Where is the Green Bookmobile? Guess to win a bookmobile visit!

Get social!

sfpl.org/bookmobileday

The Contest*
From April 6 to 16, photos of the Green Bookmobile in six iconic San Francisco locations will be posted on sfpl.org. All you have to do is tell us where it is and you could win! Here’s the trick; the photo will only reveal a peek, so you’ll have to use your knowledge of San Francisco geography to figure out the exact location.

Enter to Win a Bookmobile Visit:
Go to sfpl.org, click on the bookmobile highlight on the home page and enter your guess.

More chances to climb onto a Bookmobile in April:
April 3, 10:30 a.m. - Music & Movement with Gayle Schmitt, for ages 0–5. Golden Gate Park, Children's Playground
April 7, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Eggstravaganza at Golden Gate Park, Children's Playground ($8 admission).
April 8 - Union Street Easter Parade
April 10, 10:30 a.m. - Music & Movement with Gayle Schmitt, for ages 0–5. Parque Niños Unidos (3090 23rd St @ Treat)
April 16, 7–8 p.m. - Porchlight, Verdi Club, Mariposa @ Potrero
April 22, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. - Earth Day at San Francisco Civic Center

Besides regular bookmobile service on page 2, and at sfpl.org/bookmobiles.

*The fine print: One entry per email per day; winner will be determined randomly from all correct entries. Bookmobile prize location must be in the city and County of San Francisco; SFLS must be able to secure safe and legal parking for a 30-foot bookmobile; exact date and time subject to staffing and vehicle availability; visit limited to 2 hours.

Remembering Harry Hay

On the centennial anniversary of his birth, the Library’s Hormel Gay & Lesbian Center is pleased to present an exhibition that celebrates the remarkable life and work of activist Harry Hay, who laid the foundation for the modern lesbian and gay rights movement. Radically Gay: The Life of Harry Hay, will be on view in the Main Library’s Jewett Gallery, April 21-July 29, 2012. This exhibition, curated by Joey Cain, explores the life, ideas and contributions of Hay, who is considered the founder of the modern Gay Movement. Drawing on original papers, ephemera, videos and personal items archived in the Harry Hay Papers Collection of the Library’s History Center, the epic story of this compelling and complex civil rights leader is brought to life.

Chronicling Hay’s life, the exhibition includes his early years through his labor activism, strong involvement with the Communist Party, his founding of the Mattachine Society, the first gay activist group in America, and co-founding of the gay men’s spirit group, the Radical Faeries. An actor, Communist labor organizer, musicologist, gay theoretician and political activist, Hay left a lasting mark that continues well into the 21st century.

Related programs:
May 8: Opening program “Above All Else, Audacity!” Guest curator Joey Cain will give an introduction to the exhibition. Colleagues, friends and community leaders will discuss Hay’s contribution to the modern LGBT movement. Special guests include Jewelle Gomez, Phyllis Lyon, Sally Hay, niece of Harry Hay, Will Roscoe, Mark Thompson, and Malcolm Boyd. Main Library, Koret Auditorium, 6 p.m.

June 13: Documentary: Hope Along the Wind: The Life of Harry Hay - Screening of documentary followed by Q&A with filmmaker Eric Slade. This program is co-sponsored by the SF Pride Committee. Main Library, Koret Auditorium, 6 p.m.

July 11: Which Side Are You On? Harry Hay and Labor Organizing - Chris Carlson, Bettina Aptheker and others will talk about Hay’s labor activism with moderator Joey Cain. Main Library, Koret Auditorium, 6 p.m.

National Poetry Month with Poet Laureate Kay Ryan


Kay Ryan - April 18, 6:30 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

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Silver and Gold and Green

In recognition of Earth Day, the Library is proud to announce that four of its renovated branch libraries have received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

Both the Park and Anza branch libraries have received LEED Gold certification and the Presidio and Parkside branches have received LEED silver certification, all for their environmentally conscious, historic renovation designs, green building constructions practices and energy efficient operations.

Take an online tour of the environmental features of each branch by going to our website, sfpl.org/green-stacks and following the highlighted link for LEED leadership virtual tours. Or stop by one of the branches yourself and take in all the environmental features, from lower flow faucets to higher efficiency light fixtures and Forest Stewardship Council-certified wood.

Print from Anywhere to Library Printers

Patrons working on their own laptops can now print documents at any San Francisco Public Library using PrinterOn’s cloud technology. It is also available to those using desktop computers at home, work or anywhere.

