**Winter Wellness at the Library**

*Keep your health and spirits high this season. The Library provides free wellness programming through the winter months. Come in for low impact exercise classes, yoga, meditation, Tai Chi, and many food and health-related events to help you bust those winter blues, stay active in the winter months, create healthy New Year’s resolutions, and start a practice to stay strong and vibrant all winter long.*

### Exercise

- **Low Impact Exercise Class** – Mondays, 10 a.m., North Beach Branch
- **Tai Chi**
  - Mondays, 12 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch
  - Mondays, 4 p.m., Anza Branch
  - Wednesdays, Presidio Branch
  - Advanced Beginners – 1:30 p.m.
  - Beginners – 2:45 p.m.

- **Chi Kung**
  - Mondays, 10 a.m., Eureka Valley Branch

### Food

- **Vegetarian Appetizers, Desserts and Drinks** – Dec. 8, 2 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Food
- **Chi Kung**
  - Mondays, 10 a.m., Eureka Valley Branch

### Wellness

- **Heart Meditation** – Dec. 4, 6 p.m., Mission Bay Branch
- **Yoga and Meditation** – Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m., Mission Bay Branch
- **Laughter Yoga** – Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m., West Portal Branch; Dec. 22, 2:30 p.m., North Beach Branch
- **Gentle Yoga** – Dec. 21, 10:30 a.m., Mission Bay Branch
- **Talking Books and Braille Center Yoga** – Dec. 12 and 26, 3 p.m., Main Library, Learning Studio
- **Mindfulness and Meditation** – Mondays, 1 p.m., Main Library, Learning Studio
- **Heart/Mind Meditation** – Tuesdays, 12:15 p.m., Richmond Branch

*Disability/Accessibility Interest

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**Hark! Holiday Happenings**

*The Library heralds the end of the year with celebrations all season long. The Bernal Heights Branch throws its doors wide open for its annual Open House, with festivities and activities for all ages. This winter fete for the whole neighborhood includes a performance by The Bernal Jazz Quintet, crafts, facepainting, a screening of classic movies and holiday treats.*

For music lovers, the Main Library is aight with programs that will delight. Sign up to play the Library’s grand piano, or bring a guitar or other instrument to serenade the group in our Holiday Piano Lounge session. Holiday music welcome, but any favorite song or original composition will receive air time. Not a performer, but enjoy the smooth sounds of jazz? Ingleside Branch is also hosting a live jazz concert.

Whether creating a holiday stocking stuffer, small appreciation gift for a friend or getting ready to ornament your own home or fabulous self, programs for all ages will spur your creativity. Make festive tea lights, create a snazzy LED headband and decorate pinecones and holiday cards. See pages 3-6 for the full calendar.

### The Library’s beloved Holiday Train

*The Bernal Heights Branch returns to the Main Library’s Fisher Children’s Center this season. Children will delight in watching the train chug along through playful and snowy scenes. While visiting the train, stop in at the Children’s Center and check out some of our large collection of holiday stories to take home and read with your family. The Holiday Train exhibit is lovingly crafted by Library’s Facilities Division, with the professional support of the Library’s Exhibitions team.*

### Cozy Up with T(w)een Winter Reads

*An Francisco tweens and teens, it’s winter again. That means it’s time for hot chocolate and marshmallows in steaming mugs; celebrations and reunions with family and friends; staying dry from the rain; or, if it’s your preference, playing in the rain. Whether creating a holiday stocking stuffer, small appreciation gift for a friend or getting ready to ornament your own home or fabulous self, programs for all ages will spur your creativity. Make festive tea lights, create a snazzy LED headband and decorate pinecones and holiday cards. See pages 3-6 for the full calendar.*

### A Selection of Holiday Programs

- **Jazz Music for Holidays** – Dec. 6, 4 p.m., Ingleside Branch
- **Holiday Train Exhibit** – Dec. 7 – Jan. 9, Main Library, Fisher Children’s Center
- **Festive Tea Lights** – Dec. 7, 2 p.m., Ocean View Branch
- **Holiday LED Headband Craft** – Dec. 11, 3 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch
- **Winter Holiday Open House** – Dec. 11, 6 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch
- **Holiday Piano Lounge** – Dec. 22, 2 p.m., Main Library. Call (415) 557-4253 to sign up for a performance spot

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**Coming Up:**

**JANUARY 4 – 19**

- **Lion Dancers**
  - Main and Branch Libraries

**JANUARY 15**

- **Our Stories, Our Selves SF**
  - Main Library, Koret Auditorium, 5 p.m.

