

The San Francisco Public Library presents

# Middle Eastern

## Heritage Celebration

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER, 3:30-5:30 PM

**Inspired Coloring** - Let's celebrate Middle Eastern Heritage through coloring. Materials provided. For teens & tweens, ages 8 to 18 years old. For information, please contact Jewel at 415.355.2888.

*Chinatown Branch*

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER, 4:00-4:45 PM

**\*T(w)een Snacks and Social Hour** - "Middle Eastern Sweets" Join us for a back-to-school tween/teen social hour! Catch up with your crew, meet new friends, and enjoy some tasty treats. This time we will be tasting some delicious Middle Eastern sweets in honor of SFPL's Middle Eastern Heritage Celebration. For tweens and teens ages 10-18.

*Western Addition Branch*

SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER, 3:00-5:00 PM

**Middle Eastern Film: "Caramel"** - A beauty salon in Beirut is a safe haven for five women in this Lebanese romantic comedy. Shop owner Layale consults her employees about a problematic affair, stylist Rima does not know how to handle her attraction to a female client, and seamstress Rose abandons her own ambitions to care for her family. With the support of their friends in the salon, the women search for the answers to questions of life, love and happiness. (PG, 1hr 36m).

*Western Addition Branch*

TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER, 3:30-5:00 PM

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*North Beach Branch*

WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER, 4:00-5:30 PM

**\*Mancala & Game On!** - Play Mancala or get your game on at our gaming sessions for teens and tweens! Bring a friend to challenge on our big screen. We will have video games here, but feel free to bring your own Wii, PS3 or Xbox Kinect games (rated E or T only please). For ages 11 - 18. Questions? Contact Annie at [annie.tang@sfpl.org](mailto:annie.tang@sfpl.org) or 415.355.5757.

*Bayview Branch*

WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER, 6:30-8:00 PM

**The Middle East as the Cradle of Civilization** - Middle Eastern people and the entire Middle Eastern region have had periods of great accomplishments that have earned it the title of the cradle of civilization. Dr. Abdul Jabbar, emeritus professor of English and Interdisciplinary Studies at City College of San Francisco, will offer a glimpse of Middle East with help from a video clip and literary selections.

*Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Room*

THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER, 3:00-4:00 PM

**\*Hummus Making-and-Tasting** - Celebrate Middle Eastern Heritage by savoring some hummus that YOU help make! We will try two recipes, and experience some of the wonderful flavors and textures of this Middle Eastern dish.

*Bayview Branch*



THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER, 3:00-4:00 PM

**Hamsa Craft For Kids** - A hamsa is a palm-shaped amulet used around the Middle East to ward off the “evil eye.” Make one and learn about this universal symbol of protection.

*Marina Branch*

THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER, 6:30-8:30 PM

**Season of Migration to the North** - *World Literature Book Club*, please join our discussion of Tayeb Salih’s *Season of Migration to the North*. In this famous Arabic novel a man returns home to his village in North Sudan after seven years of living abroad in England. In the village he meets Mustafa, a person whose own stories about living abroad shake the narrator to his core.

*Chinatown Branch*

FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER, 3:30-5:30 PM

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*Chinatown Branch*

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER, 4:00-5:00 PM

**\*Rock the Bike - Hummus!** - Learn how to make hummus, a delicious Middle Eastern dip. We will prepare hummus with our fantastic bike-powered blender and enjoy it with pita bread. Recipes will be available to take home. Yum!

*Potrero Branch*

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER, 3:00-5:00 PM

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*Glen Park Branch*

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER, 4:00-5:00 PM

**Build It! LEGO Club and Ancient Egyptian Artifactory** - LEGOs for architects, engineers and artists of the future. Parents and caregivers are welcome to build with their child! Bi-weekly program. And in honor of Middle Eastern Heritage Celebration, try your hands at crafting objects inspired by Ancient Egyptian artifacts!

*North Beach Branch*

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER, 4:00-5:00 PM

**Henna Body Art for Teens** - Free, safe, natural, and temporary body art in the tradition of Africa and India. Henna artist Rachel-Anne Palacios will show you how and she'll apply a design on participants. For ages 13-18. Program limited to 20 teens & requires a signed parent permission form. To sign up: [jennifer.woo@sfpl.org](mailto:jennifer.woo@sfpl.org) or 415-355-5600.

*Richmond Branch*

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER, 2:00-3:30 PM

**Rock-the-Bike - Hummus!** - Hop on the Rock the Bike bicycle and pedal your way to a yummy hummus snack from the Middle East. We'll supply the ingredients, and you supply the pedal power. For ages 5+. Space limited. Sign up at the Help desk or call 415.355.5615 to reserve space.

*Ocean View Branch*

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER, 3:30-4:00 PM

**\*Arabic Dance with Heaven Mousalem** - \*Arabic dance, also known as belly dance, balady, or raqs sharqi, is one of the oldest dance forms in the world. Bay Area based dancer Heaven Mousalem will introduce us to this wonderful performance art, complete with colorful costume and traditional Arabic music. After the show, anyone who wishes to try out the moves will be invited to get up and join the fun!

