I Resolve To:

Hope to keep that New Year’s resolution? Here are a few books that might help keep you on track.

The Virgin Diet: Drop 7 Foods, Lose 7 Pounds, Just 7 Days by JJ Virgin. Your fat is not your fault. Nutrition and fitness expert JJ Virgin says the real secret behind weight gain is food intolerance.

The Happiness Project: Or, Why I Spent a Year Trying To Sing in The Morning, Clean My Closets, Fight Right, Read Aristotle, and Generally Have More Fun and Happier At Home: Kiss More, Jump More, Abandon a Project, Read Samuel Johnson, and My Other Experiments in the Practice of Everyday Life both by Gretchen Rubin. With humor and insight, Rubin chronicles her adventures in self-improvement, and offers lessons from popular culture about how to be happier.

52 Small Changes: One Year to a Happier, Healthier You by Brett Blumenthal. Make one small change per week, for 52 weeks, and at the end of a year, you’ll be happier and healthier.

The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business by Charles Duhigg. The key to exercising regularly, losing weight, raising exceptional children, becoming more productive, building revolutionary companies and social movements, and achieving success, is understanding how habits work.

Debt-Free Forever: Take Control of Your Money and Your Life by Call Vaz-Oxlade. A five-step program to analyze spending, plan a budget, change old habits, eliminate debt, and create a savings plan for the future.

Change Anything: The New Science of Personal Success. Based upon the latest research in psychology and medicine, the authors show that traditional willpower is not necessarily the answer to changing your life and that people are affected in their behaviors by subtler influences.

Eat to Live: The Amazing Nutrient-Rich Program for Fast and Sustained Weight Loss by Joel Fuhrman. Fuhrman offers a highly effective and scientifically proven way to lose weight quickly, with the simple formula of health = nutrients/calories.

What’s Your Watt

Eager to ease your energy consumption? Unclear about your utility bill? Simply wondering about your watt age? Then check out SFPL’s new What’s Your Watt home electric meter devices and find out how much energy and dollars are going into your electrical appliances. Thanks to support from SF Environment, Wells Fargo, PG&E and B3C (Business Council for Climate Change), San Francisco Public Library is now circulating these devices at every library in San Francisco. Users can check them out with a library card, take them home, plug in their appliances and find out the wattage, costs and CO2 emissions of all their home electrical appliances, from computers to refrigerators to hair dryers. The Library’s Green Stacks initiative encourages all San Franciscans to lead more eco-friendly lives. Become a more-informed consumer of electricity by finding out what’s your watt.

2nd Annual Valentine Letterpress Printing

Join us for our second annual celebration of the renovation of the Library’s Albion handpress and experience letterpress printing firsthand. Under the expert supervision of local printers Fred Voltem, Norman McKnight and Alan Dye, participants will be invited to pull a proof on our antique printing press and take away a valentine— to keep for yourself or give to your sweetheart. Last year, kids and grown-ups alike, waited their turn to try operating the machine. Everyone left with a keepsake and a smile.

The Albion Press at San Francisco Public Library stands at the entrance to the Book Arts & Special Collections room which houses the Robert Grabhorn Collection on the History of Printing and the Development of the Book. It is an iconic reminder of the relevance of printing to our reading lives. Albions are early iron hand printing presses, originally designed and manufactured in London around 1820. The Library acquired its press from Marguerita Mitchell in 1999. She and her husband, Frederick C. Mitchell, purchased it in London, shipped it via the Panama Canal to California, and printed on it for more than 40 years.

Come enjoy this rare opportunity to see and experience a hand printing press in action. Broadsides will be limited to the first 100 people.

Poet Laureate Alejandro Murguía will give his inaugural address on Jan. 27, titled: The Parallel Literary Histories of San Francisco: Poetry in Times of Hope and Resistance. Murguía will speak about the intersection of Latino and San Francisco literary history, particularly the influence of each on the other. He will also talk about how poetry helped raise awareness about Latin America and Latin Americans living here in San Francisco, and the role that poetry has had in shaping the community’s approach to struggle, resistance and community. Interspersed with his comments, he will read selected poems he has written, as well as read from poems he has translated.