**JANUARY 22**

- **Dr. Louise Aronson on Eldership: Redefining Aging, Transforming Medicine, Reimagining Life**
  - Main Library, Koret Auditorium, 6 p.m.

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**Our website is getting a facelift!**

Visit the new sfpl.org in early December.
Holidays on Kanopy

A bountiful of holiday-themed videos for learning or entertainment are available to stream on popular video platform Kanopy. Titles like "holiday" or "Christmas" to find something to fit your mood. Explore documentaries (Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas—Jewish Songwriters Composing Christmas Music), dance (The Nutcracker), and even horror (Black Christmas). If you’re seeking an eco-friendly roaring fire for your holiday party, Kanopy has “Fireplace for Your Home.” What it lacks in drama, it makes up for in atmosphere.

Lifelong learners will be delighted that “The Great Courses” are also available, with more than 5,000 videos available to stream. Just type “great courses” into the search bar and delve into the histories of religions and sacred texts, learn the basics of baking, explore yoga and much more.

Go to Kanopy Kids for unlimited prints from a collection of short and feature films for children of all ages. Holiday-themed cartoons from beloved characters Max and Ruby are available, along with stories like Too Many Tamales and Seven Candles for Kwanzaa. For youngsters too excited for the holiday festivities to settle down at night, try How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night? Start streaming today at sfpl.kanopystreaming.com.

From Main Courses to Music, Help for Holiday Hosts

M any of us enjoy hosting get-togethers and parties at this time of year but may struggle with coming up with creative ideas for entertaining and feeding guests. The Library is here to help you make the holiday season memorable with resources that will surprise and delight.

How about making a traditional Latin American dish? Tamales by Alice Guadalupe Tapp is one of several books that walk you through making this delicious, festive food. Or maybe you’d like to celebrate with a fun, vegetable-focused meal. How about The Superfun Times Vegan Holiday Cookbook by Isa Chandra Moskowitz? Gathering with friends often includes imbibiing together. Batch Cocktails by Maggie Hoffman contains recipes that can be made with friends days or weeks ahead and are designed to be easily poured out of a pitcher. For alcohol-free holiday drinks, Mocktails, Punches, and Shrubs by Michelin-star chef Vikas Khanna will leave you shaken and stirred. And if you’d like even more party planning ideas, All Time Best Holiday Entertaining from America’s Test Kitchen and Cordially Invited by Zoe Sugg will make your small gatherings feel momentous and your large gatherings feel intimate.

Create an inviting ambiance and ensure a festive spirit at your events with music. Try downloading Holiday Smooth Jazz Classics from Hoopla for a down-low, low-key feel, a perfect complement to warm conversation. Family-friendly tunes are also available on Hoopla. A Toddler’s Christmas will have youth and adults singing along to well-known tunes. After the festivities, we suggest curling up with your current favorite library book. Cheers!

All Are Welcome

I n 2009, San Francisco Public Library became the first in the nation to hire a full-time social worker, Leah Esquerra. Today, this groundbreaking program has expanded and is led by Esquerra, who now oversees a team of four dedicated Health and Safety Associates (HASAs). Together, they work to connect our unhoused and unsheltered patrons to critical social services such as a free place to eat and shower, receive public benefits and more.

According to Esquerra, “What makes our HASA team so special is that many of them have firsthand experience with being unhoused. It makes a difference to our patrons when they know that we can truly relate to the challenges they are facing, because we’ve lived them ourselves.”

HASAs walk the library with a binder of free resources that they hand to patrons as needed. This direct outreach spares patrons from having to navigate multiple agencies and service providers, which can be a barrier to seeking help.

