January 2023

Dear Patrons:

We have come so far in just one year—all of our branches are open seven days a week, in-person public programs, including our beloved storytimes, are back in full swing and thanks to voters, the Library Preservation Fund was renewed for another 25 years. Our future is so bright, I have to wear shades.

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Women in Rebellion: Daughters of Immigrants on Defying the Double Bind with Susanne Pari and Amy Tan

Come hear bestselling author Amy Tan in conversation with Iranian-American author Susanne Pari on Pari’s much-anticipated novel, In the Time of Our History, a story about the universal longing to create a home in this world—and what happens when we let go of how we’ve always been told that world should look. Pari and Tan share how their fiction captures the many ways in which who are raised by immigrants rebel against familial and societal norms.

Inspired by her own family’s experiences following the 1979 Islamic Revolution, Pari explores the entangled lives within an Iranian American family grappling with generational culture clashes, the roles imposed on women and a tragic accident that forces them to reconcile their guilt or forfeit their already tenuous bonds. This novel is set between between San Francisco and New Jersey in the late 1990s. A Q&A follows the event. Books available by Book Passage.

Year of the Rabbit: Paper Art by Jinyuan Shi

To celebrate the Year of the Rabbit, this exhibition showcases one of the most popular Chinese paper art forms: triangular-inserted paper art and the work of Jinyuan Shi, an 81-year-old local artist.

Exhibition: Year of the Rabbit: Paper Art by Jinyuan Shi – Jan. 7–March 30. Main Library, Grove St. entrance
Presentation: Paper Art by Jinyuan Shi – Jan. 7, 2 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Community Room, Lower Level
Workshop: Triangular-inserted Paper Art with Jinyuan Shi – March 17, 2 p.m., Main Library, Chinese Center, 3rd Floor

Collections, 6th Floor

More Than a Month: Black History, Culture & Heritage

More Than a Month, SFPL’s celebration of Black history and futures, is focused on the theme of resistance this year. Beginning on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday weekend and all throughout February, the Library champions Black leaders and change makers in San Francisco and beyond. See pages 4-3 and sfpl.org/more-than-a-month.

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Close to Home: Government’s Pivotal Role in Redlining and Housing Exclusion

Homeownership has long been equated with the American Dream. From ensuring voting rights, to endowing a sense of pride, to building generational wealth: owning property is key. Government policies involving homeownership have shaped our nation, but the tools used to encourage building of new homes and access to property have also been a force for racial segregation.

Policy and the Politics of Redlining

The Dorrwin Jones Papers

The Dorrwin Jones Papers, part of the Hormel LGBTQIA Center, are open for research in the San Francisco History Center. Dorr Jones (1934–2000) was a prominent gay-rights activist and founding director of San Francisco’s Meals on Wheels program. Openly gay in the 1950s, he served as president of both the Mattachine Society of New York and Society for Individual Rights (S.I.R.) in San Francisco, two groups that paved the way for the modern gay rights movement.

Professionally, Jones was a gerontologist who worked to meet the needs of the aged and the dying, with a special focus on the aging Black community in San Francisco. This collection is rich in material documenting the gay rights movement and the rights of the aging in San Francisco. Materials include records for Meals on Wheels and the San Francisco Foundation for Aged Colored Persons, of which Jones was executive director (1964–1970) and served with noted Black theologian Howard Thurman.

Racial Restrictive Covenants and the Politics of Property and Racism

Jones membership card, Dorrwin Jones Papers

Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia

Learn about the impact of Alzheimer’s, the difference between Alzheimer’s and dementia. Program will be conducted in Cantonese and made possible by the Alzheimer’s Association. Reservations required: (415) 355-2888.

