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Events and Happenings at San Francisco Public Library

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Save the Date: Night of Ideas 2023

he Bay Area's biggest celebration of creativity and critical thought is back at the Main Library.

This year's edition brings together dozens of local cultural organizations, leading thinkers and artists to contemplate the theme "More?". In a world driven by the logic of growth, what does it mean to have "more"? What do we need "more" of: more material abundance, connection, creativity? More justice? More joy? Can we share "more" — and can we sustain it? Will "more" ever be enough?

Join SFPL, KQED, SFMOMA, Villa Albertine San Francisco and Circuit Network for another inspiring marathon of talks, performances, art and collective imagination.

Night of Ideas – Saturday, March 4, 7 p.m., Main Library

Library Cards, Creatively Explored



View a unique take on library cards created by the artists of Creativity Explored, a studiobased collective that partners

with developmentally disabled adults to celebrate and nurture the creative potential in all of us.

As part of San Francisco-based Creativity Explored's 40th anniversary, the Library is hosting an exhibit and library card contest. Thirty works of art, inspired by the library, will be on display on the Main Library's 4th Floor. Library visitors will have a chance to vote on their favorite artworks. The winning five will be turned into library cards this spring.

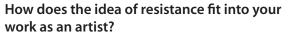
Creativity Explored Library Card Contest – Opening Feb. 18, Main Library, 4th Floor Display Cases

Because Every Month Is Black History Month

his February, we commemorate More Than a Month, our version of Black History Month, honored nationally this time of year. We call it More Than a Month because all year round we collect books and materials and host programs that aim to shed a light on the Black experience. This year's programming theme is "resistance". Whether that's resistance to bondage, to racist laws or unfair treatment in society, we honor the ancestors and contemporaries who have made a better life for all of us. Our events this year help us learn more about the significant contributions of Black people to our country through film, book discussions, music, dance and storytelling. We also consider wellness, love and Black joy as a type of resistance, and we imagine dazzling Black futures for our community while we celebrate and keep Black history alive at the Library.

Meet Artist Lava Thomas

he artwork for this year's More Than a Month celebration is an image of Dr. Maya Angelou drawn by Bay Area artist Lava Thomas. It is a study for the Angelou memorial, commissioned by the San Francisco Arts Commission, which will be installed near the Larkin Street entrance of the Main Library later this year. In the spirit of the 2023 national Black History Month theme of Black resistance, we asked Thomas to comment on how the theme relates to her art.



My work challenges dominant historical narratives by honoring everyday women who have been the real changemakers of history, but whose contributions have largely been omitted from history books. Representing women who have worked, fought, struggled and labored to make this country and world more equitable is at the core of my work as an artist.

What did you learn about resistance in your research on Maya Angelou for the sculpture? How did this influence the work?

While Dr. Angelou is widely known as a poet and writer, she was also an expert organizer and was deeply involved in the Civil Rights Movement. She raised funds for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and worked closely with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She organized against colonial violence in Africa while living in Ghana and worked with Malcom X to fight for Black freedom internationally.

So, it was important when designing the monument that it be rooted in Black aesthetics. Rather than create a statue in the tradition of European figuration, I chose to represent Dr. Angelou in the form of a bronze book with her portrait on the cover. The book form references Dr. Angelou's life in letters and underscores the historic significance of reading, writing and education for Black people as a means toward liberation. Enslaved people risked their lives to become literate in a quest to obtain the tools they needed to become free people.

Photo by Carolyn Fong. 2022.

Does resistance have a place in art?

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Artists have always created work that responds to the world in which they live, offering powerful critiques of war, poverty, racism and sexism. For artists from marginalized groups—artists of color, LGBTQ artists and Black artists in particular—the act of representing ourselves and our communities is a form of resistance. Our work resists historical stereotypes and degrading depictions of who we are and offers a space for us to see and celebrate ourselves in the fullness of our humanity, on our own terms.

Join the Fun! Branch Open Houses

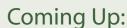
estern Addition Branch is excited to welcome the community to their Open House on Saturday, Feb. 4, 1–5 p.m., celebrating Black History Month and commemorating the 15th anniversary of the branch renovation. Enjoy an afternoon full of festivities, including refreshments, a Black arts-inspired craft program and a performance by the branch's "house band," local jazz favorites Six Roses. Patrons can connect with neighborhood community organizations and learn more about programming at the Branch.



