Profile: Jewelle Gomez
Library Commission President

Noted writer, poet and fundraiser Jewelle Gomez was unanimously elected President of the 7-member Library Commission at their regularly scheduled meeting in February 2008. Ms. Gomez, who has served on the Commission since February 2005, is Director of Grants and Community Initiatives at the Horizons Foundation.


She has also served on the fundraising leadership committee of the James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center at the Main Library, is a member of the selection committee for the City’s One City One Book program, administered through the Library, and is an original and continuing member of the Poet Laureate selection committee, a program started by Mayor Willie Brown in 2001.

Among other professional positions held by Jewelle Gomez are: Program Director, Cultural Equity Grants, San Francisco Arts Commission, 2001-2006; Executive Director, Poetry Center & American Poetry Archive, San Francisco State University, 1996-99; and writing instructor at San Francisco State University and Hunter College.

Rolling Wonder

Branch bookmobiles provide services during library renovations

Say the word “Bookmobile” to many people and they might tell you about their rural upbringing and the excitement they felt when the colorful vehicle visited their neighborhood. It ranks right up there with the ice cream truck in their memories! The San Francisco Public Library bookmobiles don’t wind around country roads, but they do reach out to communities all around the City and try to bring that same excitement to patrons of all ages. Three of these bookmobiles, called the Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP) Bookmobiles, currently provide services to the Bernal Heights, Eureka Valley, Richmond and Potrero Hill communities while their branch libraries are closed for renovation. Bookmobiles offer new library cards, more than 2000 titles per vehicle (including books, DVDs, music, and magazines) for all age groups, and special language titles based on community needs. The program serves up hold requests from throughout the system and books from any other branch may be returned to the bookmobiles. Along with other community-based temporary services, the bookmobiles keep on rolling during renovations at the San Francisco Public Library.

Although it’s all in a day’s work for bookmobile staff, many people probably don’t realize the preparations that go into getting the bookmobile onto the road for each day of service. A trained team of drivers, librarians and other library staff spend time behind the scenes making sure that the bookmobiles are safe, clean and full of materials and information that patrons want to see on the shelves. Every day they drive the bookmobiles, they follow a checklist and inspect the entire vehicle to make sure it is roadworthy and safe to operate on the streets of San Francisco. They take the vehicle to the City repair shop for regular maintenance and for special repairs when something is not working as it should. Each day, the staff ships big bins of books, media and special reserves to put on the bookmobile shelves for patrons. At the end of the day, they carry off all the materials that patrons have returned to the bookmobile and take these services to other library branches. Rolling on to the next stop for the next round of services.

Kid/Teen Summer Reading By the Numbers 2007:

954 Teens ages 14-18 registered for teen summer reading
5,078 Children who completed summer reading program
636 Babies and toddlers enrolled in summer reading program (Birth to 3yrs)
645 Kid Power volunteers
9,369 Number of hours they worked during the eight weeks of SRC
227 Special summer programs for children

What Time is It? Summertime!

Dear Reader,

School’s out, summer’s starting to sizzle and the Library is ready with expanded programming for kids and teens. From musical performances and magic shows, to arts and crafts workshops, youngsters of all ages are sure to find something fun, exciting and educational to do at the Library.

The June and July issues of At the Library feature a special Summer Fun at the Library pull-out section (suitable for attaching to your fridge with magnets) to highlight the season’s surfeit of Library activities for young people—including summer reading programs for children and teens, digital photography workshops, an ethnic dance festival, and much more.

So, get out and visit your local library and check out all the fun!

At the Library Staff

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Coming Up:

JULY 1
BookWorks 2008
Pacific Center for Book Arts
Triennial Members’ Exhibition
Main, Skylight Gallery, 6th Floor

JULY 3
Break Dancing Class
Film screening and discussion with filmmaker Andrés Cediel
Bayview-Anna E. Waden Branch

JULY 9
Sneak Previews: San Francisco Jewish Film Festival
Main, Koret, 6:00 p.m.

JULY 12
Bay Area Heart Gallery: Connecting Hearts...
Building Families
Main, Jewett Gallery, Lower Level
The largest building campaign in San Francisco Public Library history is in full swing. We are now seeing the fruits of the $106 million bond measure passed in November 2000. The Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP) calls for the renovation of 17 branch libraries and the construction of seven new library buildings, including a brand-new branch in Mission Bay (opened July 2006) and a new building in Glen Park (opened October 2007).

**Building Better Libraries for Stronger Communities.**

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### Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP)

**Portola Rising**

The new Portola Branch Library is going up quickly. Located at the corner of Bacon and Goettingen Streets, neighbors are watching their new branch become a reality. Irene Crescio, who lives directly across the street, is happy with the progress. "It looks wonderful. The workers are very quiet and clean and I’ve heard no complaints from the neighbors. I’m excited about the library going up. Each day it looks more and more like the drawings." The branch is scheduled to open early next year.

**Branch Bookmobile Fun Facts**

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### Additional Services:

**International Languages Collection**

3150 Sacramento St., (415) 355-2859

- **Monday:** Closed
- **Tuesday:** 11 a.m.–9 p.m.
- **Wednesday:** 1–9 p.m.
- **Thursday:** 11 a.m.–9 p.m.
- **Friday:** 1–6 p.m.
- **Saturday:** 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- **Sunday:** Closed

**BLIP Update**

Branches under construction and projected opening dates:

- **Richmond** – 2009
- **Portola** – 2009
- **Ingleside** – 2009
- **Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Memorial** – 2010
- **Bernal Heights** – 2010
- **Potrero** – 2010

Next branch slated for renovation: **Parkside**

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Into the Main Library for sorting and delivery to their home branches or to other patrons who have placed the items on hold.

*All of the hard work pays off when patrons say thanks, write a nice review on yelp.com or wave to the driver as we roll through the neighborhood.* Staff and patrons alike have fun when the Branch Bookmobiles are invited to attend special events around the City. Recently, the Branch Bookmobile participated in the Union Street Spring Celebration, the Asian Heritage Celebration in Japantown, the Carnaval parade in the Mission, the Healthy Kids Day at the Stonestown YMCA and Starr King Elementary School’s Health Day.

To find information about our regular schedules and upcoming special events, check out our official Web site at www.sfpl.org/blip/bookmobile or our blog at bookmoblog.blogspot.com for fun pictures, maps and interactive features. Also, check out www.sfpl.org for information about the other bookmobile programs at the Library, including the Children’s Bookmobile and Library on Wheels for Seniors.

