural diversity, and human rights. One of the five pillars of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is Peace. "Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding." Albert Einstein. Learn more at <https://www.un.org/en/observances/peaceful-coexistence-day>.

Beginning in 2010, by Presidential Proclamation, each January has been designated National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. National Human Trafficking Day began and is observed annually on January 11th. According to the International Labor Organization approximately 40 million human trafficking victims exist worldwide. Using threats, violence, and withholding documents human traffickers force victims into labor, including commercial sex. Human trafficking impacts all races, every class, religion, gender and ability. Learn more about what is human trafficking, how to identify a victim and how you can help at <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/identify-victim>.

Sources: National Park Service, United Nations, and National Day Calendar websites
Submitted by Lisa Hedin

Dorothy Sandahl

Lisa Hedin

- **Membership:** maintaining high membership, other branches are requesting How To Do It; Shape the Future Discount, new direction of focus on teachers and colleges, promoting scholarships, page full!
- **Technology:** Facebook is out of 'Jail' and has 80 followers, Webpage updated with new forms and lots of information
- **Communications:** orchestrated joining the Chamber of Commerce and Spiral Co-op fund raiser. \$1250
- **Together:** Created new Vision, Strategies similar to National, locally doable
- **Finance:** created a Prudent Reserve and updated with a flexible Budget, found an assistant to provide quicker responses and update.
- **Book Sale:** Successful Rivertown Days Booksale and **recruitment**, raised \$826
- **Funding:** Soiree totally impressive, raising funds for our 5 Scholarships- \$8000
- **NEW:** Entered the July 4th float contest, and won \$500 First Place Prize.
- **By-Laws:** Team is updating to be completed by 6/26
- **Job descriptions:** Each team/role being created sent to Secretary to coordinate
- **DEI:** STEM program discovered, SHE Engineer and submitted to AAUW National Grant to fund; not funded, but they loved the ideas and made suggestions to change and resubmit by March '26 for approval.



Communications

Julie Hicks

Please join us in congratulating fellow AAUW member Karin Grossman as Hastings Volunteer of the year for 2025!

If anyone is interested in attending the 2026 Annual Hastings Chamber of Commerce Meeting & Awards Dinner where Karin will be recognized on Thursday January 29, 2026 at 5:00 pm at Woodhaven Events at Gopher Hills, please let Julie Hicks know, at 651-334-3991 or juliehicks@comcast.net. The cost is \$95 and includes dinner.

Join fellow Chamber members for lunch the third Wednesday of the month at a different member restaurant! These events are a perfect opportunity to connect with like-minded business representatives in a casual environment. January lunch is Wednesday January 21, 2026 12:00 – 1:00 pm at Hastings Public House. There will be good food and conversation with other Chamber members. You pay for your own lunch.

Community

Lesley Lesch

Enjoy Hastings Winter Wonderland!

<https://www.visithastingsmn.org/winter/>

JANUARY

Hastings Ice Sculpture Celebration is Saturday, January 17 from 11 am – 4 pm. Enjoy multiple ice sculptures in downtown Hastings and a fun scavenger hunt with great prizes. The celebration also includes music, horse & carriage rides along with great shopping & dining.

<https://hastingsdba.com/ice-sculpture-celebration>

Hockey Day Minnesota 2026 is Saturday, January 17 - Saturday, January 24. Hosted at the United Heroes League complex, located off Ravenna Trail. Marking the 20th anniversary of this iconic event, Hastings is preparing to welcome over 80,000 hockey fans for a week filled with thrilling outdoor hockey, community pride, and unforgettable moments. Fans can expect a showcase of elite high school hockey talent, along with entertainment, winter festivities, and a vibrant Hockey Day Village. <https://hockeydaymn.com/>

FEBRUARY

Frozen Mulligan is Saturday, February 21st from 12 pm – 4 pm. Enjoy a nine-hole mini-golf tour of downtown Hastings! It is free to play and offers great prizes. <https://hastingsdba.com/frozen-mulligan>

A Valentine's Affair Evening Tea at LeDuc is Friday, February 13 at 6pm Enjoy a Victorian tea, followed by a Valentine's presentation. **\$40 per person, \$35. for members.** <https://www.dakotahistory.org/leduc-events>

