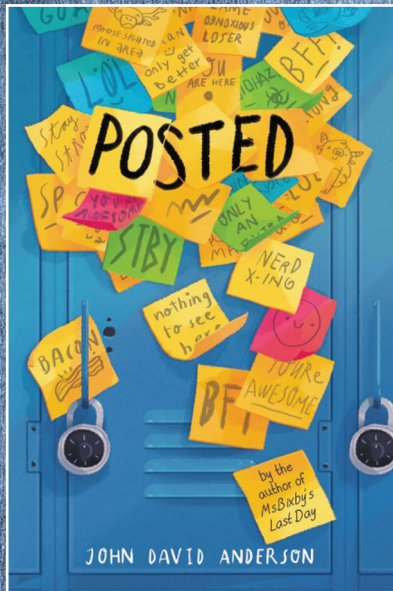


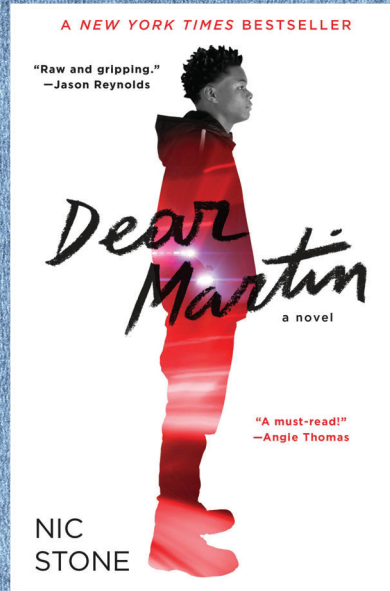
HASTINGS READS 2019

ALL ARE WELCOME

MIDDLE GRADES



HIGH SCHOOL & ADULTS



ELEMENTARY GRADES



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, REAM, Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Gift Foundation, SEAS School, United Way of Hastings, and many volunteers.

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Doing Good Together: Empathy and Caring for Our Community and Beyond
Saturday, February 2; 11 a.m. - noon
Tilden Community Center

To kick off Hastings Reads, come together for an intergenerational conversation about how we can build a more empathetic and interconnected understanding of our diverse community - and learn to think more inclusively about groups of people beyond our immediate circle. Life is simply more interesting and more fun when we celebrate our differences - different hobbies, different foods, different music - while also remembering how much we have in common. We'll talk about the benefits of being a welcoming community and brainstorm ways we can share kindness, concern, and respect. In addition, you'll have the opportunity to enjoy a fun, hands-on project that makes a difference for those in need.

Panel Discussion

Tuesday, February 5; 7 p.m.
Hastings Middle School auditorium

A panel of Hastings adults, teens, and community leaders will discuss issues raised in Nic Stone's *Dear Martin*. Let's explore how the issues in fiction connect to real life. This is also a great way to prepare for the author visit!

LeDuc Book Club Discussion

Thursday, February 7; 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
LeDuc Historic Estate

Join the LeDuc Book Group for a discussion of *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone. All are welcome! This group meets at the LeDuc Historic Estate, 1629 Vermillion Street, Hastings.

Circle Conversations

Monday, February 11
Hastings High School

Who are our police officers? How did they decide on this career? How are they trained? What experiences have they had in Hastings? During the school day, several Hastings police officers will participate in small-group discussions with HHS students to answer these questions and more. (Students, listen to the announcements for instructions on how to participate).

All Are Welcome Story Time

Wednesday, February 13; 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Westview Mall (Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library's temporary location)

Read, play, sing, talk, and write together with stories and activities to develop early literacy skills for toddlers and preschoolers. Siblings welcome. Ages 2-6.

Popcorn and a Movie

Wednesday, February 13; 1 p.m.
Tilden Senior Center

Enjoy a drama set in Virginia about an interracial couple battling a law that says they cannot be recognized as married. Rated PG-13.

Book Discussion for HMS Students

Tuesday, February 19; 2:45-3:15 p.m.
Middle School Library

Middle school students are invited to an after-school discussion of *Posted* by John David Anderson. (Students, check with your teachers to see if they are offering extra credit!)

Book Discussion of *Dear Martin*

Thursday, February 21; 2:45-3:30 p.m.
High School Library

High school students are invited to enjoy refreshments while discussing Stone's novel. (Students, check with your teachers to see if they are offering extra credit!) This discussion is a great way to prepare for Stone's visit to HHS.

History Movie Night at HMS

Thursday, February 21; 6:30 p.m.
HMS auditorium

This month's history movie is about Jackie Robinson becoming the first African American to play in Major League Baseball. Families are welcome to attend. Rated PG-13. (Students, check with your teachers to see if they are offering extra credit.)

Family Event

Friday, February 22; 6-7:30 p.m.
Hastings YMCA

This event is for families with children in elementary school. Bring your young ones to the YMCA for pizza, books, and fun! Pizza will be served from 6-6:30, and then we'll explore topics and activities related to *Spaghetti in a Hotdog Bun* by Maria Dismanady and *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate. You do not need to be a member of the YMCA, and no registration is required.

Author Visit: Nic Stone

Monday, February 25
In-school lyceum at HHS, and
6:30-8:00 p.m. at Hastings Art Center

Nic Stone, author of the New York Times bestselling debut, *Dear Martin*, is coming to Hastings! She will visit with students at HHS, discussing her experiences, her writing process, and—of course—her novel. In the evening, she will join community members downtown to discuss her raw, captivating, and undeniably real look at American race relations. Stone will sign books, and copies of *Dear Martin* will be available for purchase. (Students, check with your teachers to see if they are offering extra credit.)

Book Discussion for SEAS Students

TBD

SEAS students in grades 6-8 are invited to a book discussion of *Posted* by John David Anderson during lunch. Your teachers will give you directions on how to attend.

Equity Innovation Labs

February 19 and 26; 6-9 p.m.
Dakota Pines

The YMCA Equity Innovation Center will walk community members through hands-on learning and reflecting exercises to frame and design an inclusive Hastings and form actionable solutions. Visit the City of Hastings' website for more information.

Book-club kits for *Dear Martin* are available through the library. Books are available for purchase at the YMCA and the Tilden Community Center.



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