Using Firefox internet browser for best results, just go to printeron.com/sfpl/publiclibrary. Follow instructions on the screen to send documents. Costs are 10¢ per page for black & white printing; 40¢ per page for color. Instructions for retrieval are posted at each printer. Note that documents are held in the cloud for 24 hours before being deleted and that Library staff cannot retrieve documents or trouble shoot remote printing (i.e. lost or re-formatted files) via PrinterOn, which is an independent vendor.

Lovely Letterpress at the Library

It was a happy day for more than 125 people who came to the Main Library’s Book Arts & Special Collections this past February to experience letterpress printing firsthand and to mark the inaugural event celebrating the renovation of the library’s Albion handpress. The Albion press was originally designed and manufactured in London by Richard Whitaker Cope in the early 1820s; ours was manufactured in London by F. Ullmer in 1909. At the printing event, under the expert supervision of Fred Voltmer and Alan Dye, patrons waited their turn to print a facsimile of Jane Grabhorn’s 1937 valentine. People cheered and everyone left smiling.

Martha Jane Bissell (1911-1973) became known as Jane Grabhorn after she married Robert Grabhorn of Grabhorn Press fame. With her business partner William Roth she became a serious printer and publisher under the name Colt Press. It was with Jumbo Press, with a tiny elephant as its press mark, where she fully expressed her wit and mischievousness. Her valentine hints at those qualities.

You might ask: why is it so special to run a piece of paper through a printing press and take home a broadside? We just might have to host another event soon so you can see for yourself.

Readying the Albion press at the Valentine’s Day printing event.

Bookmobile Schedules

Bayview Bookmobile
195 Kiska Road, in front of Willie Mays Boys & Girls Club
Second and Fourth Wednesdays of the month, 3–5 p.m.

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)
First Tuesday of the month 9:30 a.m.–12 noon

Parque Niños Unidos
23rd & Treat Streets
Second Tuesday of the month 9:30 a.m.–12 noon

Helen Wills Playground
Broadway & Larkin Streets
Third Tuesday of the month 9:30 a.m.–12 noon

Potrero Hill Recreation Center
801 Arkansas Street (at Madera)
Fourth Tuesday of the month 9:30 a.m.–12 noon

Green Bookmobile
Exploratorium
3601 Lyon Street, Palace of Fine Arts
First Wednesday of the month 12 noon to 4 p.m.

California Academy of Sciences
55 Music Concourse Drive, Golden Gate Park
Free Admission Sundays
February 5, June 3, September 16, December 9
12 noon to 4 p.m.

SF Museum of Modern Art
151 Third Street
First Tuesday of the month 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

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

Treasure Island Bookmobile
Parking Lot at 850 D Avenue
Every Monday, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Every Thursday, 2 p.m.–6 p.m.

Youth Mobile
Schedule of service locations at sfpl.org.
Exhibitions

April 2012
Jewett Gallery
Radically Gay: The Life of Harry Hay The exhibition chronicles the life and work of activist Harry Hay, who laid the foundation for the modern U.S. lesbian and gay rights movement. April 21 through July 29, Main, Lower Level.

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

Innocents Abroad –Travels With the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor A rich collection of materials that represents the book hunting activities of a fervent bibliophile, Nat Schmulowitz, in the first half of the 20th century. The exhibition will be on view in the Skylight Gallery, Sixth Floor, Main Library. April 1 through May 31
L.A. law firm and humanities Nat Schmulowitz took his first grand tour of Europe shortly after World War I. What he saw then and in subsequent trips after World War II is documented in correspondence, scrapbooks, and in the books he acquired along the way. He travelled to the four corners of the earth, searching diligently for humorous materials and combing bookshops wherever he went.

Travel journals, scrapbooks, letters, postcards, and ephemera are on display; partnered with the humor books Nat discovered as he made his way through Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. A shimmering diversity of languages and dialects in the books show the breadth of his travels and his accomplishments representing world humor in this remarkable collection. On April Fools’ Day, 1947, Mr. Schmulowitz gave 93 jest books to the Library. He faithfully continued to add toward the establishment of what is now considered the world’s largest public collection of wit and humor.

Located in the Book Arts & Special Collections Center, the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor (SCOWAH) contains more than 22,000 books and 250 periodical titles, electronic media and ephemera, as well as the personal archive of Nat Schmulowitz. This remarkable collection reflects the eclectic humor of its founder, whose motto still resonates: “Without humor we are doomed.”

The annual SCOWAH exhibition, which opens every April Fools’ Day, is a tribute to Mr. Schmulowitz’s generosity and lifelong interest in the Library.