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*Photos: Brian Wong*
Exhibitions

June 2008

Jewett Gallery

*Sing Me Your Story, Dance Me Home: Art and Poetry From Native California

Exhibition based on Heyday Books publication, The Dirt is a Red Here: Art and Poetry from Native California, that explores how California Native American stories, songs and dance take form in poetry, painting, basketry, jewelry, printmaking, photography & sculpture. Through June 29. Main, Lower Level, Jewett Gallery. Related Programs: see Adults, Sunday, June 22 & Wednesday, June 25.

Other Exhibition Areas in the Library

3-D Stories

Featuring the ceramic art of artist Helen Carrin. June 23 through Aug. 21. Main, 2nd Floor, Fisher Children’s Center

Digging Deep: Underneath San Francisco Public Library

The current Main Library rests on a Gold Rush-era cemetery and the ruins of the old City Hall destroyed in the 1906 earthquake and fire. The archeological remains pulled from the site tell the story of the early development of the Civic Center area. Ongoing. Main, 1st Floor, Grove Street entrance exhibit cases

Unveiling of the San Francisco/Bay Area Homicide Quilt Exhibition honors the Rev. Cordell Hawkins, who developed the quilt as a way to offer emotional support to families of homicide victims. Through June 7. Main, 3rd Floor, African American Center

*Welcoming the Olympics: An Exhibition of Paper Cutouts Depicting Traditional Chinese Sports

Co-hosted by Consulate General of People’s Republic of China. Through June 26. Main, 3rd Floor, Chinese Center

*Realia

An exhibition by emerging artists, architects and designers from The California College of the Arts that were inspired by their research of the Main Library’s San Francisco History Center rare book, music, and periodical collections. Through June 24. Main, 6th Floor

41 Years/42 Photos: A Retrospective, 1967-2008

Exhibition of photographs by Dennis Manwaring—now in his 41st year as S.F. Public Library librarian—captured during local city walks, as well as in travels here and abroad. Through June 27. Main, Lower Level. Café Exhibits on Main Floor

*35th Anniversary of the New Deal

A New Deal for San Francisco—Thanks to WPA!

An exhibition of archival materials, historical photographs, books & ephemera drawn from the collections of the San Francisco Public Library, with a look at the accomplishments of the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Topics include public building projects & civic improvements, unemployment & labor unrest, theater and the arts. Through Aug. 30. Main, 6th Floor, outside San Francisco History Center. Related Programs: see Adults, Sunday, June 1 & Thursday, June 12.

Bob Barner Collage


Patently Beautiful: 10 Decades of Innovation for the Sake of Beauty

Exhibition of patents from each 20th century decade, that represent technological advancements in beauty products. June 1 through Aug. 31. Main, 5th Floor, Government Information Center

Bayview Hunters Point Presents Real Fatherhood

Photographic exhibition of men who have fathered their children, in celebration of Father’s Day. June 8 through Aug. 23. Bayview

*Spirituality Photo Project by Black Brothers Esteem

Black Brothers Esteem is a prevention & support program designed to empower men who live predominantly in San Francisco’s Tenderloin/Polk Gulch and 6th Street corridor districts. The exhibition documents their search for spirituality, in spite of a world that often abandons or condemns them. June 10 through Aug. 7. Main, 3rd Floor, African American Center & James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center

Exhibitions at the Branches

Bayview’s Historical Footprints

Photographic exhibition celebrating the diverse history of Bayview Hunters Point, featuring multimedia oral histories from elders in the community. In collaboration with Bayview Hunters Point Neighborhood History Preservation Project. Permanent Exhibition. Bayview

*Funded by Friends of the San Francisco Public Library

Focus on the Collections

James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center

The James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center is the portal to Library collections documenting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender history and culture, with a special emphasis on the San Francisco Bay Area. Our collections include books, periodicals, films, music and archives. The Center also features changing exhibits and public programs.

The Hormel Center aggressively develops reference collections which include fiction and a wide range of nonfiction, including gender studies, law, history, sexuality, biography, literary criticism and more. We also have a colorful and historically significant collection of pulp paperback novels from the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s.

The Center has a large collection of archival material which is easy to access, including: the Harvey Milk Papers (from the Scott Smith and the Joe Campbell Collections, his partner and former boyfriend, respectively); Federation of Gay Games Papers; Louis Graydon Sullivan Papers; Alice B. Toklas Collection – Letters to Donald H. Frank; Barbara Grier – Naad Press Collection; and the Randy Shilts Papers. Some of our archival materials are on loan from the GLBT Historical Society, and are housed at the Library to make them more accessible to the public.

Audiovisual materials in the Hormel Center collections include Photograph Collections by Robert Gaard, Daniel Nicolletta, Chloe Akdins, Lynda Koolish and Rick Gerharter; a large repository of films from over 30 of Frameline’s International LGBT Film Festivals and other filmmakers; and memorabilia such as buttons, banners, trophies, etc. In addition to serving the citizens of San Francisco, researchers from all over the world come to study these primary sources here at the Hormel Center.

LGBT Collections can be found in many library locations, from the Browsing Fiction on the 1st floor, to books on sexuality and biography on the 3rd floor (and books in other languages in the International Section of that floor), to materials on artists on the 4th floor, magazines (including some old and rare LGBT periodicals) on the 5th floor, and archives in the San Francisco History Room on the 6th floor. The Hormel Center itself offers a variety of reference books for reading while inside the Library, located in a beautiful corner room on the 3rd floor of the Main Library.

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Welcome, Karen!

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**New Librarian Brings Love of Books to Juvenile Hall Residents**

San Francisco Public Library’s Juvenile Justice Center branch has a new look and a new librarian! In January 2007, SPLF, in partnership with the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department, opened a new 527-square-foot library in the new Juvenile Hall.

The library has about 17,000 books and magazines in its collection and circulates materials to residents at Juvenile Hall in San Francisco and Log Cabin Ranch in Woodside. City Youth Now, a volunteer auxiliary group, generously donates additional funding for books. The light-filled library offers a wide selection of magazines, comics, graphic novels, and teen fiction, along with Spanish-language, African-American, Latino, and Asian-interest titles. Residents check out 31,500 books per year, with the average borrower reading five to six books a week.

Librarian Rachel Bernstein provides the crucial link between these young library patrons and the library’s collection. Bernstein, who earned her master’s degree in Library Science at San Jose State University, joined SPLF’s Juvenile Justice Center branch in February. During weekly group library visits, she helps her patrons choose materials to check out and bring back to their rooms. Along the way, the youth learn about how SPLF can help them after the time at Juvenile Hall.

