



San Francisco Public Library

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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 17, 2020
To: San Francisco Library Commission
From: Michael Lambert, City Librarian
RE: Community Learning Hubs

The San Francisco Public Library is bringing forth an update regarding the Library's partnership with the Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) to support a citywide neighborhood-based strategy to implement distance learning for children, youth and families called: Community Learning Hubs.

On Thursday, July 23, Mayor London Breed announced community learning hubs to support distance learning and extension of emergency child and youth care for COVID-19 frontline workers. As outlined in the press release, these hubs will be located within walking distance from children's homes and leverage city facilities including neighborhood libraries, recreation centers, cultural centers, community based organization (CBO) sites and other facilities. These community learning hubs will have full day programming to support children and youth's access to technology for distance learning, enrichment programming, social-emotional supports and recreational activities. Community based organizations contracted by the Department of Children, Youth & Families will manage and operate the sites. The community learning hubs will prioritize children and youth with the highest need, particularly low-income youth and those who are part of the City's most vulnerable populations. The Department of Children, Youth & Families will work with the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) and the City and Country of San Francisco's Human Services Agency (HSA) to identify students who need this program the most for priority enrollment.

Library staff is actively working with our DCYF partners to prepare neighborhood libraries for operation as community learning hubs. Fifteen library locations are slated for activation as community learning hubs, including eight sites previously slated for SFPL To Go (in italics):

- *Chinatown*
- *Ortega*
- *Visitacion Valley*
- *Bayview*
- *Ingleside*
- *Portola*
- *Western Addition*
- *Richmond*
- Bernal Heights
- North Beach
- Potrero
- Anza
- Noe Valley
- Sunset
- Glen Park

Library staff will provide support to the community based organizations managing and operating library locations as learning hubs, assisting with opening and closing duties, as well as serving as a facility host to answer questions and provide guidance on building access, technology and other facility related issues.

Library staff welcomes the input and feedback of the Library Commission regarding the Library's partnership with the Department of Children, Youth & Families to support neighborhood-based community learning hubs.