An Evening with Kadir Nelson

Kadir Nelson, two-time Caldecott Honor and Coretta Scott King Awards winner will discuss his new book, I Have A Dream. The book pairs the award-winning Nelson’s magnificent paintings with the text of Martin Luther King Jr.’s powerful speech, delivered on Aug. 28, 1963, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington. This picture book is certain to be treasured by children and adults alike. The themes of equality and freedom for all are not only relevant today, 50 years later, but also provide young readers with an important introduction to our nation’s past.

An Evening with Alejandro Murguía with Mayor Lee. Photo: Jason Deyo
Get Ready to Roll with Ed2Go

The Library is excited to announce the arrival of a new online learning resource. Ed2Go offers more than 300 online instructor-facilitated courses every month, free to you with your San Francisco Public Library card. Online teaching has come to enjoy mainstream acceptance. According to a 2011 survey of online learning, 31% of higher education students now take at least one course online. While online teaching continues to grow on campus, there is a new trend of tech startups offering the benefits of online education to a broader population outside of academic settings. Now you can be part of this online learning movement for free. Ed2Go allows you to take courses entirely online, from home or in the library. Courses run for six weeks and new sessions begin every month.

With Ed2Go, you can prepare for the GED, SAT/ACT and GRE tests; brush up on your math; learn computer programming; acquire new skills to advance your career; get help with your job search, and so much more. Here is how it works: Courses contain 12 lessons (five chapters in each) taken over six weeks and can be accessed online, anywhere—anytime. This format gives students the flexibility to study at their own pace but with enough structure and support to complete the course. Every course includes multiple quizzes, assignments, demonstrations, and exercises, giving students hands-on, practical experience needed to master their new skills. A dedicated instructor teaches every course, pacing students through the lessons and answering every question. Ed2Go instructors are trained to create warm and supportive communities of learners, building an interactive online environment filled with intelligent and stimulating conversations.

Let JobScout make 2013 the year you get the job you have been dreaming of!

Join JobScout to learn how to best use the Internet to search for a job. www.myJobScout.org is a new Website that teaches the essential Internet skills necessary to find a job in today’s online marketplace. Everything you need to learn about using the Internet and finding a job on the Internet is covered in JobScout lessons.

JobScout Workshop – Jan. 29, 3 p.m., Main, Latino/Hispanic Community Room B.

Only the Best

SFPL librarians have been busily reading all year (of course) and we are excited to share some of our favorite books published in 2012. Here is a selection, and you can find the complete list on our Pinterest board: http://pinterest.com/sfpubliclibrary/sfpl-librarian-favorite-books-of-2012/.

The Drowning Girl: A Memoir by Caitlin R. Kiernan. This imaginative and passionate love story is told from the point of view of the main character, a young artist with schizophrenia.

The Uninvited Guests by Sadie Jones. It’s so fun being transported to another time and place; in this case, Edwardian England for a country house mystery with quirky characters.

God’s Hotel: A Doctor, a Hospital, and a Pilgrimage to the Heart of Medicine by Victoria Sweet. A fascinating account of the history of Laguna Honda hospital in San Francisco.

The Middlesteins by Jami Attenberg. A sometimes sad, sometimes funny, tale of an unresolving marriage and the consequences and reasons for overeating.

Where’d You Go, Bernadette by Maria Semple. Loved everything about this smart caper featuring a very smart girl, her quirky & artistic mom, Microsoft-employee dad, and host of other captivating characters.

Bookmobile Schedules

Contemporary Jewish Museum, Free admission with Library Card
Sunday, Jan. 20, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
736 Mission St., between 3rd & 4th Streets

Early Literacy Mobile
Schedule of child care center visits at sfpl.org

Swing into Stories
Golden Gate Park Children’s Playground
295 Bowling Green Drive (off Martin Luther King Drive)
Third Tuesday every month, Jan. 15
9:30 a.m.–12 noon
(Note: no service first Tuesday, Jan. 1, due to library holiday/pure.