Masters of the Sky: A Gathering of Owls is Saturday, February 28th & March 1st hosted by Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center is a captivating program about birds of prey. Learn about eagles, hawks, falcons, and owls from around the world and see them close up. <https://carpenternaturecenter.org/plan-your-visit/annual-events/masters-of-the-sky/>

Black Dirt Theater is proud to present another hilarious season of Black Dirt Improv. Black Dirt Improv's 2 teams of performers are ready to entertain you, with some new performers joining in, and some returning familiar faces. Improv is a unique performance that is never the same, and it sure to leave you with a smile! Tickets are **\$15.00 per person**

<https://www.blackdirttheater.com/improv>

Hastings Public House; Saturday, Jan. 24, 7:00 pm
American Legion Post 47; Sat. Feb. 14, 7:00 pm
The Confluence Hotel; Sat. March 7, 7:00 pm
Hastings Public House; Sat. March 28, 7:00 pm
The Confluence Hotel; Sat. April 18, 7:00 pm
American Legion Post; 47 Sat. May 9, 7:00 pm
2nd Street Depot; Saturday, May 30, 7:00 pm

Hastings Arts Center Concerts

216 4th Street East Hastings –

<https://www.hastingsartscenter.org/> 651-437-4320

- **FREE 2025-2026 COFFEE CONCERT SCHEDULE**

(All FREE Concerts are on Tuesdays at 10:30am at HAC – confirm location)

January 20, 2026: Sarah Lockwood-violin/viola & Gail Olszewski-piano

February 3, 2026: Oboe/Bass duo

March 10, 2026: Jennifer Eckes presenting Broadway highlights

April 7, 2026: Amos Lucidi, pianist

May 19, 2026: The Paper Clips, trombone quartet

- **SPECIAL EVENTS**

January 25, 2026 – 2:00 pm. **The Barley Jacks**

March 6, 2026 – 7:30 pm. **The**

Kaleidoscope Quartet

April 12, 2026 – 2 pm. **Sprig of That**

April 19, 2026 – 2 pm. **River Vally Community Orchestra Chamber Music Concert**

Winter Fun Skiing

Being a part of the Mississippi River Valley gives Hastings the opportunity to be close to several premium level ski areas and cross country & snow shoeing parks right in our back yard.

- **AFTON ALPS.** 6600 Peller Ave. S., Hastings, MN 55033 Nestled on the scenic St. Croix River Valley just outside Minneapolis and St. Paul, this sprawling resort offers 300 skiable acres, 48 trails, 18 lifts and four terrain parks. Located just North of Hastings, this ski resort has something for experts to beginners. Details at www.aftonalps.com
- **WELCH VILLAGE SKI & SNOWBOARD AREA.** 26685 County Road 7 Blvd, Welch, MN 55089 Located just 20 minutes South of Hastings, Welch Village offers 140 acres of skiing in addition to a terrain park, food service, rental center, kids club, and Ski Link Learning Center. Details at www.welchvillage.com

Cross Country and Snow Shoeing

- **HASTINGS GOLF CLUB.** 2015 Westview Drive Hastings, MN 55033
- **SPRING LAKE PARK.** 8500 127th St E, Hastings, MN 55033. Spring Lake Park offers cross country ski trails with spectacular views.
- **AFTON STATE PARK.** 6959 Peller Ave S, Hastings, MN 55033. Afton State Park also offers cross country ski trails. With 12 miles of cross-country trails, you can choose beginner to advance and intermediate levels.
- **CARPENTER NATURE CENTER.** 12805 St. Croix Trail S., Hastings, MN 55033. Carpenter Nature Center has beautiful snowshoeing trails and hosts a special moonlight snowshoeing event for adults.

Secretary

[Becky Arenivar](#)

AAUW Hastings Branch - General Membership Business Meeting Minutes

November 24, 2025, 7:00 p.m. Location: St. Philip's Lutheran Church and Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by D. Sandahl.

Attendance: 35-40

1. October 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes: B. Hoeschen moved to approve; T. Cragg seconded; approved unanimously by voice vote.
2. Treasurer's Report: X. Maceda
October financial report: Balance on Oct. 1 = \$28,169. Deposits were mostly dues (\$940). Expenses paid included dues to state/national (\$805) and Zoom subscription (\$102). Balance at end of Oct. = \$27,788. Available balance is \$14,400; outstanding uncashed checks for expenses = \$5,500.
Please use the new forms for expense reimbursement and donations to AAUW (local, state and national) going forward. Both forms are available at tonight's meeting.
3. Committee/Activity Reports
 - a) Fundraising – C. Strauss
Adopt-a-Family: We have one family so far. Ceil will send out the Sign-up Genius

link and add to it if we get a second family. Hastings Family Service has asked for donations to pay for feminine hygiene products for clients. We will collect items and/or checks (make out to Hastings Family Service) at the Holiday Brunch. Holiday Brunch is on Dec. 6 at Hastings Public House – reservations need to be in by December 1.