Celebrate the Bayview/Linda Brooks-Burton Branch's 10th anniversary on Feb. 25, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., with light refreshments and activities. At noon, enjoy a performance by Unique Derique, who shares the history and art of Hambone and its evolution from Africa to modern North America. There will also be a Fix-It Clinic, presented in partnership with the Department of the Environment, where patrons get help

Western Addition Branch Open House – Saturday, Feb. 4, 1–5 p.m. **Bayview/Linda Brooks-Burton Branch Open House** – Saturday, Feb. 25, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

from volunteers to repair their bikes and garments. See you there!



Throughout March HERstory: Women's History Month Celebration Various locations March 16 Author: Nguyến Phan Quễ Mai, Dust Child The Ruby SF, 2507 Bryant St. March 18 Sunset Branch Open House March 25
Kaleidoscope Exhibition
Opening Reception
Main Library, Hormel
LGBTQIA Center, 3rd Floor

March 26
Dancing Home with
SF Youth Theatre
Bernal Heights Branch

Events, Collections and Services

The Best Valentine's Day Gift: SFPL Online Magazines

The famous Consumer Reports is your source for Valentine's Day gift reviews, such as: bbq grills, earbuds, cars, gift cards or vegan ice cream.

To look at the latest edition and back issues:

- 1. Start at the SFPL homepage, sfpl.org.
- 2. Click on "Research & Learn" in the top menu.
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- 4. Scroll down to our mobile magazine platform,

Flipster, and search for Consumer Reports within the Flipster app (or just use the web-based platform).

Then you can search for the best value Valentine's Day presents for someone you love.

So, let's say you use Consumer Reports to buy a great wristwatch for your loved one, but then it breaks! The Bay Area Consumers' Checkbook provides unbiased reviews of local services by verified customers, so you know they are real. For example, you can use it to find a quality watch repair shop in San Francisco or any other Bay Area county. You can see whether the shop has competitive prices, offers service options, gives good cost estimates and finishes its work promptly.

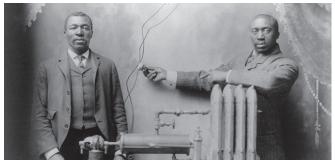
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- 1. Choose "Research and Learn" on our homepage.
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- 4. When you click on the link, you will be taken to the website where you can search for all manner of local service providers.

These two valuable consumer review sources can help you find a present or a service that will please your sweetheart and save you money and frustration.

More Than a Month: Exhibitions





Consumer Reports

Inventor Charles S. L. Baker with heating system, c. 1906.

An Ode to Us and Black Excellence, Black Invention on Tour

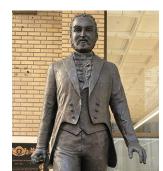
Black Excellence, Black Invention, now on view at the Bayview Branch Library, explores the legacy of the thousands of Black innovators who have made life easier for individuals, businesses and communities through meaningful contributions and inventions. Inspired by the Black Excellence bookmarks celebrating Black inventors created by Dr. Carolyn Ransom-Scott, the display uses library materials and archival resources to show how Black invention is joyful and resistant.

Historically, Black people have been kept from employment, punished in schools and teased for their hair. On July 3, 2019, Governor Newsom signed the CROWN Act (SB 188), making California the first state in the nation to ban racial discrimination based on natural hair. The movement continues to gain momentum and has become law in 13 states. An Ode to Us: A Celebration of Black Hair honors the beauty and diversity of Black hair and includes images of popular hairstyles, hairstyle tutorials, personal narratives, poetry, objects for the hairstyles and tools. Visit the exhibit at the Excelsior Branch Library to appreciate the creativity in Black hairstyles from Africa to the Bay Area.

Black Excellence, Black Invention – Through March 2, 2023, Bayview Branch

An Ode to Us: A Celebration of Black Hair – Through March 12, 2023, Excelsior Branch

America's First Black Millionaire: William Leidesdorff



In San Francisco's Financial District there is a quiet street called Leidesdorff Alley, named after local businessman William Alexander Leidesdorff, Jr. He was America's first Black millionaire.

Leidesdorff arrived in Yerba Buena Cove in 1841 and quickly rose to prominence. Smart, ambitious, multilingual and charming, Leidesdorff became one of San Francisco's most celebrated citizens. Leidesdorff made his living in trading and ranching. He owned land in the Sacramento area, and when gold was discovered there, he became one of the richest men in California.

Visit the 4th Floor at the Main Library to learn more about William Leidesdorff's incredible life.

