Dear Beloved Library Patrons,

As we prepared to go press for the April newsletter, the COVID-19 outbreak changed our plans. Instead of bringing you a slate of exciting library events and classes, storytimes and author talks, many focused on climate action, we have closed the doors to our libraries to follow the City’s shelter-in-place order.

So instead, in honor of Earth Day’s 50th anniversary and in recognition of the increasing severity of the effects of climate change, the Library has curated a list of books and resources, available free and online with a library card, that will inspire patrons of all ages to take action for a safer, greener and more sustainable future.

Spend the month of April sheltering in place while reading more about the Earth, science and nature and learn what you can do when the COVID-19 pandemic is over to continue to combat climate change. Every day can be Earth Day by making small changes that have a big impact on the environment.

And know that we will be here when you return. San Francisco Public Library has been around for 141 years and has survived major earthquakes, fires and other catastrophes. We look forward to opening our doors to you again, very soon.

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**Fiction:** Enjoy a bounty of timely and thrilling novels.

- **The End of the Ocean** by Maja Lunde
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- **After the Flood** by Kassandra Montag
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- **Walkaway** by Cory Doctorow
  - A fascinating, moving and darkly humorous multi-generational sci-fi thriller about the wrenching changes of the next hundred years.

**Non-Fiction:** Immerse yourself in political, philosophical and spiritual responses to the climate crisis.

- **On Fire:** The (Burning) Case for a Green New Deal by Naomi Klein
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- **The Uninhabitable Earth: Life After Warming** by David Wallace-Wells
  - A meditation on the devastation we have brought upon ourselves and an impassioned call to action.

- **The Earth Book** by Todd Parr
  - For the youngest readers, a positive, straightforward introduction to taking care of our Earth.

**Children:** Inspire activism in kids of all ages.

- **What Is Climate Change?** by Chelsea Clinton
  - This very popular series has a great book about climate change for 8-12 year olds.

- **Dry** by Neal Shusterman
  - A glimpse into what might happen if the California drought escalated to catastrophe.

- **The Marrow Thieves** by Cherie Dimaline
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- **Don’t Let Them Disappear: 12 Endangered Species Across the Globe** by Chelsea Clinton
  - Chelsea Clinton introduces you to endangered animals and what we can do to keep them from becoming extinct.

**Teens:** Find out how you can make a difference.

- **Eyes Wide Open: Going Behind the Environmental Headlines** by Paul Fleischman
  - When you need help sorting through what’s fake and what’s fact, this book will help you think more critically about all the climate issues we face today.

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Inconvenient Truth
Kanopy, and browse by subject “Environmental Science.” 920 possibilities will take you way beyond law, health and technology. Topics include global climate change, green building, pollution, sustainable on the connections between the environment and a variety of disciplines such as agriculture, education, 18th century monograph,” on the Articles and Databases page.

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Digging Deep into Environmental Issues with eResources

Did you know that an example of human-triggered climate change was described in a book published in 1846? The chapter, written by then-Lieutenant Governor of Canada, Sir Francis Bond Head, was in 1846? The chapter, written by then-Lieutenant Governor of Canada, Sir Francis Bond Head, was cited in an article that can be found by searching “Climate change” and the “butterfly effect” in an event that suddenly alters physical disaster, sisters Coryn and Lou must back from the brink of ecological While the world is struggling to come together, a community that lives in an underground silo is rocked by the desire of Sheriff Holston to go outside, setting in motion events that kindle the fire of revolution.

Summer Opportunities for Youth

YELL: Earn a $500 College Scholarship
Apply for Youth Engaged in Library Leadership (YELL) and help with STEM programs at Bayview, Bernal Heights, Chinatown, Excelsior, North Beach, Parkside, Ortega, Portola, Sunset and Visitacion Valley.

CORE: Earn a $500 Stipend
Apply for CORE and embody Collaboration, Open-Mindedness and Respect at the exclusive space for teens, The Mix at Main.

if documentaries are more your taste, log in to streaming video source, Kanopy, and browse by subject “Environmental Science.” 920 possibilities will take you way beyond An Inconvenient Truth (though that’s there if you want it). Happy digging!
Happy Volunteer Appreciation Month!

We at the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library love our volunteers so much; they are an integral part of who we are and why we were created. This month, we are delighted to introduce you to Kelenia Olsen, our Volunteer Services Manager who uplifts us with her dedication and hard work every day. We hope she inspires you to become involved as a volunteer.

Tell us about yourself.
I'm Kelenia, a California native, living and working in SF for the last 17 years.

How does one become a Volunteer Manager?
I've been working in advocacy since a young age, and I've always wanted to work with people. Most of my volunteer experience came from my experience campaigning, and my community outreach experience came from working in the public sector. Good causes are important to me. Libraries are a cause I believe in, as they create a safe place for people who don't always have one.

What is the impact of Volunteers on the Friends organization?
Volunteers help reduce the City's carbon footprint. Thanks to their hard work and tenacity, 550 tons of books are diverted from landfills and recycling centers each year and over half a million books are sold each year at the Big Book Sale.

The Big Book Sale is a huge event. It's great! And the Big Book Sale creates a shared space for people who love books to connect and foster a community around the Library.

Is there an average demographic of people who volunteer?
No, there are people from all walks of life that come together to make up our volunteer community. It's a safe space where everyone is welcome. There are a lot of 20-year-olds who come after work and retirees who come instead of work, and they all volunteer together.

Anything else you want to tell everyone?
Please come volunteer! It's so much fun! Corporate groups are always welcome too! We've created such great relationships with groups that a lot of employees come back on the weekends to volunteer on their own time. Send me an email or give me a call to get involved. I look forward to hearing from you.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Kelenia Olsen, Manager of Volunteer Services (415) 477-5223 or at kelenia.olsen@friendssfpl.org.

SAVE THE DATE
This year’s Big Book Sale will be on Wednesday, Oct. 28 through Sunday, Nov. 1, with a Member Preview on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

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Every effort has been made to produce a monthly calendar that is both accurate and complete. Please contact Public Affairs if you have any questions or comments regarding the listings.

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SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY
100 LARKIN STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102

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Monarch butterfly with native California poppy. Artwork: Jane Kim, Ink Dwell studio, from the Migrating Mural at 455 Hyde St. in San Francisco.

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