- b) Gad-about – D. Sandahl (S. Kiani)
Let Sarah know as soon as possible if you want to attend the December 13 Tea at the Lowell Inn in Stillwater.
- c) NCCWSL – D. Sandahl (G. Glashan)
AAUW Minnesota branch offers a \$500 scholarship for high school or college students involved in leadership work. Applicants must be sponsored by an AAUW member.
The Carol E. Macpherson Scholarship is available to women returning to school after a gap of 5 years or more and seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree from a Minnesota higher education institution.
<https://cemscholarship.org/>
- d) Community Events – L. Lesch
Gobble Gait is on Thanksgiving. Holiday Hoopla on Nov. 29 highlights downtown businesses. The Holiday Train will make its annual stop in Hastings on Dec. 12.
- e) Diversity – J. Husting
Our goal is to complete a diversity-themed activity at four membership meetings annually. Tonight's activity prompted members to talk about their names.
- f) Communications – J. Hicks
We received \$1,250 as the October Round-up partner at Spiral Natural Foods.
- g) Public Policy – P. Powers
Pat has two handouts tonight: 1) a 90-second advocacy letter template for writing to legislators; and, 2) contact information for our legislative representatives. It's important to let your legislators know what you want them to do, but also when you agree with what the government is doing.
- h) Hospitality – L. Twedt
There is still one opening to provide treats for our March 2026 meeting.
- i) Book Club – A. Johnson
The book for the Dec. 8 meeting is *The*

Authenticity Project by Clare Pooley. January will be the Hastings Reads book *Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians But Were Afraid to Ask* by Anton Treuer. Meetings are on the second Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Library.

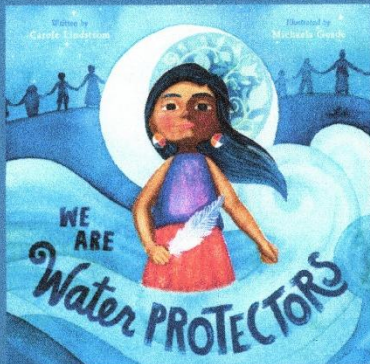
- j) Bylaws – P. Horsch
The committee is half-way through a process to reconcile our bylaws with AAUW national requirements and revise them to reflect our governance policies and practices.
- 4. Adjournment: L. Hedin moved to adjourn; G. Schnirring seconded. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 7:34 p.m.

AAUW Hastings Board

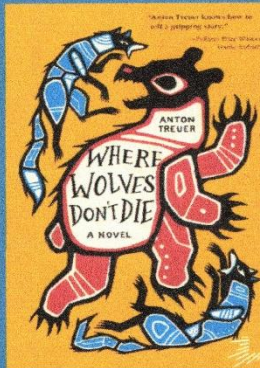
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WATER, WILDERNESS, AND WISDOM:

Coming Together Through Native American Teachings



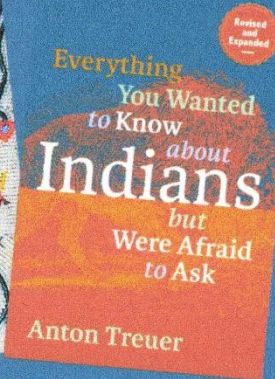
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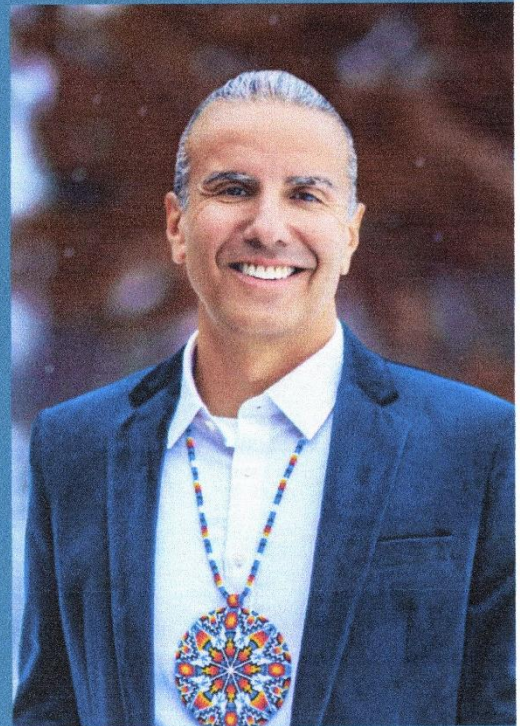
Teen & Adult Books
by Anton Treuer