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Beginner Tai Chi with Patrick Lau

This weekly drop-in class provides beginner Tai Chi instruction to participants. Wednesdays in Jan., 12:15 p.m., Presidio Branch

Advanced Tai Chi with Patrick Lau

This weekly drop-in class provides advanced Tai Chi instruction to participants. Wednesdays in Jan., 12:15 p.m., Presidio Branch

Wild Goose Qigong

Wild Goose (Dayan) Qigong is a series of 64 graceful standing movements taught by Lois Brady, designed to improve your health in this weekly drop-in class. Thursdays in Jan., 2 p.m., Presidio Branch

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Tai Chi may help improve your overall health, fitness, balance, flexibility, coordination and posture. Space is limited. Reservations required: (415) 355-2880. Jan. 6, 2 p.m., Chinatown Branch

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Table Tennis / Ping Pong Time

Get your body moving and meet new people. Monthly Table Tennis / Ping Pong free play program. For ages 6 and older.

Health, Wellness and Community: Activities Good for the Mind, Body and Soul

Weekly Series

Wild Goose Qigong with Chunfu Cai

Learn relaxed postures and gentle breathing exercises during this weekly drop-in class designed to promote better health and wellness. Please note the program is canceled if it rains. Sundays in Jan., 3 p.m., Marina Branch

Tai-Chi

Learn and practice beginning Tai Chi guided by Laura and Gary Smoot. This Yang style long form consists of slow, circular, soft flowing movements to boost strength, balance and circulation. Mondays in Jan., 12 p.m., Anza Branch (No class Jan. 16)

Yoga with TendWell Collective

This is a gentle yoga class for all ages and experience levels. We move mindfully and slowly to soothe the nervous system, stretch the body and build a little strength and stability along the way. Bring a yoga mat. Wednesdays in Jan., 6 p.m., Mission Bay Branch

Breath Meditation

Guided meditation for calm, ease and stress release. Leave feeling refreshed and grounded after the workshop. Thursdays in Jan., 11 a.m., Richmond Branch

Udemy

Learn a new language to expand your horizons. We have dedicated language learning platforms such as Mango and Rosetta Stone, but don’t miss our instructional videos and downloadable audiobooks from Kanopy and Hoopla. While you’re there, try watching shows and movies in the language you’re learning to increase those listening skills!

Kanopy

All of these eResources and more are available through our eLibrary at sfpl.org/research-learn/elibrary.
When No One Is Watching by Alyssa Cole

Alyssa Cole is a New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of romance and thrillers. Her debut thriller When No One Is Watching was the winner of the 2021 Edgar Allan Poe Award for Best Paperback Original, and the Strand Critics Award for Best Debut. Her books have received critical acclaim from The New York Times, Library Journal, BuzzFeed, Kirkus, Booklist, Jezabel, Shandaland, Vulture, Entertainment Weekly and various other outlets. When she’s not working, she can usually be found watching anime or wrangling her pets.

Sunday Matinee with Brooke Smith and Laura Albert

A not-to-miss conversation between actor/photographer Brooke Smith and author Laura Albert, in celebration of the publication of Smith’s book of photography Sunday Matinee. The book gathers Smith’s extensive photo documentation of the New York hardcore scene of the 1980s: the bands that played CBGB’s notorious Sunday afternoon gigs, as well as the young people who followed them and hung out in Manhattan’s Lower East Side.

Smith, an acclaimed actor (The Silence of the Lambs, Vanya on 42nd Street, Grey’s Anatomy and Ray Donovan), spent years capturing this epic social movement, which was both vital and despairing, angry and ecstatic.

Albert is an internationally recognized writer for her JT LeRoy books and spent a good deal of her adolescence in the late 1970s and 80s immersed in the punk and hardcore scenes, distributing records, creating art, interviewing musicians, writing for zines and amassing a legendary collection of fliers.

Sunday Matinee with Brooke Smith and Laura Albert — Jan. 22, 3 p.m., Koret Auditorium, Main Library/Streaming

Moro Warrior: A Philippine Chieftain

Anthropologist Thomas McKenna brings the dramatic story of Philippine guerilla fighters to life in Moro Warrior: A Philippine Chieftain, an American Schoolmaster, and the Untold Story of the Most Remarkable Resistance Fighters of World War II in the Pacific.