Related Display and Programs:
Making Tracks—Don’t Forget to Write: Selected Travel Books
Related Programs:See Adults, April 21 through June 7, Main, 3rd Floor, African American Center.
Making Tracks—Don’t Forget to Write: A selection of books, ephemera, and libraries that made these books available. April 14 through July 14, Main, 6th Floor, History Center.

The Magic City: Treasures from San Francisco’s Golden Gate International Exposition 1933 – 1940 A selection of items that highlight the sculpture, artwork, music, performing arts, and photography of the fair presented by the Treasure Island Museum Association. Through June 3, Main, 6th Floor exhibition area.

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Making Tracks—Don’t Forget to Write: Book cover display of selected travel books, April 1 through May 31, Main, 3rd Floor, General Collections & Humanities Center Wall Case.

Related Exhibition: Innocents Abroad

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Pick for March and April
The Best of It: New and Selected Poems by Kay Ryan

If you enjoyed The Best of It by Kay Ryan, you may also enjoy delving into the works of some of the Bay Area’s other talented, contemporary poets:

**Suck on the Marrow by Camille Dunphy**

Suck on the Marrow, a historical narrative set in mid-19th century Virginia and Philadelphia, traces the experiences of fugitive slaves, kidnapped Northern-born blacks, and free people of color.

**The Mansion of Happiness by Robin Ekiss**

With disciplined dolls, dark Parisian catacombs, the gilded interior of a Fabergé egg, and the unfathomable edge of Niagara Falls as the dominion of these poems, reading Ekiss’s work is like peering into the perfectly still world of a diorama or daguerreotype: an experience both uncanny and uncomprising.

**Works and Days by Dean Rader**

Emotionally and intellectually engaging, Dean Rader’s debut collection of poetry undertakes provocative questions about identity in original, ambitious, and playful ways.

**Ease of Happiness**

The hidden ambience of the poem is beneath the surface of the poem — and how action effects meaningful change — efforts that can be emulated by each and every one of us.

**Come On All You Ghosts by Matthew Zapruder**

Zapruder’s third collection of hop, quirky hauntingly yet surprisingly earnest poems is his best and most beautiful. He spans the major genres-love poetry, elegy, ode, friendship tribute, to name a few—updating them for contemporary attention to this century’s critical environmental challenges by focusing on the remarkable women developing solutions and guiding us towards a sustainable future.

**Eco Amazons: 20 Women Who Are Transforming the World**

Author Dorka Keehn will share stories of modern-day environmental heroines from her new book, Eco Amazons: 20 Women Who Are Transforming the World, in a Green Stacks program presented by the Stegner Environmental Center.

* Through interviews conducted by journalist Keehn and images by award-winning photographer Colin Finlay, Eco Amazons calls attention to this century’s critical environmental challenges by focusing on the remarkable women developing solutions and guiding us towards a sustainable future. Their efforts demonstrate how individual concern gives rise to passion, how passion leads to action, and how action effects meaningful change—efforts that can be emulated by each and every one of us.

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Congress on Your Corner (Library)

If you are having problems with a federal agency or obtaining your Social Security, Medicare, veterans or other federal benefits, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi’s office may be able to help. Her staff will be at San Francisco libraries to answer questions about federal agencies, programs and benefits, and to offer any possible assistance.

For more information about Congresswoman Pelosi’s constituent services, please visit www.house.gov/pelosi.

Congress On Your Corner:
April 19: 4-7 p.m. - Main Library, 1st Floor Conference Room
May 9: 3:30-8:30 p.m. - Excelsior Branch Library
May 17, 4-7 p.m. - Main Library, 1st Floor Conference Room
June 13, 4-6:30 p.m. - Visitacion Valley Branch Library

April in Paris
Experience Springtime in Paris with writers Cara Black (author of the Aimee LeDuc murder mystery series) and Ellen Sussman (author of French Lessons) when they discuss their work and all things Paris. In Cara Black’s latest mystery, Murder at the Lanterne Rouge, Aimee LeDuc investigates a murder that takes her into the world of Tempars, secret medieval guilds, Chinatown sweatshops and botched affairs of the heart. Ellen Sussman will discuss the true life story that inspired her novel French Lessons—a delightful book that explores Paris in surprising ways. A book sale by Readers Bookstore follows the event.

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Author and Rolling Stones insider Bill German discusses his ups and downs with “the world’s greatest rock ‘n roll band.” His book, Under Their Thumb, chronicles how he befriended the Stones as a teenager, and how he became the band’s official historian for the next two decades. He traveled the world with them, stayed at their homes, and witnessed their concerts, recording sessions, and in-fights. He’ll share his never-before-seen photos. As Bill German says, “This is the story of how I made it to the Stones’ inner sanctum and how I crawled out.” A book sale by Readers Bookstore follows the event.