“The informational handouts not only help us link our patrons with the right services, but are also great tools to break the ice, help people feel welcome and express our concerns regarding their well-being. Patrons are also assured that they can keep on coming back for further assistance,” says Esquerra. As the winter season moves into full swing, the Library ensures a sense of warmth and belonging for all.
Excelsior, 5:30 p.m.
Ortega, 6 p.m.

San Francisco Stages First Fashion Show Featuring Indigenous Designers
As part of the citywide American Indian Initiative in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Occupation of Alcatraz, the Library, in partnership with San Francisco Arts Commission (SFAC) and Seva American Indian Dance, will host a fashion show featuring acclaimed designers Sho Sho Esquipo (Kaska Dene, Cree), the first indigenous designer to show at Paris Fashion Week; Season 11 Project Runway alumna Patricia Michaels (Taos Pueblo) and Leah Mata, a member of the yak tityu tityu (“the people”) Northern Chumash Tribe.

Models will walk a runway in City Hall’s iconic rotunda to reclaim space for Indigenous Peoples in the public realm and to bring awareness to today’s alarming epidemic of murdered and missing Native women.

According to SFAC Director of Community Investments Barbara Muñoz-Huerta (Powhatan, Shawnee, Konkow), “This program was inspired by the incredible work of these designers who are taking the world stage by storm. At the same time, we felt it was important to use the platform to shine a light on the great disparities faced by the Indigenous community, specifically, the fact that Indigenous Women are 84 percent more likely to experience violence in their lifetimes compared to other communities.”

Visit sfartscommission.org for more information.

Native American Fashion Show  – Dec. 15, 4 p.m., San Francisco City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton & Goodlett Pl.
**Against Memoir: Complaints, Confessions & Criticism by Michelle Tea**

Valerie Solanas, a lesbian gang, recovering alcoholics and teenagers surviving at a shop: these are some of the figures populating America’s borders and Tea’s latest collection of superb essays.

**Yoga & Meditation with Roxane Gay**

Funny and insightful, Gay shares her evolution as a woman of color and revisits significant cultural moments from the last few years in her seminal essay collection.

**Not Here by Hieu Minh Nguyen**

A collection of poems that are a flight plan for escape and a map for navigating home; a queer Vietnamese American body in confrontation with whiteness, trauma, family and nostalgia; and a big beating heart of a book.

**They Can’t Kill Us Until They Kill Us: Essays by Harun Abdurraqib**

Abdurraqib uses music and culture as a lens through which to view our world so that we might better understand ourselves; in doing so, he proves himself a bellwether for our times.

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**November/December 2019 Selection: How to Write an Autobiographical Novel by Alexander Chee**

This month’s ReadAlikes feature memoir and essay collections for writers or those who are intrigued by the writing process.

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**Bad Feminist by Roxane Gay**

**Nov 24, 2019**

Bad Feminist offers a unique perspective into the reading and writing of contemporary fiction.

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**Maestro Kent Nagano Visits SFPL**


Nagano is currently Music Director of the Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal and General Music Director of the Staatsoper Hamburg. In 2006, he was appointed Honorary Conductor of the Deutsche Symphonie-Orchester Berlin. As guest conductor, he has worked with some of the world’s finest orchestras, including the San Francisco Symphony. He was Music Director of the Berlin Symphony Orchestra from 1978-2008.

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**Computer Classes**

**Dec 12 (Sat) 3–5 p.m.**

Computer Classes Held at the Branches:

1. **Sunday**
   - Mango Languages
     - Potrero, 3–4 p.m.
   - 1, 15 Sundays
   - Computer Help
     - Area, 2–3 p.m.
   - 1, 15, 22 Sundays
   - Computer Help
     - Ortega, 2–4 p.m.
2. **Monday**
   - ebooks
     - Portola, 4–5 p.m.
   - 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Mondays
   - Computers & Smartphones
     - English/Chinese
     - Portola, 1–2 p.m.
   - 1, 15, 22, 29 Sundays
   - Computer Help
     - Ortega, 2–4 p.m.
   - 2 Monday ebooks
     - Portola, 4–5 p.m.
   - 5, 12, 16, 22 Thursdays
   - Digital Devices
     - 4–5 p.m.
3. **Wed, Dec 4, 28 Sundays**
   - Basic Skills
     - eBooks
     - 1–2 p.m.
4. **Saturday**
   - Foundation Directory Online Register
     - https://fdroid.org
     - 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
5. **Sunday**
   - Antigone
     - Saturday, Dec. 13, 3 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium
   - 1, 8, 15, 22 Sundays
   - Computer Help
     - Area, 2–3 p.m.
   - 1, 15, 22 Sundays
   - Computer Help
     - Ortega, 2–4 p.m.
   - 2 Monday ebooks
     - Portola, 4–5 p.m.
6. **Monday**
   - Internet Safety
     - 3–4 p.m.
7. **Thursday**
   - Computer Help
     - English/Chinese
     - Ingleside, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
ebooks
     - Marin, 6–7 p.m.
8. **Thursday**
   - Tablet Basics (English/Chinese)
     - 2–3 p.m.
9. **Thursday**
   - Book a Librarian
     - Marin, 6–7 p.m.
10. **Thursday**
    - ebooks
      - Golden Gate Valley, 1–2 p.m.
11. **Thursday**
    - Computer Basics
      - Ingleside, 1–3 p.m.
12. **Thursday**
    - ebooks
      - Golden Gate Valley, 1–2 p.m.
13. **Thursday**
    - Computer Basics
      - Ingleside, 1–3 p.m.
**The First “Star Trek” Movie, 40 Years Later**

The TV series “Star Trek” premiered on NBC on Sept. 8, 1966, but arguably the most important date in the franchise’s 53-year history was when the Robert Wise film Star Trek—The Motion Picture premiered in 856 theaters across North America on Dec. 7, 1979. To celebrate the film’s 40th anniversary, author Sherilyn Connelly reads from her new work, _The First Star Trek Movie: Bringing the Franchise to the Big Screen_, 1969–1989. The book tells the unlikely—and often funny—true story of the decade-long journey to “Star Trek’s” revival and shows how the modern blockbuster era was inaugurated by the unloved 1979 film, which most fans now derisively refer to as “the slow, boring one with the bald chick.” Connelly’s reading includes stories from the premiere of the first movie, a Q & A session and a video presentation on how the deeply troubled film was marketed. Go with her to where no man has gone before.

**Author Talk: The First Star Trek Movie: Bringing the Franchise to the Big Screen, 1969–1989**

Dec. 8, 4 p.m., Potrozo Branch

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**Jobs & Careers**

**Classes** are held at Main, 5th Floor Bridge, unless noted.

**Career Coaching**

- **Reserve Main, Business, Science & Technology, 4th Floor.**
  - 3, 18, 17 Tuesdays, 9:10–10:30 a.m. & 3:30–5:30 p.m.
  - 4, 11, 18 Wednesdays, 5–7 p.m.
  - 5, 12, 19 Thursdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. & 6–7 p.m.
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Mondays
- 10 Noon

** preservedmemories.sanfranciscolibrary.org**

**Computer Help**

- **Sunset, 2–4 p.m.**
  - West Portal, 2–4 p.m.

**Sunday**

**Preserve Memories with Digital Scans**

- **Visitacion Valley, 1–3 p.m.**

**22 Sundays**

**Book & Librarian**

- **Eureka Valley, 3:30–4:30 p.m.**

**Monday**

**Rosetta Stone & Mango**

- **Noe Valley, 1–2 p.m.**

**Tuesday**

**Computer Help**

- **Richmond, 4–6 p.m.**

**Internet Safety**

- **Presidio, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.**

**Thursday**

**Rosetta Stone & Mango**

- **Golden Gate Grove, 2–3 p.m.**

**WeChat Basics (Chinese)**

- **Chinatown, 2–4 p.m.**

**16 Saturday**

**Computer Help**

- **Richmond, 4–6 p.m.**

**Saturday**

**Teens**

- **College Press Classes**
  - **Reservation: studymap.ucsf.edu**
  - **First Year 101**
    - 4 Wednesdays
      - **Excelsior, 6:30–8:30 p.m.**
    - 5 Thursday
      - **Glen Park, 4–6 p.m.**
    - The Mix at SFPL, Main
      - **Angeles County 14-18, 6, 15, 22, 29 Sundays**
      - **Makeers 3–5 p.m.**
    - **Intro to 3D 3–5 p.m.**
    - **3, 10, 17 Tuesdays**
      - **Robotics 4–4 p.m.**
      - **Music Studio**
        - **Intro to 5–5 p.m.**
        - **Intro to Recording 3:30–6:30 p.m.**
    - **16 Friday evenings**
      - **Book Club 4–6 p.m.**