“It’s thrilling to see these youth discover that reading is fun, and to help them realize that they can take responsibility for learning new things through the books they choose to read,” says Bernstein. In addition to books, the youth enjoyed a performance last year by Abada Capoiera, as well as visits from California authors, such as Luis J. Rodriguez, thanks to funding from City Youth Now and Friends of the San Francisco Public Library.

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**June 2008**

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**Radar: All Star Event**
With authors Cristy C. Road, Andreia Aikowitz, Emmanuel Xavier and Amistad Haquin. Main, Koret Auditorium, 6–7 p.m.

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**Get Crafty in the Branches: Pop-Up Kids 16 & older. With C.J. Grossman. 15-person limit: sign up at (415) 355-2898. Info: (415) 989-1616. (Signup period: 10 a.m.–12 noon. Main, Koret/Auditorium, 12–2 p.m.**

**Pick for May and June:**
Then We Came to the End by Joshua Ferris

We all like to laugh, but sharing suggestions for funny books can be a tough business. What makes one person cackle out loud will have another rolling her eyes. Hopefully you’ve been enjoying our May/June selection, Joshua Ferris’ Then We Came to the End, a dorkily funny debut novel set in a Chicago advertising agency where tempers flare, office furniture disappears, and corporate survivors parse their bosses’ decisions in ever-more-paranoid sessions at the nearest bar.

When you’re ready for more chuckles, here are a few books and authors that keep librarians at San Francisco Public Library cracking up:

Most anything by Bill Bryson, David Sedaris, Nick Hornby, and local favorites Beth Lisick and Christopher Moore gets our vote. Much humor (and some poignant sadness) can be found in memoirs by Haven Kimmel, Anne Lamott, Alison Bechdel and Augusten Burroughs. Children’s books like A Year Down Yonder by Richard Russo, The Phantom Tollbooth by Norman Juster and Lois Lowry’s Anastasia Krupnik series have many grown-up fans.

Comic novels include The Winshaw Legacy or, What a Carve Up! by Jonathan Coe, Walking in Circles Before Lying Down by Merrill Markoe, Straight Man by Richard Russo and Breakfast with Buddha by Roland Merullo. And if you’re into Teen Lit, here’s a LOL list all ready for you: http://sfpl.org/sfplonline/teens/booklists/lol.htm.

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**Gentle Pilates for Seniors**
Ages 16 & older. With C.J. Grossman. 15-person limit: sign up at (415) 355-7507. North Valley, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Forgive for Good**
With psychologist Fred Luukin. Parkside, 7–8:30 p.m.

**Get Crafty in the Branches: Matchbox Books**
Ages 16 & older. With C.J. Grossman. 15-person limit: sign up at (415) 355-7507. North Valley, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Richie Unterberger’s Rare Rock and Roll Film Clips, 1968**
All welcome. Park, 7–9 p.m.

**Rishi Day & Celebration of Filipino American Heritage**
Main, Koret Auditorium, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

**12 Saturday**
**The Indispensable New Deal:**
Discovering the Invisible Public Legacy of the Great Depression and What It Means for Us Today
With Dr. Gray Brechin. Main, Koret Auditorium, 6–7 p.m.

**14 Saturday**
**Legal Advice & Referral Clinic**
Free attorney consultation. Info: (415) 989-1616. (Signup period: 10 a.m.–12 noon. Main, Koret/Auditorium, 12–2 p.m.)

**17 Tuesday**
**National Queer Arts Festival: The Outsiders**
With Matt Springer. Mission Bay, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

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Redwork Embroidery
Ages 16 & older. With Jackie. Bring small embroidery hoop (optional) and photography with line art to transfer. 10-person limit: sign up at (415) 355-2858. Glen Park, 2–4 p.m.

**Back to the Beach**: Ages 16 & older. With Steven. 15-person limit: sign up at (415) 355-2858. Mission Bay, 2–4 p.m.

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**On the Same Page:**
San Francisco Reads is a bimonthly book club for all San Francisco readers. For more information, visit http://sfpl.org/news/sanfranreads/series.htm.

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Events and Happenings

Women, Power, and Politics Film Festival: Women, Welding Cameras

Join the International Museum of Women as they feature four films on Women, Power, and Politics, showcasing work by women filmmakers. Featured films include Las Madres, God Sleeps in Rwanda, Dishing Democracy and Run Granny Run. Filmmakers Lourdes Portillo, Kimberlee Acuña, Marló Poras and political activist Granny D. Haddock will be in attendance to comment on the films and answer questions from the audience.

The I.M.O.W. Women, Power and Politics Film Festival: Women, Welding Cameras is presented by the International Museum of Women in conjunction with their new global online exhibition, Women, Power and Politics. Launched on March 8, the cutting-edge multimedia exhibition runs until December 31 in four languages—English, French and Spanish—at www.imow.org and features provocative new topics each month. Women, Power and Politics Film Festival materials are generously provided by HSBC.

Film Festival Details:
The I.M.O.W. Women, Power and Politics Film Festival Saturday, June 14, 2008
11 a.m.—7 p.m.
Koret Auditorium, Main Library, 100 Larkin Street at Grove
11 a.m. Las Madres: The Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo
12:45 p.m. God Sleeps in Rwanda
2 p.m. Dishing Democracy
3:30 p.m. Run Granny Run

Each film will have a 30 minute Q&A session with the filmmaker after screening.

Check out the SFLP’s new collection development plan!
How We Buy Books
Have you ever wondered how the San Francisco Public Library selects and manages books and other library materials? The Collection Development Plan, a guide to the selection and retention of library materials, is now available on the SFLP Web site and will answer such questions as how to suggest a purchase, what criteria are used in selecting books and other materials, how to make a donation, and much more.

The San Francisco Public Library is a primary source of information for those who live and work in the City. The collections serve to enhance the cultural, literary, aesthetic and educational pursuits of all library users and are responsive to the needs of—and reflect the diversity of—the community.

To learn more about the collections of the Main Library and its 27 branches, including which branch libraries have special interest collections, which collections offer research level materials, what types of electronic resources are available and how they are selected, information for children, their parents and caregivers, teens and lifelong learners, go to http://sflp.org/librarylocations/administration/cdp/.

Global Warming and Water

In celebration of World Environment Day on June 5, the Wallace Stegner Environmental Center at the San Francisco Main Library will host a number of events.