Bill German: Under Their Thumb - April 24, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Celebrate Children & Books

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros is an annual event with multicultural music, dance, puppetry, art activities, and a book give away. The national celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

Performances will feature a Punch & Judy puppet show; singer/musician Juan Sanchez performing interactive bilingual songs; the Bay Area Youth Harp Ensemble and more. Arts and educational organizations will be conducting hands-on activities. Children who participate receive a free book.

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**Children's Calendar**

**April 2012**

- All programs and events are free and open to the public.
- **Preschool Programs for children of all ages, except where noted.**
- Please call ahead to confirm dates and times. Groups of five or more reservations are recommended.
- For film titles, see on library website.
- **Children's programs at the Main Library are at the Fisher Children's Center except where noted.**

**Celebrate Children & Books**

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**Families can get a head start on the celebra-

**Day of the Niños/Día de los Libros:**

- April 28, Mission Branch: Craft Program, 11 a.m.
- April 29, Main: Performances: 1 p.m., Koret; Activities: 2:45 p.m., Latino/Hispanic Community Room

**Baby Rhyme Time**

- **Bold king rhymes, songs and books for infants to 18 months and their caregivers.**
- Bernal Heights
  - Wed., 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 11:15 a.m. + playtime
  - Leave strollers outside.
- Merced
  - Thu., 19 & 26 at 10 a.m. + playtime
- Eureka Valley
  - Wed., 4, 11 & 18 at 11:15 a.m. + playtime
- Vision Valley
  - Thu., 19 & 26 at 10:30 a.m. + playtime
- Ocean View
  - Thu., 19 & 26 at 10:15 a.m. + playtime
  - **Sing-along**
  - Ages 6+. Golden Gate Valley, 1:30–2:15 p.m.
  - Parkside, 1:30–2:15 p.m.
  - Richmond, 1:30–2:15 p.m.
  - Visitacion Valley, 1:30–2:15 p.m.
  - Western Addition
    - Thu., 3, 10 & 24 at 10:15 a.m. + playtime
    - **Storytime for Preschoolers.**
    - Ages 3-.
    - Visitacion Valley, 1:30–2:15 p.m.
    - Western Addition
    - Thu., 3, 10 & 24 at 10:15 a.m. + playtime

**Preschool Storytime**

- **Stories, songs, fingerplays and more for ages 3-5.**
- Ana
  - Tue., 10, 17 & 24 at 11 a.m.
  - Excelsior
  - Tue., 10, 17 & 24 at 10:30 a.m.
  - **Western Addition**
    - Thu., 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 10 a.m.
    - Visitacion Valley
    - Thu., 3, 10 & 24 at 10:00 a.m.
    - **Family Storytime**
      - Ages 0-5.
      - Mission, 11 a.m.
      - Visitacion Valley, 1:30–2:15 p.m.
      - Third Thursday
      - Ages 0-5.
      - Parkside, 1:30–2:15 p.m.
      - Western Addition
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    - **“Tales from a time of legends”**
    - Visitacion Valley
      - Thu., 3, 10 & 24 at 10:00 a.m.
    - **Ride 'Em, Boys!**
    - Visitacion Valley
      - Thu., 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 10:00 a.m.

**Family Storytime**

- **Family Storytime are events for children of all ages unless noted.**
- Bayview
  - Tue., 10, 17 & 24 at 10:30 a.m.
  - **Mission Bay**
    - Fri., 10, 17, 24 & 30 at 4:00 p.m.
    - **SF Animals in Storytime**
      - Ages 4-6
      - Ocean View, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
      - **“Dolphins”**
      - Parkside
        - Tue., 3, 10 & 24 at 10:15 a.m.
        - **“Starship Trek”**
        - Parkside
          - Tue., 3, 10 & 24 at 10:15 a.m.
          - **“The Star Wars Saga”**
          - Parkside
            - Tue., 3, 10 & 24 at 10:15 a.m.
            - **“Pirates”**
            - Parkside
              - Tue., 3, 10 & 24 at 10:15 a.m.
              - **NASA Anne McClain**
                - Parkside
                  - Tue., 3, 10 & 24 at 10:00 a.m.
                  - **“Sonic the Hedgehog”**
                    - Parkside
                      - Tue., 3, 10 & 24 at 10:15 a.m.