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**Play Preview: Allie Cruz’s Unripe**

Enjoy a dramatic reading of _Unripe_, a brand new play by award-winning playwright Allie Cruz, presented by acclaimed theater director Kayla Minton Kaufman and featuring talented local actors.

In _Unripe_, an earthquake knocks out the power at the Cabrera family’s small suburban home in Orange County. The four person family, newly reunited, must figure out a way to survive the night and all its aftershocks—including ill-kept family secrets.

December’s production of _Unripe_ marks the second installment of Kaufman’s exciting Fresh Play Sunday Reading Series, a new series that presents dramatic readings of original works in the Main Library’s intimate Learning Studio. Cruz currently serves as the literary manager for the Stanford Asian American Theater Project and is a poetry reader for the journal Píldoras. Based in San Francisco, Kaufman has worked in institutions across the nation, from American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco to Portland Stage in Maine. In directing this new series, Kaufman says she loves “work that celebrates diversity, provokes discussion, and makes audiences laugh or cry (or just remember how to be human).”

**Fresh Play Sunday Reading Series**

- **Dec. 1, 2 p.m., Main Library, Learning Studio, 5th Floor**
DECEMBER 2019

All programs and events are free and open to the public.

Programs are for children of all ages, except where noted.

Please call ahead to confirm dates and times.

Groups of five or more: make reservations.

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

1 Sunday
Film: Elf Mission Bay, 1:30 p.m.
* Gingerbread House Decorating Reserves, Glen Park, 2–4 p.m.
LEGO Park, 2–3 p.m.
Main, 3–4 p.m.

Generation STEAM: Ice Cream, Merced, 3–4 p.m.

3, 8, 15, 22, 29 Sundays
Build It: Excelsior, 1–4 p.m.

2 Monday
Nutcracker Sweets Performance, 30th, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
LEGO Visitacion Valley, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Mondays
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HomeWork Help

Bernal Heights

Tuesday, 3:00–3:45 p.m.

Excelsior
Monday 9: Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11, Thursday 12
All days, 4–6 p.m.

Visitacion Valley with Boys & Girls Clubs Monday 2, 9, 16, Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11, Thursday 12, Tuesday 19, Thursday 12, Saturday 15, All days, 4–6 p.m.

West Portal Sunday, 1, 8, 15, 2–4 p.m.

6 Friday
Baby Sprinkle Reserve by Dec. 11, Bayview, 2–4 p.m.

First Friday Flicks Potrero, 1 p.m.

11 6, 13, 20, 27, Fridays
After School Zone
North Beach, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

7 Saturday
Fabric Jewelry Mission, 3–4:30 p.m.

Holiday Jewelry Craft Potrero, 3–4:30 p.m.

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Holiday Ice-Cream Tree Parkside, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

11 7, 14 Saturdays
Puppy Dog Tales Potrero, 12–1 p.m.

7, 14, 21 Saturdays
Chess Club Excelsior, 12:15–1:45 p.m.

Tourament, 12/12, 12:30–5:30 p.m.

11, 7, 14, 21, 28 Saturdays
Family Playtime Glen Park, 10–12 a.m.

Snacktivity Potrero, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

8 Sunday
Button Making Glen Park, 2–4 p.m.

DIY Magic Carpet Merced, 2–3 p.m.

STEM Storytime Mission Bay, 2–2:45 p.m.

Film: Aladdin Merced, 3 p.m.

Snowflakes & Origami West Portal, 3–4 p.m.