Chandra Johnson, Coordinator of Citizen Involvement of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, will speak about our water—from water quality to conservation—on Thursday, June 5 from 1:20 p.m. in the Latino/Hispanic Community Meeting Room at the Main Library.

Judy Chang from The Climate Project, a non-profit organization with the mission of increasing public awareness of the climate crisis, will present a new slide show based on the Academy Award-winning film, An Inconvenient Truth. Her presentation will be on Saturday, June 7, from 3–4 p.m. in the Main Library’s Koret Auditorium.

And don’t forget to stop by the Stegner Center on the Fifth Floor of San Francisco’s Main Library for an even deeper look at today’s environmental issues. Named for the late Wallace Stegner—whose writings display a deep awareness of nature and a commitment to bringing human activities into harmony with the natural environment—the Center’s mission is to inspire understanding and appreciation of the interconnectedness and interdependence of life on earth through an outstanding collection of environmental literature and innovative public programs. The collection includes more than 1,400 books and periodicals on environmental topics ranging from biographies, global warming, conservation strategies and environmental justice, to bio-diversity, globalization and political activism. Most of the collection is available for users to check out and take home.

Wallace Stegner

17 Tuesday
• Annual Open House Celebration
  All welcome for tea with staff. Chinatown. 2–3 p.m.
• Fanny Renier and the Four Heart Beats
  With Joyce Jordan, Nicole Savage, Sherry O’Donnell & Agneta Falk, & special guests with music. North Beach, 7 p.m.

18 Wednesday
• Get Crafty in the Branches: Make Your Own Bath Bombs
  Ages 16 & older. With C.J. Grossman. 15-person limit. sign up at (415) 355-2886. West Portal, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

19 Thursday
• Annual Open House Celebration
  All welcome for tea with staff, live music by S.F. Guzheng Society. Chinatown, 2 p.m.
• Get Crafty in the Branches: Make and Bake Beads Ages
  16 & older. With Steven. 20-person limit. sign up at (415) 355-5660. Portola, 2–4 p.m.

20 Friday
• Shakespeare and the Beidermeier
  Main, 6–7 p.m.

22 Sunday
• Shellmound Q & A after film with filmmaker Andrés Cediel. Main, Koret Auditorium, 1–3 p.m.
• Related Exhibition: see Exhibitions.

24 Tuesday
• National Poets’ Night
  With poets Aime Cesaire, Agnes Meyer, Sara Seikaly, and Phillip Margolin. Book sale & signing follow. Main, Koret Auditorium, 6–7:30 p.m.
• Related Exhibitions: see Exhibitions.
• *Greetings from the Gayborhood*
  Author Don Reuter presents slide show of photos from his book. Main, Latino/Hispanic Community Meeting Room, 6–7:30 p.m.

25 Wednesday
• Sing Me Your Story: Native American Poetry Night
  Poet Greg Sarris, Linda Noel & Kim Shuck read & discuss their work; moderated by Malcolm Margolin. Book sale & signing follow. Main, Koret Auditorium, 6–7:30 p.m.
• Related Exhibitions: see Exhibitions.

26 Thursday
• Open Books: Author Marie Brower Discusses Apples and Oranges: My Brother and Me, Lost and Found
  Book sale follows. Main, Koret Auditorium, 6–7:30 p.m.
• Open Books: Bill Hayes Reads From The Anatomist: A True Story of Grey’s Anatomy
  Book sale & signing follow. Main, Latino/Hispanic Community Meeting Room, 6–7:30 p.m.

27 Friday
• Start & Grow Your Business
  Small Business in Cantonese. Chinatown, 2–5 p.m.
• Book Groups
  Selections: San Francisco Noir by Peter Maravelis. Sunset, 7 p.m.
• Business Counseling
  Wednesday, April 1, 11, 28 & 25
  Service Corps of Retired Executives Free Business Counseling Appointments: (415) 744-6627. Main, 4th Floor, Business, Science & Technology Department, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Wallace Stegner
Get Wild at Your Library This Summer

What’s the wildest place you can think of to read this summer? A visit to the library might help, where you can join Read in the Wildest Places, the 2008 Summer Reading Club (SRC), with graphics featuring exciting full color photographs of wild animals with the word “Read” hidden in their fur.

The Summer Reading Club is a citywide program designed to encourage children (through age 13) to read during the summer months. This year’s program runs from June 14 through August 9. Children may sign up at any neighborhood branch or on the branch or children’s bookmobiles. Summer Reading Club participants may read whatever interests them, including books in languages other than English. Librarians have prepared a special summer reading list with recommended titles that feature animals and wild places.

Once again this year we are extending a special invitation to parents and caregivers of children ages three and under to enroll in the SRC and read to their babies and toddlers. There will be special prizes geared to children in this age range who participate in the Baby/Toddler Summer Reading Club and a raffle ticket good for a gift certificate for the adults who read to their youngest SRC participants for eight hours or more.

Every Summer Reading Club participant will receive a Read in the Wildest Places bookmark. Children can then earn prizes after they’ve read for two, four and six hours.

Eight-hour grand prize choices include a free book, a plush moose or bear (elephant soft squeeze toy for babies and toddlers) or passes for a parent and child to a number of Bay Area family attractions.

In addition to participating in the Summer Reading Club, young people aged 10-16 are invited to become Kid Power volunteers and help out at the library during the summer.

During the summer, the Library will offer expanded programming for children with weekly shows by musicians, magicians, acrobats, storytellers, naturalists and puppeteers, among others. Please check the children’s calendar each month for a list of programs and events.

Children’s librarians are available to answer questions, recommend intriguing books and assist in any way. Please visit or call your local library to learn more about the Summer Reading Club.

Read in the Wildest Places is underwritten by Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, with generous support from the Aquarium of the Bay; Asian Art Museum; Bay Area Discovery Museum; Cartoon Art Museum; Cold Stone Creamery; Conservatory of Flowers; Contemporary Jewish Museum; Deutsche Bank; Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco – de Young Museum; Japanese Tea Garden; Presidio Bowling Center; Ripley’s Believe It or Not; Round Table Pizza; San Francisco Giants and Oracle’s Read to Win Program; San Francisco Zoo; The Stocker Foundation; and ZEUM.

Flashy Teen Summer Read

The Teen Summer Read program is back in action, even bolder and brighter than before. Don’t miss this year’s two mascots, manga-style characters, creatively invented and meticulously hand-drawn by teen artist Sandy Diao. Sandy’s design was chosen from scores of entries in a library-sponsored art contest in December 2007.