A groundbreaking book on the Philippine Muslim (Moro) resistance fighters of World War II—the most successful and least-known guerrillas of the Pacific Theater. It is the story of Mohammad Adil, a sword-wielding warrior chieftain commissioned as a junior officer in Douglas MacArthur’s guerilla army while still a teenager.

Thomas McKenna, Moro Warrior — Jan. 21, 2 p.m., Main Library, African American Center, 3rd Floor

Positively Charged: Copier Art in the Bay Area Since the 1960s

This exhibition examines how, for nearly 60 years, Xerox technology provided Bay Area artists with an accessible medium, one that allows for distinctive forms of experimentation, social and political agency, mass distribution and affordable art making practices. The exhibition is built around the histories of several significant arts organizations in San Francisco and the East Bay. These spaces provided materials, training, equipment and opportunities for art sales. This exhibition is presented in partnership with the San Francisco Center for the Book, which is hosting a sister exhibition with the same name, Jan. 28—March 19.

Meet the Curators — Jan. 28, 11 a.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

LED Paper Circuits – Jan. 4, 3:30 p.m., Ingleside Branch

Tinker Saturday – Jan. 7 & 14, 12 p.m., West Portal Branch

Cardinalbotics – Jan. 14 & 28, 12:30 p.m., Ortega Branch

Electronic Snap Circuits – Jan. 20, 3:30 p.m., Chinatown Branch

Learn, Build, Have Fun with SFPL’s STEM Programs

Find Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) activities for all levels and a range of ages. Learn about and use light-emitting diodes (LEDs) to illuminate photos and books at Ingleside Branch.

Acquire simple skills in the basics of electrical engineering with electronic snap circuits at Chinatown Branch. STEM workshops, activities and drop-in programs offer youth and families an opportunity to tinker at their local library.

Tinker Saturday at West Portal Branch offers an opportunity to explore robotics, physics, energy, atoms, animation, art and coding. Attendees can continue to work on those robotics skills with Cardinalbotics, Lowell High School’s robotics team that runs a workshop at Ortega Branch on how to build a LEGO robot.

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Programs are in person unless listed as virtual. Register for virtual programs at sfpl.org/events.

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Youth Programs

Dynamic Storytelling: Kirk Waller
Listen to Kirk Waller as he shares African and African American folktales, legends and history. Watch these stories come to life with music, rhythm, dancing, movement and spoken word.
Jan. 26, 5 p.m., Western Addition Branch

Engaging Musical Performance: Asheba
Listen to Asheba, a musical storyteller who specializes in calypso, the musical and folkloric oral tradition of Trinidad, Asheba’s homeland. Stories of hope and happiness are the focus of his songs, which range from original lullabies to fast tempo tunes to remakes of classics.
Jan. 21, 1 p.m., Excelsior Branch

Adult Programs

Author Talk: James Cagney and Daniel B. Summerhill
Cagney and Summerhill discuss Cagney’s latest, award-winning poetry collection, Martian: The Saint of Loneliness. Jan. 15, 2 p.m., Main Library, Hormel Center

Film: In Remembrance of Martin
Personal comments from family, friends and advisors fill this remarkable documentary honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Jan. 18, 3 p.m., Richmond Branch

Presentation: In the Black, a Black-led Marketplace
Learn about “In The Black,” a Black-led marketplace in the Fillmore/Western Addition. Presented by the San Francisco Housing Development Corporation, which fosters community revitalization through economic empowerment and housing stability.
Jan. 19, 12 p.m., Virtual Library

Film: Selma, Lord, Selma
Jurnee Smollett stars as 11-year-old Sheyann Webb in this dramatization of two young Black schoolgirls’ recollections of a violent civil rights event in 1965 Alabama, based on Sheyann Webb and Rachel West Nelson’s memoir Selma, Lord, Selma: Girlhood Memories of the Civil Rights Days (University of Alabams Press, 1980).
Jan. 19, 4 p.m., Richmond Branch