Parque Niños Unidos
Golden Gate Park, 23rd & Treat streets
Second Tuesday every month, Jan. 8
9:30 a.m.–12 noon

Helen Wills Playground
Broadway & Larkin streets
Fourth Tuesday every month, Jan. 22
9:30 a.m.–12 noon

San Francisco Zoo
Entrance to Children’s Zoo
Wednesday, Jan. 9,
Free Admission for S.F. residents
Opening at 3:30 p.m.

Library on Wheels/ Senior Bookmobile
Schedule of service locations at sfpl.org

Treasurer Bookmobile
Packing Lot at 850 D Ave. Every Monday, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Every Thursday, 2 p.m.–6 p.m. (no service Jan. 21 due to Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.)

Pilot Youth Mobile:
Schedule of service locations at sfpl.org

Volunteer This Year

The Volunteer Program at San Francisco Public Library is in full swing and working diligently to bring great, interactive programming to the community, thanks to our enthusiastic volunteers. In the new year, the Volunteer Program is slated to continue our popular Conversational Language Learning Program and our practical book clubs, while exploring new ways to get volunteers involved. Our Spanish conversation group is very popular and we plan to work with various community partners to strengthen our English language conversation group. The legal and financial book clubs will continue as well. These book clubs allowed participants to discuss useful life topics, while at the same time reading an informative book.

The Volunteer Program now sponsors a drop-in computer lab. If you are interested in sharing your basic, intermediate or advanced computer skills with our eager public, this is the opportunity for you! Many opportunities await those with all types of skills within your public library system. For more information, contact the Volunteer Program Coordinator Kai (Wilson) Forsley at kaiwilson@sfpl.org or (415) 557-4251.
January 2013

Jewett Gallery


Skylight Gallery

Skylight Gallery Open Hours: same as Main. Skylight Gallery Closing: Mon.-Sat. at 6 p.m., Sun. at 5 p.m.


Other Exhibits and Displays at the Library

Building Bridges: The James R. Lee Collection. Photographs, blueprints, newspaper articles, designs, and ephemera related to the building of the Bay Bridge. James R. Lee was a designer/engineer who worked on the Bay Bridge in the 1930s and has a second-generation Chinese American. Through Feb. 7, Main, 3rd Floor, Chinese Center.


Cussed and Discussed: 100 Years of the Municipal Children’s Center. Through March 7, Main, 3rd Floor, Gay & Lesbian Center.

Trash to Treasures: Art from Recycled Materials – On View through May 2, 2013. Wallace Stegner Environmental Center, Main Library, Fifth Floor.

Innovators of the Picture Book

The Masjorie G. and Carl W. Stern Book Arts and Special Collections Center will celebrate the opening of the exhibition, Educated Amuse! And In Colors! Selections from the George M. Fox Collection of Early Children’s Books, with a lecture by Laura E. Wasowicz, Curator of Children’s Literature from the American Antiquarian Society.

The exhibition features more than 80 examples of 19th-century color printing, drawn from the file copies of the McLoughlin Brothers publishing firm of New York, and donated to the library in 1978. These books are on view for the first time.

Wasowicz will discuss the history of McLoughlin Brothers (active ca. 1858-1950), and its unique role in American publishing history as the premier 19th-century producer of color picture books. Through its adaptation of developing technologies and modern marketing techniques, the publisher made possible the full-color picture books we know today.

Wasowicz has worked for 25 years at the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, Massachusetts, where she develops and manages its collection of 24,000 children’s books issued between 1650 and 1899. She has written articles on various aspects of 19th-century American children’s book publishing, picture book iconography, and children’s reading habits. She is also the editor of the Nineteenth-Century American Children’s Book Trade Directory. She holds a master’s degree in Library Science from the University of Chicago and a master’s degree in History from Clark University.

