One Book, One Community Read

City Council Supports Reading Project

The Fremont City Council passed a resolution supporting the One Book, One Community Read (OBOCR) Project and its latest book, *The Hill We Climb*, by Amanda Gorman.



Members of the One Book, One Community Read Project receive their proclamation from the Fremont City Council. From left are Kris Sandoe, Carolyn Hedgecock, Jeanne Delp, Margery Leonard, Fremont Mayor and

AAUW member Lily Mei, Phie Dai, and Jo Szeto.

Fremont Mayor and AAUW Member Lily Mei presented the proclamation on February 13 to the group, headed by Chair Marge Leonard.

OBOCR, now in its 14th year, has always fostered diversity, inclusion, and equity by frequently choosing books written by prominent Latin American and African American authors.

The Hill We Climb was written by Gorman, the first national youth poet laureate, and featured a genre never explored before by the OBOCR group--poetry. It was chosen as a way to

showcase the youthful voices of the Tri-Cities.

"We also chose this book," said Branch President Phie Dai as she thanked the Council for its support, "because the last lines resonate so strongly with the AAUW mission: 'For there is always light if only we are brave enough to see it. If we are brave enough to be it."