*Western Addition Branch*



SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER, 2:00-4:00 PM

**Film Screening: Ushpizin** - Join us for award-winning Israeli film, *Ushpizin*, a divine comedy-drama about a devout Jewish couple who host ex-cons in their Jerusalem home through a series of comedic twists and turns. Visit us or call 415.355.5717 for more information. Light snacks will be served. This is a free program, all are welcome!

*Anza Branch*

MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER, 4:00-5:30 PM

**\*Middle Eastern-Inspired Stone Painting** - Stone painting inspired by different Middle Eastern design concepts and motifs. Materials will be supplied.

*Western Addition Branch*

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER, 3:30-4:30 PM

**Make a Hamsa!** - The hamsa is a hand-shaped amulet found throughout the Middle East, believed to ward off the evil eye. It is sometimes used by different cultures for protection.

*Visitacion Valley Branch*

THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, 3:00-4:00 PM

**\*Teen Tasty Thursdays** - In celebration of Middle Eastern Heritage Month, we will try Middle Eastern snacks and foods.

*Mission Branch*

THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, 6:30-8:00 PM

**Moroccan-Inspired Lanterns** - Arts & Crafts Night. Create glass lanterns in the style of Moroccan geometric patterns. PLEASE BRING EMPTY CLEAN GLASS JARS. Mason jars or pasta sauce jars will work fine. Join us for easy DIY and arts & craft projects on the third Thursday of most months. For adults. Advanced sign-up is required. Please call 415.355.2868 or visit the Excelsior Branch Library to register.

*Excelsior Branch*

FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER, 4:00-5:00 PM

**Sew Your Story** - Embroidery has been used to tell a story by numerous cultures in the Middle East. Join us to discuss Middle Eastern embroidery, and learn a few Palestinian designs that have been part of telling stories. You'll learn a simple stitch and have a chance to use patterns or free sew. This program is for teens and tweens. Reserve your space by phone at 510.355-2825.

*Merced Branch*

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER, 11:00-12:00 PM

**Kathak Dance Performance** - Watch a lovely performance and learn the history of Kathak dancing. All ages welcome.

*Marina Branch*

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER, 2:00-2:30 PM

**The CJM Read-Aloud** - Join us as we celebrate The Contemporary Jewish Museum's new exhibition Jewish Folktales Retold: Artist as Maggid with a reading of *The Rooster Prince of Breslov* by Ann Redisch Stampler along with a selection of other titles in a family storytime.

*Main Library, Children's Center*

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER, 3:00-4:00 PM

**Middle Eastern Spice Mixes and Blends** - Learn how to make your own Middle Eastern Spice mixes and blends! The blends will contain spices that are familiar and exotic, lesser known ingredients. Recipes and all ingredients will be provided. Participants will take home a sample spice mix.

*Park Branch*

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER, 3:00-4:00 PM

**\*Middle Eastern Snack Trials** - You may know pita and hummus...now let's get adventurous and try some of the other tasty snacks of the Middle East! All ages are welcome.

*West Portal Branch*



SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER, 1:00-4:00 PM

**AFMI Presents: The Best of Arab Shorts**, a multifaceted program that includes narrative, documentary and animated short films. This event will feature a collection of outstanding short films from the Arab Film and Media Institute (AFMI) showcasing emergent voices and diverse approaches in cinematic storytelling by contemporary Arab filmmakers and artists.  
*Main Library, Koret Auditorium*

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*Merced Branch*

MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER, 5:00-6:00 PM

**Middle Eastern celebration!** - Come celebrate Middle Eastern Heritage at Ingleside. We will be having games, crafts for kids, and snacks!  
*Ingleside Branch*

TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER, 4:00-5:00 PM

**Middle Eastern Snack Trials** - You know and love Hummus and Baklava, but did you know that there are many other delicious treats from the Middle East to eat? Come to our Middle Eastern Snack Trials and try them all! All programs at The Mix are for teens ages 13-18.  
*Main Library, The Mix*

WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER, 6:00-8:00 PM

**\*Celebrate Middle Eastern Cultures!** - Join us in celebration of Middle Eastern Heritage! With a special performance, craft stations and refreshments, this event has something for all ages.  
*Bernal Heights Branch*

THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER, 7:00-8:00 PM

**Middle Eastern Spice Mixes and Blends** - Learn how to make your own Middle Eastern Spice mixes and blends! The blends will contain spices that are familiar and exotic, lesser known ingredients. Recipes and all ingredients will be provided. Participants will take home a sample spice mix.  
*Richmond Branch*

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER, 2:00-3:00 PM

**Egyptian Street Food Tasting** - Come celebrate the heart and soul of Egypt! Join San Francisco chef, and restaurant owner, Sausan, to learn more about Egyptian street food. Sausan will prepare and share three dishes: Mulukhia (leafy vegetable broth or stew), Fuul (cooked fava beans), and Kushary (comforting bowl of lentils and rice, pasta, and chickpeas). Participants will get to taste these three authentic Egyptian cuisines, and learn more about Egyptian food, history and culture. Recipes will be distributed to attendees. Space is limited. Please call 415.355.2838 to register.  
*Mission Bay Branch*

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER, 3:00-5:00 PM

**Middle Eastern Film: Amreeka** - *Amreeka* chronicles, with heartfelt humor, the trials and tribulations of a proud Palestinian Christian immigrant single mother and her teenage son in small town Indiana. (PG-13, 1h 37min).  
*Western Addition Branch*



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