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Mattilda Bernstein Sycamore is the author of three novels and two nonfiction titles and the editor of five nonfiction anthologies. CAConrad is the author of the California Department of Education to reinstate Pacific Islander Studies and Arab American Studies in the Ethnic Studies curriculum. Mattilda Bernstein Sycamore in celebration of her new book, The Freezer Door, described by Maggie Nelson, author of The Argonauts, as "a book about not belonging that made me feel deeply less alone" and by GL The Ook Magazine’s Best LGBTQ Book of 2020. Dr. Fuifuilupe Niumeitolu, with assistance from poets Kevin Henderson and Lristol Vuna, hosts this celebration of Pacific Islander communities and their unremitting struggles for self-determination. Our Moana Nuu: We Are Pacific Islander Studies is part of a series of programs advocating for the California Department of Education to reinstate Pacific Islander Studies and Arab American Studies in the Ethnic Studies curriculum. Dr. Fuifuilupe Niumeitolu is a Tongan/Pacific Islander scholar, poet and community organizer. She teaches in the Department of Gender & Women’s Studies at the University of California, Berkeley.

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Show your pride and appreciation for SFPL's inspiring work to serve communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes pivoting to online programming, opening up SFPL To Go at branches across the city, participating in the community hubs for vulnerable school children and serving as contact tracers. Go to friendssfpl.org to make a donation and get your mask. Stay safe and healthy and help our SFPL do the same! You may also contact Mario Lemos, Special Gifts Officer, directly at mario.lemos@friendssfpl.org.
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Adults
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Tuesdays
ESL Conversation 3–4 p.m.

2 Wednesday
Juger, Eating y Creer con Help Me Grow en español. 5–6 p.m.

3, 10, 17 Thursdays
ESL Conversation 6:30–7:30 p.m.

5 Saturday
What the Black Woman Body Knows, Addressing Trauma through Art Praxis 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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10 Thursday
Identifying & Preventing Financial Abuse 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Poem Jam 6–7 p.m.

12 Saturday
San Francisco Ballet’s Chair Dance and Oral History 4–5 p.m.

14 Monday
Reference Solutions Database for Business Expansion 10–11:30 a.m.

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18 Friday
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19 Saturday
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7, 14, 21, 28 Mondays
Book Arts Roadshow 4–4:45 p.m.

11 Friday
Snow Painting 3–3:30 p.m.

18 Friday
Draw with Librarian Eric 3–3:30 p.m.

22 Tuesday
The Hike by Allison Farrell, in Mandarin 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

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