Book Club: Deep Read with Linda Jackson
Jackson, San Francisco writer and historian, leads a deep reading of Just As I Am by iconic cultural figure Cicely Tyson. Tyson’s debut memoir recalls her extraordinary life, as well as the racial and gender stereotyping, movie-business prejudice and ill-behaved men that shaped her seven-decade career.
Email sfplcpp@sfpl.org for a free copy of your book. Jan. 28, 1 p.m. and Feb. 1, 1 p.m., Main Library, African American Center, 3rd Floor

Meditation in the African American Center
Take a break and build a practice of wakefulness and tranquility in the African American Center each Wednesday from 12–12:30 p.m. during the month of February. Led by the Center’s librarian, this workshop offers a secular approach to an ancient tradition and is appropriate for people of all faiths, including atheists. All are welcome. There is time for questions (optional) after the meditation session.
Meditation in the African American Center – Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 12 p.m., Main Library, African American Center, 3rd Floor

At the African American Center in the Main Library, librarians Shawna Sherman and Natalie Enright work with community to bring engaging programs to the Library that center Black people. See their work in exhibits now on view at the Excelsior and Bayview branches and in programs featured in our More Than a Month offerings, which, by the way, happen all year round. They want to hear from you.
Share your ideas for Black engaged programs with them at aac@sfpl.org.
GOAT – Greatest of All Time

Muhammad Ali is one of the most remarkable personalities of our time and the greatest sportsman ever to walk the earth. To honor Ali, publishing house TASCHEN created a work epic in scale and as unique and vibrant as Ali himself. Throughout Black History Month, come view SFPL’s collector’s edition, signed by Ali and artist Jeff Koons. With more than 3,000 images, some published for the first time, original essays and interviews, this monumental work is something you have to see for yourself.

On Thursday, Feb. 23, join us in the Koret Auditorium at the Main Library for a screening of the 2015 documentary Muhammad Ali as the final part of a Black History Month and Thursdays at Noon partnership that is screening films about African Americans and resistance for the month of February.

Exhibit: GOAT – Greatest of All Time: A Tribute to Muhammad Ali – Jan. 14 – March 6, Main Library, Atrium, First Floor

Film: Muhammad Ali – Feb. 23, 12 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

What We Want

Jack San Franciscans have resisted discriminatory practices in hiring, housing and unfair labor laws; fought against police harassment and marched in solidarity with national movements against lynching and racial violence in the South. In a new display located at the Main Library’s African American Center, see images of resistance from the San Francisco History Center photography collection paired with pamphlets collected by the San Francisco African American Historical and Cultural Society that illustrate how nationwide protests for Black enfranchisement parallel these local fights.

“If we demonstrate how we feel about Alabama, we’re going to shake up a whole lot of folks in San Francisco,” the San Francisco Chronicle reported a demonstrator saying at a protest planning meeting in 1963. “If we can make them feel uncomfortable, maybe we can get a little better housing, a little better employment.”

Display: What We Want: Archival Photographs and Pamphlets Highlighting Local and National Black Resistance Efforts – Jan. 14–March 6, Main Library, African American Center, 3rd Floor

More Than a Month 2023: Booklists

Black Joy Books for Kids

Black joy is a form of resistance. Black joy is revolutionary. Please enjoy this list of kids books celebrating African American kids and available year-round at SFPL.

Kick Push by Frank Morrison

Ivan is an epic skater. But when he moves to a new neighborhood and school he can’t find any other skateboarders. He tries out a bunch of other sports to try and fit in but then realizes he’s gotta be true to himself.

Cool Cuts by Mechal Renee Roe

From a fro-hawk to mini-twists and crisp cornrows, adorable illustrations of boys with cool curls, waves and afros celebrate all kinds of Black hairstyles.

Black Boy Joy edited by Kwame Mbalia

A collection of stories, comics and poems about the power of joy and the wonders of Black boyhood.

Teen Fiction

Not So Pure and Simple by Lamar Giles

When the girl of his dreams is finally single, Del decides to join the church youth group to get close to her only to discover that he’s accidentally signed up for an abstinence-only purity pledge.

Mirror Girls by Kelly McWilliams

Set in the 1950s, twins Charlie and Magnolia lead vastly different lives as a result of being separated as infants. But when Magnolia is suddenly cured, they must both reunite to find a cure while navigating supernatural dangers.