This will be the Library’s 10th year of sponsoring Teen Summer Read, which offers prize incentives to 13-18 year olds for time spent reading. Every branch that’s open this year, including the Main Library Teen Center and branch bookmobile, will be a starting point for registration on or after June 13. After registering, teens can read newspapers, magazine articles, fiction, nonfiction or graphic novels (no e-mail) independently and keep track of their time spent reading. As in years past, prizes will be awarded for teens who complete 10, 20, and 30 hours of reading. Prizes include logo highlighter pens, notebooks, and, new this year, a free flash drive. And it doesn’t end there! Readers who go beyond 30 hours will increase their chances of winning grand prizes such as Microsoft Zune MP3 players, Ipods, Jamba juices, pizzas, free sports event tickets, climbing or circus classes, gift cards, and of course, free books. Everyone who reaches the 30-hour mark also will be invited to a party with even more prizes, games, and delicious food.

School’s out, so start your summer reading!
Children's Calendar

June 2008

- All programs and events are free and open to the public.
- Programs are for children of all ages, except where noted.
- Please call to confirm dates and times. Groups need to reserve space.
- Where branch is closed for renovation, alternate location is listed.
- Patrons & Golden Gate Valley branches: Programming room is not accessible by elevator.
- For film titles, call branch library or go to www.sfpl.org/news/events.htm and click on Children's Films & Videos.

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20 Friday
* Singer & Musician Chris Molla; Folk Songs & Sing-alongs; 3 p.m. Whole Family
Merced, 3:30 p.m.

*All Kinds of Music, by Bradford Trojan Groups, reserve at (415) 355-5770; Parkside, 3 p.m.

*Friday 20 & 27
Reading Club
- Add reading minutes to SBC reading log. Mission, 2–3 p.m.

21 Saturday
*Singalong with Lisa Atkinson Mission Branch, 2 p.m.; Parkside Branch, 2 p.m.
*Magic Dan
New Valley, 11 a.m.

*Musical Chinese Smart Art: Bare Hands & Weaspons Performance
- Add: Held outside. weather permitting.

*Learn How to Make a Bracelet Using Chinese Knots, With Lee Ann Wong Ages 8–12. Younger ages may participate if accompanied by (415) 355-5707. Ortega, 4 p.m.
*Savannah Safari Stories & craft, 11 a.m.

*La Familia Peña Govea Tico-Mex-Colombian music. Anza, 3:30 p.m.

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3-D Stories
- Featuring the ceramic art of artist Helen Canin. June 12 through Aug. 21. Main, 2nd Floor, Fisher Children's Center

Bob Barner College
College artist & children’s book illustrator displays his work, including 2006 Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros poster. Through June 9. Main, 2nd Floor, Fisher Children’s Center

Bayview Hunters Point Presents:
Real Fatherhood Photography Exhibit of neighborhood fathers with their children, in celebration of Father’s Day. June 8 through Aug. 23. Bayview

ABC Gum Mosaic:
Ages 5 & older. Participants use already “chewed” gum to add artistic expressions to continuing art project; parental supervision encouraged. June 14 through Aug. 9. Bayview

Weekly Triipy Hunt
Trivia questions available at reference desk; answer all correctly and be entered into weekly raffle. June 16 through Aug. 9. Visitacion Valley

*Music with Heather Rogers Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

Videos
- Ages 3–5. Mission, 10:10 & 11 a.m.
- Films
- Ages 3–5. Parkside, 10 & 11 a.m.

Tuesdays 3 & 10
Homework Help
- Excels, 4–6 p.m.

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Crafts

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- Excels, 4–6 p.m.

* Critter Song Singalong with Bonnie Lockhart
Weather permitting, this event held in courtyard. Marina, 10:15 a.m.

*Musical Performance by the Pete-Govea Family Mission, 4 p.m.

*Singalong with Mimi Greisman Ages 3 & younger. Richmond Police Station Community Room, 461-6th Ave. (between Anza and Geary), 11 a.m.

*Music with Tim Cain Space limited: reserve at (415) 355-2822. Patrons, If library closed, programs held at St. Teresa’s Church, 390 Missouri Street, at Connecticut, 10:30 a.m.

*Oliver Chin Presents Slide Show & Train Ride Story Space limited: reserve at (415) 355-2818. Sunset, 10:30 a.m.

* Senators 20, 23 & 27
Chess Club
Ages 6–older. All skill levels. Excels, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

14 Saturday
* Kick off Summer Reading with the Music Ensemble Supershow
Space limited, reserve at (415) 557-4554. Main, 2nd Floor, Fisher Children’s Center, 2 p.m.

*Father’s Day, & Special Guest, Groovy Craft Group
Drop-in. Bayview, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

* Susan Peña’s Guitar Spanish & English Singalong
Ages 5 & younger. (Eureka Valley}
Program, 5. F. LGBT Community Center, 1800 Market Street (at Octavia), 10:30 a.m.

Summer Reading Kickoff
Make & decorate bookmark Monday, 2–3 p.m.

*Flying Angels Chinese Dance Company
Space limited, come early. Merced, 4 p.m.

*Carnival of Chaos, with Mark Bunnell Park, 1 p.m.

*Summer Reading Club Performer
Ages 6 & older. Dr. Monica Sullivan explores marine world Space limited: reserve at (415) 355-5660. Portola, 4 p.m.

*Penney the Clown

*Wonder Dog, Lacey

*Magic with Jones
Ages 3–5. Ocean View, 3 p.m.

*Music with Jones
Ages 3–5. Main, 2nd Floor, Fisher Children’s Center, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

*Anthony Adamo, Rembrandt
Ages 5 & older. Space limited: reserve at (415) 355-2889. Sunset, 10:30 a.m.

*Stargate
Ages 5–7. Space limited: reserve at (415) 355-5727. Western Addition, 3 p.m.

*laughs with Lisa Atkinson
Ages 5 & younger. Western Addition, 10:15 a.m.

*Police Officer Suslow Teach
ing How To Stay Safe, and Not Talking To Strangers
Preschoolers through first grade. Groups reserve at (415) 355-5770. Parkside, 11 a.m.

*Replica of San Francisco's Skyline
*Ocean Beach Armory & Garde Center
*Main, 2nd Floor, Fisher Children’s Center.