9 Monday
DIY Kids Ortega, 3–5 p.m.

Penguins & Snowmen Craft Sunset, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

10 Tuesday
Jelly Jam Time Puppet Show North Beach, 12:30–1:30 p.m.

Mission Bay, 3–4 p.m.

After School Zone North Beach, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

11 Wednesday
Read-aloud with SFPL Bayview, 11:30–12:15 a.m.

LEGO Anza, 3–4:30 p.m.

Holiday LED Headband Golden Gate Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

Finger Knitting Ingleside, 3–4:30 p.m.

12 Thursday
Crayon Rubbing Ingleside, 4–5:30 p.m.

LEGO & Magnatiles North Beach, 4–5:30 p.m.

Mother-Daughter Bookgroup West Portal, 7–8 p.m.

13 Friday
LEGO Sunset, 3–4:30 p.m.

14 Saturday
Video Game-Making Reserve, Main, 10–11:30 a.m.

Holiday Workshop Bernal Heights, 2–4 p.m.

Gingerbread Houses Potrero, 2–3:30 p.m.

Holiday Cards • Presidio, 3–4 p.m. Reserve, • Mission, 3–5 p.m.

STEM: Holiday Buttons Manna, 3–5 p.m.

DIY Gift Wrap Mission Bay, 4–5:30 p.m.

DIY: Holiday Craft Reserve, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Frosty Pinecones Western Addition, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

LEGO, Parkside, 3–4:30 p.m.

19, 14, 28 Saturdays
Read Aloud Merced, 11 a.m.

15 Sunday
LEGO Glen Park, 2–4 p.m.

Biography Storytime Mission Bay, 2–2:45 p.m.

DIY Bath Bombs Merced, 3 p.m.

17 Tuesday
LEGO Ingleside, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Little Creations Ocean View, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

DIY Sock Puppets Excelsior, 3:30–5 p.m.

Christmas Program Excelsior, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

18 Wednesday
Button Making Noe Valley, 3:30–5 p.m.

19 Thursday
Pipe Cleaner Ornaments Mission Bay, 3–4:30 p.m.

LEGO • Excelsior, 3:30–5 p.m.

• Richmond, 4–5:30 p.m.

Launch Society Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Magna-Tiles Ingleside, 4–5:30 p.m.

LED Animal Ears North Beach, 4–5 p.m.

20 Friday
Movie and Meal: A Street Cat Named Bob Potrero, 3 p.m.

Upcycled Basket Weaving Reserve: www.gogocraft.com or (415) 325-2080, Mission, 3:30–5 p.m.

Salt Ice Fishing Sunset, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Film: How the Grinch Stole Christmas Visitacion Valley, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

21 Saturday
Decorate Cookies By一律e, 2–3:30 p.m.

Performance: RhymetimeALL-eg Chinatown, 2–3 p.m.

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- Make a year-end gift online, including tribute gifts: Visit friendssfpl.org/support-us to find out more.
- Make a gift of appreciated stock. Beneficiaries of 2019 IPOs encouraged!
- If you are 70.5+ years young, consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from an IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year. Also, QCDs don’t require itemization, which due to the recent tax law changes, means you can take advantage of the higher standard deduction, but still use a QCD for charitable giving.

Example: A married couple both over age 65 now receives a $27,200 standard deduction; so itemized deductions must exceed that amount to reduce taxable income. Under the new tax laws, itemized deductions for all taxes are limited to $10,000. Further, home mortgages may be virtually paid off and medical deductions are still not allowable except in the rare year of serious illness. This means that if you directly donate the ‘remaining’ $17,200 and claim it as a charitable itemized deduction, it will produce no additional tax benefit. As an alternative, you can transfer the $17,200 directly from one’s IRA under QCD and reduce your adjustable gross income (AGI) by that full amount while still preserving the full $27,200 standard deduction. (The standard deduction for single filers is $13,600.)

Information on ways to give can be found at friendssfpl.org/support-us. You may also contact Craig Palmer, Chief of Advancement, directly at (415) 477-5235 and at craig.palmer@friendssfpl.org.

From all of us at Friends, we wish you and yours a peaceful holiday season and a Happy New Year.