McLoughlin Brothers: Nineteenth-Century Entrepreneurs and Innovators of the American Picture Book – The 16th Annual Holiday Lecture by Laura E. Wasowicz. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013, 2 p.m., Koret Auditorium, Main Library.
Hermann Kermit Warm is going to die. The enigmatic and powerful man known only as the Comrade has ordered it, and his henchmen, Eli and Charlie Sisters, will make sure of it. Though Eli doesn’t share his brother’s appetite for whiskey and killing, he’s never known anything else. But their prey isn’t an easy mark, and on the road from Oregon City to Warm’s gold-mining claim outside Sacramento, Eli begins to question what he does for a living—and whom he does it for.

With The Sisters Brothers, Patrick deWitt pays homage to the classic Western, transforming it into an unforgettable comic tour de force. Filled with a remarkable cast of characters—looters, cheats, and ne’er-do-wells from all stripes of life—and told by a complex and compelling narrator, it is a violent, lusty odyssey through the underworld of the 1850s frontier that beautifully captures the humor, melancholy, and grit of the Old West and two brothers bound by blood, violence, and love.

About the Author
Patrick deWitt was born on Vancouver Island in 1975. He has also lived in California, Washington, and Oregon, where he currently lives with his wife and son. He is the author of two novels, Ablutions and The Sisters Brothers.

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SFPL Free Day at the CJM


SFPL Free Day at the CJM – Sunday, Jan 20, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
Dancing in the Dragon's Jaws

In honor of our current exhibition in the Jevett Gallery featuring photographs by Thomas Allem, this event presents perspectives and provides a forum for remembering significant Gay community organizations and their relationship to the AIDS crisis. Moderated by Jim Van Buskirk, co-author of Gay by the Bay.

The panelists include:

• Rev. Elder Jim Mitsuki who served as pastor of Metropolitan Community Church in the Castro neighborhood (1986-2001) and is founding board member of the Center for Gay & Lesbian Studies in Religion & Ministry.
• John Kerr was the first entertainment editor (1981-1984) of the Bay Area Reporter, and worked as publicist for Theater Rhinoceros (1984-1991). He was also a founding father of San Francisco Jobs (1983 to present).
• Sister Vicious Power Hungry Bitch from the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.
• Joe Castrovinc from the Gay Men’s Chorus.

Dancing in the Dragon’s Jaws: Panel Discussion — Jan. 23, 6 p.m., Main, Latino/Hispanic Community Room.

Commemorating Tenderloin Residents

Join us for the launch of a new book, Death in the Tenderloin, a compilation of posthumous stories drawn from the pages of the Central City Extra, the Tenderloin’s neighborhood newspaper. The book chronicles the passing of 99 residents—some saints, some sinners—who died in San Francisco’s most notorious and poorest neighborhood. Among the stories are those of SRO-hotel pioneer Leroy Looper and Hank Wilson, the Mother Teresa of the Tenderloin. These “curtain calls” reveal the many paths of neighborhood lives and the universal journey of human existence.

Death in the Tenderloin — Jan. 14, 12 p.m., Main, Latino/Hispanic Community Meeting Room.
Children’s Calendar

January 2013

All programs are free and open to the public. Programs are for children of all ages, except where noted. Please check calendar to confirm dates and times. Groups of five or more: make reservations.

For film titles, call branch library.

Children’s programs at the Main Library are at the Fisher Children’s Center except where noted.

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Jan. 19
Presidio, 10:30 a.m.
Richmond, 11:30 a.m.
Cortland, 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 26
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Richmond, 11:30 a.m.
Cortland, 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 2
Excolior, 10:30 a.m.
Mission, 11:30 a.m.
Parker, 12:30 p.m.
Ocean View, 1:30 p.m.