*Music & Fun with Gayle Schmitt
Ages 5 & younger. Western Addition, 10:15 a.m.
Summer Fun at Ortega Branch

During the school year, the Children’s Room at Ortega Library is all about hard work. We call ourselves “Homework Headquarters” and get ready for another new school year. When summer is about over, we’ll have our annual Hot Dog Barbeque for our preschoolers, as well as a fire truck and police car, including the opportunity to meet and talk to the fireman and policemen.

On warmer summer days, our Lapsticks and Preschool storytimes will be held outside in the fresh open air. Each Thursday at 3 p.m., we’ll have our Arts and Crafts Club. This year we’ll make decorated boxes, clay bake figurines, lan-

ard key chains, and pipe cleaner animals. Wednesday will be Board Game Day, all day long. We’ll play Monopoly, Scrabble, Stratego, Chess and Checkers.

Thanks to the generosity of Friends of the Library, our summer programs are better than ever. See our summer schedule for performances by The Fratello Marionettes, the Jing Mo Athletic Association with Bare Hands and Weapons, the Lizard Lady, the Bubble Lady, Dan Chan the Magic Man, and Mr. S.H.A.P. (Super Happenings Always Possible). We’ll host a Petting Zoo for our preschoolers, as well as a fire truck and police car, including the opportunity to meet and talk to the fireman and policemen.

When summer is about over, we’ll have our annual Hot Dog Barbeque in honor of our Kid Power volunteers who so generously gave their time. After- wards, we’ll take down the summer decorations, transition back into “Homework Headquarters,” and get ready for another new school year.

**Framed England & Tim Thorman**
Music & multimedia show with nature slides. Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.

**Sing Along with Bonnie Lochhart**
Ages birth-5. Golden Gate Valley, 10:15 a.m.

**Mr. Shag, Balloon Artist & Magician**
Ages 3-5. Visitacion Valley, 10:15 a.m.
Ages 5 & older. Space limited; reserve at (415) 355-5600. Portola, 3 p.m.

**25 Wednesday**
Mr. Shag, Balloon Artist Ages 5-12. Space limited; reserve at (415) 355-2889. Chinatown, 11 a.m.

**Animal Stories & Magic from Around the World, with Naomi Caspe**
Ages 4-8. Ingleside, 1:30 p.m.

**Safari Journal Workshop**
Grades 3-5. Park, 1 p.m.

**Craft Program:**
African American Quilts Ages 8 & older. Hands-on group quilt-making. Space limited; register at (415) 355-5372. Western Addition, 2-3:30 p.m.

**26 Thursday**
**Boswick the Clown**
Excessor, 11 a.m.

**Crafts**
Ages 5 & older. Space limited; info & registration at (415) 355-2825. Merced, 3:30 p.m.

**The Bubble Lady**
Ocean View, 11 a.m.

**30 Monday**
Wild Animal Trivia Hunt
Ages 5-12. Answer questions correctly and have chance to win prize. Visitacion Valley, 11 a.m.

**Lapsticks**
- Stories, songs & rhymes for infants, toddlers and accompany adults; for ages birth to 2, unless noted otherwise. 
- Please call ahead to confirm dates and times.
- Bernal Heights
  Thur., Feb. 10, 17, 24 at 11 a.m. (Lapsticks held at Red Hill Books, 401 Cortland Ave.)
  Excelsior
  Thur., Feb. 10, 17, 24 at 11 a.m.
  Eureka Valley
  Wed., 4, 11, 18, 25 at 3 p.m. (Lapsticks held at Eureka Valley Recreation Center, 100 Collingwood St., between 18th & 19th Sts.)
  Chinatown
  Sat., 7, 14, 21 at 10:30 a.m. Family
  **Arctic Adventure through Stories & Craft**
  Park, 11 a.m.
  **Boswick the Clown**
  Nov Valley, 11 a.m.
  **Watch and Learn, Then Do It Yourself, with Marianne**
  Lapsits held at Red Hill Books, 401 Cortland Ave.
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Events and Happenings for Teens

June 2008

Teen Summer Read 2008
Starting June 13, register at any branch library to win prizes for reading! Free notebooks & flash drives, plus raffle for Zunes, iPods, gift cards & more! Info or registration: Jennifer Collins at (415) 557-4246.

4 Wednesday
*Speak Up! Monthly Activities Planning Meeting Ages 12–18. Registration: (415) 355-2888 or wkramer@sfpl.org. Bayview, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Fridays 6, 13 & 27
Teen ‘Zine Ages 13–18. Bilingual online teen magazine workshop. Registration: (415) 355-2888 or jewellt@sfpl.org. Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.

7 Saturday
*Teen Book Club Ages 13–18. Space limited; info or registration: (415) 355-2880 or wkramer@sfpl.org. Bayview, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Saturday 7, 14 & 21
Teen ‘Zine Ages 13–18. Bilingual online teen magazine workshop. Registration: (415) 355-2888 or jewellt@sfpl.org. Chinatown, 1–3 p.m.

10 Tuesday
*The Click – Teen Digital Photography Club Info or registration: (415) 355-5660. (415) 355-2888 or jewellt@sfpl.org. Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.

11 Wednesday
*Design A T-Shirt for Teens Ages 11–18. All materials provided. Info: (415) 355-2832 or mbengman@sfpl.org. Excelsior, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

12 Thursday
*2008 Teen Summer Read Volunteer Training Ages 13–18. Info or registration: (415) 355-2888 or jewellt@sfpl.org. Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.

13 Friday
*Teen Manga & Anime Club Presents: Origami For Teens Info: (415) 557-4426 or raronow@sfpl.org. Portola, 4–5 p.m.

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17 Tuesday
*Teen Summer Read Kickoff Party Info or registration: (415) 355-5660 or aharwood@sfpl.org. Portola, 3–5 p.m.

19 Thursday
*Ghost Hunting for Teens Ages 12–18. With Tommy Netzband from S.F. Ghost Society. Info: (415) 355-2832 or mbengman@sfpl.org. Glen Park, 4–5:30 p.m.

21 Saturday
*Knit Happens! Teen Knitting & Crochet Club Ages 12–18. Practice supplies provided: bring yarn & needles. Registration: (415) 557-4497 or bliven@sfpl.org. Main, 2nd Floor, Fisher Children’s Center, 2–4 p.m.

*Magic of Chin-Chin
*Ages 10–18. Info or registration: (415) 355-2832 or mbengman@sfpl.org. Glen Park, 4–5:30 p.m.