Featuring author Anton Treuer

Hastings Reads

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 planned and sponsored by the Hastings Reads Committee, Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Gift Fund, Dakota County Library, Hastings Public Schools, Hastings Community Education, Hastings YMCA, Hastings AAUW, Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library, and KDWA Radio.



www.hastingsreads.com | Find us on Facebook

Follow Hastings Reads on Facebook for updated event information.

Middle School Book Events
TBD
Hastings Middle School

Middle school students, listen for updates from your teachers about events at school and in the community related to *Where Wolves Don't Die*.

LeDuc History Book Club
Thursday, February 5, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
LeDuc Historic Estate

Join the LeDuc History Book Club for a lively discussion of *Everything You Wanted to Know about Indians But Were Afraid to Ask* in anticipation of Treuer's visit to Hastings on 2/17.

Bad River Film Screening
Saturday, February 7, 9:30 a.m.
Hastings High School auditorium

This 90-min documentary chronicles the Wisconsin Bad River Band and its ongoing battle to save Lake Superior, the largest freshwater resource in America. Narrated by Quannah ChasingHorse and Edward Norton; written and directed by award-winning filmmaker, Mary Mazzio; and produced by Grant Hill and Allison Abner (writer for *Narcos* and *West Wing*).

Where Stories Meet Stewardship
Monday, February 9, 6-7:30 p.m.
Schaar's Bluff Gathering Place

Join us for a night of environmental hope and action, as we learn about the history of the environment in Dakota County and hear about what local organizations are doing to make a difference. From small steps to big impact, discover how you can help.

Pleasant Hill Evening Book Group
Wednesday, February 11, 6–7 p.m.
Pleasant Hill Library
Old Mill Ruins Room

Join the Pleasant Hill Library's Evening Book Group for a discussion of *Everything You Wanted to Know about Indians But Were Afraid to Ask*. New members are welcome. For adults. This is a great way to prepare for Treuer's visit to Hastings on 2/17.

Nature's Teas
Thursday, February 12, 5:30–6:30 p.m.
Pleasant Hill Library
Large Meeting Room

Learn about and taste a variety of teas you can craft from common native plants. Presented by Dakota County Parks. Registration required. Register via the library website. For adults and teens.

Author Visit: Anton Treuer
Tuesday, February 17, 6:30–8 p.m.
Hastings Arts Center

Anton Treuer, professor of Ojibwe and award-winning author, is coming to Hastings! After spending the day with middle school and high school students, he will join the community downtown to discuss his work and insights. He will sign books, and copies of his books will be for sale. *Paid for by the Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Gift Fund and St Croix Valley Foundation.*



Family Event
Friday, February 20, 6–7:30 p.m.
Hastings YMCA

Families with children in elementary school are invited to bring their young ones to the Y for pizza, books, and fun! Pizza will be served from 6–6:30, and then we'll complete activities related to *We are Water Protectors* led by Carpenter Nature Center. You do not need to be a member of the Y, and no registration is required.

Intro to Beading
Saturday, February 21, 1-3:00 p.m.
Pleasant Hill Library
Large Meeting Room

Work with Ojibwe artist, Alicia De La Cruz, to make a beginner-friendly beading project from start to finish. Participants can choose to make loop earrings or a loop necklace. Presented by ArtStart. Registration required. Register via the library website. For youth ages 12–18.

High School Book Discussion
Tuesday, February 24, 2:45 p.m.
HHS Media Center

HHS students are invited to enjoy refreshments while discussing Treuer's book and visit to Hastings.

All events are free!

eBooks and audiobooks are available from the library via the Libby app.

Book Club in a Bag for *Everything You Wanted to Know...* is available at the library.

Books are available for purchase at the YMCA and Tilden Community Center.