The Weight of Blood by Tiffany D. Jackson

In this homage to horror classic Carrie, Maddie’s high school bullying has gotten worse after it’s revealed that her father was forcing her to hide the fact that she’s biracial. When her classmates decide to target her at their school’s first integrated dance, they are unprepared for the lethal consequences.

Black Love

The theme for Black History Month 2023 is Resistance. This SFPL booklist honors Black love as a show of Resistance against hatred, bigotry and racism by highlighting some recently published romance novels by Black authors. There are also a few ebooks on this list in case you don’t want to get caught with a beautifully racy cover peeping through your fingers during your morning commute.

A note from the librarian who created this list: While our history may have moments of darkness, Black love, to this Black Librarian, is always the deepest show of our resistance against the world that wants us to hate ourselves, our beauty and our strength. Black love is a way out. <3

You Made a Fool of Death with Your Beauty by Akwaeke Emezi

Don’t let the F in that Dewey Call it confuse you! It may be fiction, but the core this novel is about loving after loss of love, loss of self and loss of constraints.

Boys Come First by Aaron Foley

Dominick, Troy, and Remy are Black, gay, millennial men searching for love and professional success in Detroit while navigating friendships, Grindr hookups, gentrification and family drama.

Rules of Engagement by Selena Montgomery

Selena Montgomery is the pen name of none other than American politician and activist Stacey Abrams. If you’re not a fan of straight up lovey-dovey romance, hopefully this suspense-filled romance will draw you in.

Can’t get enough? More booklists are available at sfpl.org/more-than-a-month.
Event Calendar: January 2023
Children’s Storytimes

**Storytimes for Babies**
- **Glen Park**, 4:15–5 p.m.
- **Ingleside**, 2:15–2:45 p.m.
- **West Portal**, 10:15–10:45 a.m.

**Storytimes for Toddlers**
- **Glen Park**, Every Tuesday, 10–10:30 a.m.
- **Ingleside**, 2–3 p.m.
- **West Portal**, Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.

**Storytimes for Families**
- **Ingleside**, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
- **Merced**, 11–11:30 a.m.
- **Visitacion Valley**, 2–3 p.m.

**Tea Ceremony And Traditional Chinese Costume Show**
Location: Every Thu., 11–11:30 a.m.

**Visitacion Valley**
- **Portola**
- **North Beach**
- **Merced**
- **Ingleside**
- **Bernal Heights**
- **Marina**
- **Main**
- **Bernal Heights**
- **Main**
- **Bayview**
- **Sunset**
- **Richmond**
- **Portola**
- **North Beach**
- **Ortega**
- **Mission**
- **Merced**
- **Ingleside**
- **Bernal Heights**

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To donate books, go to friendssfpl.org/donatebooks to make an appointment.

**Step Sales at the Main Library**
Join us every Wednesday from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. at the Larkin St. steps of the Main Library for a Friends Step Sale! Did we mention Big Book Sale pricing?

**Pricing:**
Hardcover: $5
Trade Paperback: $4
Kids & Young Adult (YA): $3
Mass-market Paperback: $2
CD’s & Vinyl: $2

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**New Year, New Ways to Give!**

**Friends of the SPL wants to wish you a Happy New Year and remind you of all the wonderful ways you can show love to your Library. FreeWill is an online platform that makes leaving a legacy gift in your will, trust or estate easy. They also provide tools for donations that earn you tax benefits! You can donate appreciated stocks to Friends of the SPL to show support for your Library now and forever. Visit friendssfpl.org/stock to learn more. To make a legacy gift, visit friendssfpl.org/ston.**

**Libraries For All, All For Libraries!**

**Who are The Pacifics?**

The Pacifics are a vibrant group of young and engaged San Franciscans who are passionate about the Library and the community. They host events through the community to connect new patrons to the Library, celebrate books, encourage volunteer efforts and spread the word about the Library’s essential services. Interested in getting involved? Visit friendssfpl.org/pacifics for more information and to sign up for the email list.

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