29 Saturday
*Comics Club Registration: (415) 355-2880 or wkramer@sfpl.org. Bayview, 2–3 p.m.

Teen Pride
Hey, teens! Not sure what to read next? San Francisco Public Library teen librarians produce recommended reading lists on a variety of subjects, including the following: City Beat: Urban Fiction for Teens; LOL! Humorous Books for Teens; and Got Game: Sports Books for Teens. To celebrate LGBTQ Pride Month, here is a sampling of recommended fiction for LGBTQ youth. For even more titles, see the Library’s online list called: Find OUT! – Resources for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered & Questioning Teens. (http://sfpl.org/teen/booklists/findout.htm).

Use our online catalog, or ask a librarian for help in locating these books.

Fox Funny Bunny, by Andy Hartzell: This wordless book tells what happens when a fox yearns to be a rabbit.

Boy Meets Boy, by David Levithan: In this alternate universe, Infinite Darlene is both the star quarterback and the upcoming queen.

The Fold, by An Na: While Joyce is busy considering plastic surgery and trying to impress the cutest boy in school, her sister is busy being the perfect Korean American daughter—or is she?

Luna, by Julie Ann Peters: Fifteen-year-old Regan has always kept her older brother Liam’s transsexuality a secret, but now Liam wants to make the full transition to being a girl.

Empress of the World, by Sara Ryan: This very gay high school seniors struggle with sexuality, relationships, and the reactions of their families and friends.

Rainbow Boys, by Alex Sanchez: These very gay high school seniors struggle with sexuality, relationships, and the reactions of their families and friends.

Parrotfish, by Ellen Wittlinger: A transgendered high school student, years for acceptance by his classmates and family as he struggles to adjust to his new identity as a male.

My Heartbeat, by Garret Freymann-Weyr: When her older brother can’t handle his best friend James’ bisexuality, Ellen’s relationship with each of them changes.

Orphea Proud, by Sharon Dennis Wyeth: Seventeen-year-old Orphea strives to capture how her true love’s face appeared the night before she died.

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June 2008

Get Crafty in the Branches: June 2008

This June, San Francisco Public Library is teaming up with San Francisco Center for the Book, Craft Gym, Steven from macaroni & glitter and other local craft teachers to present 10 creative and crafty workshops for grown-ups and older teens (ages 16 and up) in the branches.

With the great Get Your Knit Together program at the Main Library, high-circulating do-it-yourself and craft books and popular creative work- shops offered by the teen and kid’s departments, we know adults have been waiting for their chance to get crafty in the branches. It’s time!

Learn how to make your own bath products at Ocean View, create pop-up cards and books at Ingleside, embroider at Glen Park, build matchbox books at Noe Valley, Chinese brush paint at Ortega and Parkside and make and bake beads at Portola. You also might enjoy creating flexagons at West Portal, making wire wrap jewelry at Golden Gate Valley or working on “back to the beach” crafts at our waterfront branch in Mission Bay.

Please see calendar listings for dates and locations and find detailed workshops descriptions at sfpl.org. Enrollment for all workshops is limited so sign up early. Craft workshops are supported by Friends of the San Francisco Public Library and are free to the public.

Knitting Together: Communities and Generations

Teen Librarian Betsy Levine began a Main Library Teen knitting program two and a half years ago. Though modest in size, word spread and soon adults were asking to attend. She mentioned the growing adult interest to Linda Watson, the librarian who selects knitting books for the Art, Music and Recreation Center and that’s how the adult-based “Get Your Knit To- gether” Main Library program got its start in July, 2007, taught by volun- teer Katherine Dunford. The program was limited to 15 seasoned knitters and novices, but as calls flooded the Art, Music and Recreation Center, it became clear that dozens of San Franciscans of every age, male and fe- male, from a variety of ethnic backgrounds and social classes wanted to knit, some desperate to learn what has traditionally been passed along only by mothers and grandmothers. The library was the only place where they could learn for free and check out a large assortment of knitting books.

The biggest challenge, says Watson, was finding sources for supplies and volunteer teachers. The Redwood Empire Woodworkers’ Guild and Solano Yarn Shop contributed about 100 pounds of yarn. The Friends of the San Francisco Public Library donated knitting needles. The word spread and teachers from as far away as the East Bay were offering to vol- unteer. Among the biggest rewards, Watson says, has been the turnout—25 at the last gathering with six of the original 15 still knitting—and the sight of the scarf that a beginner who she believes lives in the nearby Tenderloin brought back for the group to admire. “So many from our diverse community work and talk together in a creative and productive activity that they clearly enjoy sharing.”

For Levine, the reward came in the form of www.myspace.com/ womandfuzzy, a Web site begun by Ellen, a high schooler in the Teen group. The website organizes young knitters to donate the articles of clothing they knit to homeless shelters. And what about books? Watson brings a cart of 25 to each session, half of which are checked out by knit- ters referring to a bibliography she prepared. Ravelry.com is an online site for Bay Area knitters that now features posts on the SFPL knitters group.

Watson looks forward to branch libraries teaming up with the Main to host new knitting groups and is happy to help get them started. Yarn and needle donations are still welcome at the Art, Music and Recreation Center Reference Desk. “Get Your Knit Together” meets every third Saturday in the Latino-Hispanic Community Meeting Room, lower level. For more information, call (415) 557-4525 or email Leveson@sfpl.org.

Joyful Dance and Music from Tajikistan

Families and people of all ages are invited to watch and learn about the Shodionas, a Tajik dance of happiness, with Ethnic Dance Festival performer Miriam Peretz and accompanying doira hand drum players, Salokhiddin Fakhriyev and Abbas Kosimov. This dance is a famous signature piece throughout Central Asia, with each dancer developing her own special version. Miriam newly choreographed this version in collaboration with Salokhiddin.

Miriam is an internationally acclaimed dancer and teacher. She is a principal dancer and assistant artistic director of Ballet Afsaneh, Salokhiddin and Abbas both hail from Uzbekistan, which shares close cultural ties to neighboring Tajikistan. Both men are masters of the doira, an ancient circle drum used to call on divine spir- its, which is integral to the Tajik and Uzbek music and dance. Both men have performed and recorded music internationally.

Co-sponsored by World Arts West, this Library program will be held on Friday, June 6 at 3 p.m. in the Main Library’s Fisher Chil- dren’s Center.

Computer Classes

Classes Held at the Main, 5th Floor Training Center. Most classes at the Main require proficiency in basic keyboard skills; for a schedule of practice times, call Volunteer Services at (415) 557-4200. All classes are first come, first served.