Feb. 2
**Children’s Crafts with Sophie**

Art on the Go

Jan. 26

**Books, rhymes, music, moves, more for toddlers 18 to 36 months and their caregivers.**

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**Find a Public School for Your Child (English) Bayview (at YMCA, 1601 Lane St.), 10:30 a.m.**

Jan. 26

**Home School, 661 Lombard St.)**

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**Children's Holiday Crafts**

Jan. 26

**Build it! Lego Club**

Jan. 26

**Films: Movie, The Jing Mo Athletic Association will be helping the Library celebrate the Lunar New Year—Year of the Snake, 4711, with lion dance and martial arts performances at libraries around the city in January and February, join us for one of these spectacular events, sponsored by the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library.**

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Support Bayview Library: Win a Trip

Support the Bayview Library Campaign for a Chance to Win a Trip for Two to the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. or Chicago's Beautiful Main Library.

The new Bayview Branch Library is almost complete and we couldn’t be more excited! To celebrate the opening of this neighborhood anchor and show our appreciation of your support, Friends has partnered with Southwest Airlines to present a very special opportunity for library supporters:

All gifts of $150 or more to Friends’ Bayview Branch Library Campaign will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a trip for two to the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. with a guided tour of the Library, or a trip for two and guided tour, to The Harold Washington Library Center, the main library of Chicago!

Offer includes hotel accommodation and round-trip tickets for two. Winners will be announced at the Bayview Branch Opening Feb. 23.

The new library will feature a designated teen area, an expanded children’s area, a community program room, a green rooftop, additional computers, Wi-Fi and more. Friends’ Bayview Campaign is raising the much needed funds to furnish and equip the new branch, which will stand out as a civic leader of digital and environmental literacy for all to use and enjoy.

To enter, visit FriendsSFPL.org or mail a check to:
Friends of the SFPL, ATTN: Bayview Campaign, 710 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA, 94102

Donate today for a chance to win 2 round-trip tickets and a two-night stay to Washington D.C. or Chicago!

*No donation required to enter in drawing. If you do not wish to make a gift at this time, please send an email with your name and phone number to drawing@FriendsSFPL.org to be entered.

Poets 11 Finale

Celebrate poetry from around the city at the fourth Poets 11 Grand Finale on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013 at 1 p.m., in the Koret Auditorium, Main Library. Over 200 people submitted their work to this city-wide poetry contest and reading series, which collects poetry from each of San Francisco’s 11 districts. Sponsoring Friends of the SFPL and the San Francisco Public Library, poets were selected by former San Francisco Poet Laureate Jack Hirschman. Poetry of all types was accepted—from haikus to free verse, narrative to rhyming—and poetry in native languages was highly encouraged.

Entries were accepted August—September 2012, with poets selected from every district and announced at each of the branch events. Selected poets receive $50 and will be published in an anthology that will be available for sale at Readers Bookstores and online after the Finale.

This year’s Poets 11 received a tremendous amount of beautiful and thought-provoking poetry authored by talented writers. Thank you to all who lent their effort and words to the program; its success is thanks to you!

Congratulations to the 2012 selected poets!

District 1
Christopher Carosi
Susan Terence
David Volpendesta

District 2
Steven Gray
Peter Sheburn-Zimmer

District 3
Anne Leonard
Jeanne Powell
Jennifer Barone

District 4
Ruth Hughes
Jose Luis Gutierrez
Dan Brady

District 5
Lynne Barnes
Allelah Amabell de Castro Nuguad

District 6
Trina Fabian-Silva
Bruce Hansen
Phyllis Holliday

District 7
Patrick Cahill
Katie Wheeler-Dubin
Toshi Washizu

District 8
Virginia Barrett
Lily Chiu
Marylee McNiel

District 9
Yolanda Catralzo
Dee Allen
Karin Cotterman

District 10
Tracy Zhu
Jeff Brain
Evan Kennedy

District 11
Roane Roberts

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The construction of the brand-new Bayview Branch Library is nearing completion. Join us on Feb. 23 to celebrate the opening of the new Library.

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Tours are limited to 15 people on a first come, first served basis.
Groups can schedule a private tour by calling (415) 557-4266.

Tours are conducted on the first Tuesday of each month at 12 p.m. Meet at the Information Desk in the First Floor atrium.

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