**Sadie’s Storytime**

- **Sadie’s Storytime events are for ages 3–5**
- **Presidents’ Day**
  - Thu., 19 & 26 at 10 a.m. + playtime
  - **Chinatown**
    - Thu., 19 & 26 at 11 a.m.
    - **Presidio**
      - Thu., 19 & 26 at 10:15 a.m. + playtime
      - **Richmond**
        - Wed., 4, 11 & 18 at 11 a.m. + playtime
  - **Sunset**
    - Thu., 19 & 26 at 11 a.m. + playtime
  - West Portal
  - Thu., 19 & 26 at 10:30 a.m.
April Featured Sections

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April Events

April 4, 13, 18, and 25 Step Sales Every Wednesday (April through October, weather permitting). Main Library, Larkin Street Steps (100 Larkin Street), 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

April 13 Bayview Library Essay Contest (Entries Due) The Bayview Library Campaign invites students to write an essay on the following topic: How can the new Bayview Branch Library help to build a stronger Bayview community? Learn more at friendsfpl.org/bayview-essay

April 14 & 28 $1 Book Sale Second and fourth Saturday of every month (rain or shine). Donation Center, 438 Treat Ave. 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

April 16 Porchlight Storytelling Series: Kitchen Confidential $15, 10% for Friends Member receive ½ off ticket. The Verdi Club, 2424 Mariposa St., 8 p.m.

April 21 The ABCs of Self Publishing with Jane Downs and Marie Dern Join writer and editor Jane Downs and book designer Marie Dern for an afternoon that explores the best practices in self-publishing, from manuscript to finished product. Learn about publishing options, software programs and more. Readers Bookstore, Fort Mason Center, 3 p.m.

Spring Book Sale Thank you!

Thousands of book lovers, community members and Friends flocked to Fort Mason Center’s Festival Pavilion to support the San Francisco Public Library at the Spring Book Sale! The sale raised $125,000 for the SFPL’s education programs that promote literacy for children, teens and adults.

We’d like to extend a HUGE thank you to our volunteers, sponsors and everyone who joined us in making the event a great success. We couldn’t have done it without you! Thank you for your unwavering support of the San Francisco Public Library.

IMBIBE is Back at the Western Addition Branch Library

April 27, 2012, 7–10 p.m.

Save the date and join us for the jazz-themed installment of IMBIBE, Friends Member-Exclusive after-hours library cocktail party. Featuring wines from African American vintners, a live jazz ensemble and more! IMBIBE is a free event for Friends Members. Non-members are invited to sign up online or at the door! (Membership Levels vary but begin at $35).

Visit FriendsSFPL.org for more information.

Celebrate National Poetry Month with Friends!

Celebrate poetry and its vital place in American culture this April during National Poetry Month! A champion for poetry appreciation, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library has played an important role in highlighting our City’s thriving poetry scene.

In honor of National Poetry Month, Friends blog, Readers Review will be publishing interviews with some of poetry’s top names including Friends’ Point-in-Residence and 2007 San Francisco Poet Laureate Jack Hirschman and more. Check out The Readers Review for bi-weekly poems by some of the Bay Area’s emerging artists and other poetry related videos and happenings.

Join us for live poetry readings all month long at Readers Bookstore, Fort Mason Center for the Thursdays at Readers Poetry Series. Curated and hosted by Hirschman, every Thursday boasts a duo of talented authors and poets, reading and performing their work.

Stay tuned for more info on the San Francisco International Poetry Festival, returning this Summer and for the Citywide poetry contest and reading series, Poets 11, returning this Fall.

Visit FriendsSFPL.org and TheReadersReview.org and celebrate poetry with Friends!

Like us at Facebook.com/FriendsSFPL for the latest!

National Library Week

April 8–14, 2012

Celebrate National Library Week in April by advocating for YOUR Library!

Governor Brown slashed state library funding to ZERO in FY 2011–12 and his proposed FY 2012–13 budget also has no money for public libraries. These programs support equitable access to library resources for all California residents, resource sharing among public libraries, and adult literacy.

With no library funding, the State of California will lose up to $17 million in federal matched and granted funding for libraries.

Libraries Need Your Help!

California is home to 12% of the U.S. population and is the 9th largest economy in the world. Californians need strong libraries! We’re asking the State Legislature to restore $15.2 million in funding.

You can help by:

• Emailing, mailing or faxing letters to Members of the Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees on Education Finance.

• Visit FriendsSFPL.org/legis Alert for a sample letter and more information or visit www.library.org for more information from the California Library Association.

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