Tuesday 3, 10 & 16
Internet 101 2–4 p.m.

Tuesday 3, 10, 17 & 24
Book a Librarian: One-on- One Computer or Internet Training Sessions Info or (required) advance signup for 30-minute class: (415) 557-4480. 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Basic Mouse & Typing Skills 1:15–2 p.m.

Thursday 5, 12, 19 & 26
Book a Librarian: One-on- One Computer or Internet Training Sessions Info or (required) advance signup for 30-minute class: (415) 557-4400. 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Tuesday 6
Training for the Internet & Library Catalog (In Spanish) Meet at 3rd Floor International Center. Info: (415) 557-4430. 2–4 p.m.

Saturday 7
Word Processing Fundamentals 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Saturday 7, 14, 21 & 28
Basic Mouse & Typing Skills 10:15–11 a.m.

Wednesday 11
Jobs & Career Resources on the Internet Ability to navigate the Web required. 2–4 p.m.

Friday 13
Training for the Internet & Library Catalog (In Cantonese) Meet at 3rd Floor International Center. Info: (415) 557-4430. 9:15–11:15 a.m.

Friday 20
Training for the Internet and Library Catalog (In Russian) Meet at 3rd Floor International Center. Info: (415) 557-4430. 2–4 p.m.

Saturday 21
Internet 101 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Thursday 23
Training for the Internet and Library Catalog (In Spanish) Meet at 3rd Floor International Center. Info: (415) 557-4430. 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Monday 26
Library Catalog (In Spanish) 2–4 p.m.

Wednesday 28
Basic Computer & Internet Skills (In Spanish) Mission, 6:30–8 p.m.

Wednesday 29
Basic Mouse & Typing Skills 3–4 p.m.

Tuesday 30
Library Catalog Workshop A Guide to City Government and Local Organizations 3–4 p.m.

Thursday 3
Training for the Internet and Library Catalog (In Indonesian) Meet at 3rd Floor International Center. Info: (415) 557-4430. 2–4 p.m.

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Library Catalog (In Cantonese) 10:30–11 a.m.

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Videos on the Large Screen

In the Koret Auditorium at the Main, Thursdays at Noon (When possible, films are shown with captions to assist our deaf and hard of hearing patrons.)

This month’s theme: The Wild West Film Fest

5 Thursday
Dance (1933, 157 min.)

12 Thursday
*High Noon (1952, 85 min.)

19 Thursday
*J.30 to Yuma (2007, 122 min.)

26 Thursday
*The Searchers (1956, 119 min.)
Friends Focus

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June Events

June 1
Poets Eleven Deadline—EXTENDED
More time to write your rhyme—the deadline for entries has been extended! Don’t miss out on your opportunity to participate in Poets Eleven, a citywide poetry contest sponsored by Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, the San Francisco Public Library and Friends’ Poet-in-Residence Jack Hirschman.
Book Bay Fort Mason

June 11
Green Ink: Susan Freinkel
Join nationally acclaimed author Susan Freinkel (American Chestnut, The Life, Death, and Rebirth of a Perfect Tree) at Book Bay Fort Mason for a new event series entitled Green Ink. Freinkel will share her fascinating research on the story of a North American keystone tree species and how human ingenuity helped rebuild a degraded ecosystem.
Book Bay Fort Mason 6:30 p.m.

June 18
Jerry Ratch: Wild Dreams of Reality
Join author Jerry Ratch as he reads from his novel Wild Dreams of Reality
Book Bay Fort Mason 6:30 p.m.

June 18
Bruce Anderson: The Mendocino Papers
Book Bay Fort Mason 6:30 p.m.

Book Bay Locations & Hours

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Fort Mason Center, Building C
Open daily 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Telephone (415) 771-1076

BOOK BAY MAIN
Main Library
Grove Street Entrance
Open all Library hours
Telephone (415) 557-4238

It Was a Dark and Stormy Night…

Library Laureates Dinner Celebrates Noir

On April 18, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library hosted its annual literary gala toasting the best and the brightest Bay Area authors to this year’s theme—Noir in the City.

This year’s celebration feted 35 authors from every genre of literature, including Daniel Handler, Eddie Muller, Andrew Sean Greer, Niloufer Ichaporea King, Leah Garchik and David Sheff.

The 12th Annual Laureates event transformed the Main Library’s beautiful affinity centers into intimate, conversational salons where authors and guests mingled with shady characters, gunsels and molls, followed by dinner and presentations from this year’s Laureates.

Photos, top to bottom: 2008 Library Laureates. Noir czar and Laureate Eddie Muller with Kathleen Mili Meir, L-R, City Librarian Luis Herrera and wife, Nancy, with Friends Executive Director Donna Bero and husband, David. Photo: Ralph Granich

Important Change to Your Friends Membership

In recent years, we have set the renewal dates of membership to the month people begin or renew their support. This fall, we change to an annual membership campaign and will set all renewal dates to September 1. Members will receive their renewal requests in July … please watch for details to come!

This important change saves us time, work, and therefore money that can be put to better use for our wonderful library system. We think you’ll appreciate knowing that your donation is going further than ever … and that your renewal date will always be conveniently the same: September 1, every year, just in time for our Annual Big Book Sale. We are grateful for your continuing support and look forward to seeing you at our Members & Special Guest Preview on September 24, 2008.

Thank you again—you are truly our most valuable supporters.

Become a Friend

Support of the Library is made possible in large part through the generosity of our members. Your membership will sponsor a wide range of free Library programs and services that have a positive impact on people all across San Francisco. Your support will also ensure the best equipment and resources for our libraries and library staff.

Friends offers a range of membership levels, each with their own unique benefits.

For more information, go to www.friends sfpl.org or call (415) 626-7500.

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Books at 10% off! Friends’ Bonus Bookstore Program!
Friends members (550+ level) receive a 10% discount at the following bookstores:

- The Academy Store, California Academy of Sciences
- A. Cavalli Italian Bookstore
- A Different Light Books
- Adobe Books
- Alan Wofsy Fine Arts LLC
- Alexander Book Co., Inc.
- Bibliomania
- Bibliolohed Storefront
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- Great Overland Book Company, Webster Street
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Tours of Main
Tours are conducted on the first Tuesday of each month at 12 p.m. Meet at the Information Desk in the First Floor atrium. Tours are limited to 15 people on a first come, first served basis. Groups can schedule a private tour by calling (415) 557-4266.

SPFL Commission
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