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Bethel OES member and Shasta Elks Lodge member; Bethel Order of the Eastern Star Ledger, SF History Center

Collections Corner:

he Bethel Order of the Eastern Star Ledger (1924-1926) is open for research at the San Francisco History Center. Bethel OES was a women's African American Masonic

organization, devoted to religion charity and education. They first met the evening of October 4, 1924, where they gathered at the home of member Elizabeth Johnson in the Western Addition. In later years, they met at the Booker T. Washington Center (1433 Divisadero), a forum for many African American fraternal orders, including the Shasta Elks Lodge whose photographs were found tucked inside the ledger. More recent meetings were held at 2804 Bush, which also served as the home for the Hannibal Lodge No. 1 (California's oldest African American lodge with roots dating back to 1852). The Sutter and Divisadero sites were razed during San Francisco's Redevelopment program. The ledger contains meeting minutes, correspondence, membership rosters and photographs.



Teen Writing Groups

Develop writing or storytelling skills at one of SFPL's three writing groups just for teens. Supplies and snacks are provided, but

participants are encouraged to bring their favorite journal or writing tool if they like. Settle into a welcoming, low-



pressure environment with writing prompts, a variety of genres and the option to write solo or with a group. Use the time to brainstorm, jot down notes, develop characters, world build and write that story.

Writer's Club – Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23, 5 p.m., Main Library, The Mix, 2nd Floor. For ages 13–18.



Young Writers Group – Feb. 2 & 16, 4:30 p.m., Glen Park Branch

Teen Writing
Circle – Feb. 11,
10:30 a.m., Western
Addition Branch.
For ages 12–18.
Space limited.
Reservations
required: (415) 3555727 or online.



ON THE SAME PAGE

JANUARY-FEBRUARY Selection

When No One Is Watching by Alyssa Cole

Author Event: Alyssa Cole and Rachel Fiege in Conversation -

Thursday, Feb. 23, 6 p.m, Main Library, African American Center/Streaming. Register: on.sfpl.org/reg2-23-23

Book Club - Wednesday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m., Virtual Library

Readalikes

If you liked When No One Is Watching, then you will like these books, because they feature culturally diverse characters coming to terms with uncomfortable truths, often with a historic and or suspenseful twist. on.sfpl.org/OTSPJanFeb23Readalikes



My Sister, the Serial Killer by Oyinkan **Braithwaite**

Realizing that her beautiful, beloved younger sister has murdered yet

another boyfriend, an embittered Nigerian woman works to direct suspicion away from the family, until a handsome doctor she fancies asks for her sister's number.



BTTM FDRS by Ezra Claytan **Daniels**

An Afrofuturist

horror-comedy about gentrification, hip hop and cultural appropriation.



The Blade Between by Sam J. Miller

Reluctantly visiting his upstate New York hometown when his father

falls ill, a restless gay photographer reconnects with two high school friends who become his allies in a plan to expose the corrupt motives of invasive corporate gentrifiers.



White Smoke by Tiffany D. Jackson

The Haunting of Hill House meets Get Out in this chilling YA psychological

thriller and modern take on the classic haunted house story. Marigold moves with her newly blended family to a small town for a fresh start...only to discover that their new home holds secrets that threaten their safety.



The Other Black Girl by Zakiya **Dalila Harris**

Tired of being the only Black employee at

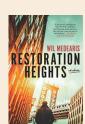
Wagner Books, 26-year-old editorial assistant Nella Rogers is thrilled when Harlem-born and bred Hazel is hired, until, after a string of uncomfortable events, she is elevated to office darling, leaving Nella in the dust.



Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid

This story about race and privilege is centered around a young Black babysitter, her

well-intentioned employer and a surprising connection that threatens to undo them both.



Restoration Heights by Wil Medearis

A young white artist living in a historically Black Brooklyn

neighborhood besieged by gentrification, Reddick investigates the disappearance of his friend, Hannah, which draws him into a many-layered mystery that lays bare the complicated machinations of money and power.



The Ancient Nine by Ian K. Smith

Going from urban Chicago to the ivy-clad campus of Harvard University, **Spencer Collins** is surprised to be invited to apply to

one of the school's elite final clubs, until he finds out that the club hides a shadowy group of powerful men.



Happy Valentine's Day from San Francisco Public Library!

he Book Arts & Special Collections Center presents its 11th Annual Valentine Printing Event. Experience hands-on letterpress printing on the Library's 1909 Albion hand press and take home a unique keepsake for you or your loved one. We will print an image from our own collection, with the assistance of printers from the American Printing History Association's NorCal Chapter. Everyone is invited but keepsakes are limited to the first 100 quests.

The Marjorie G. and Carl W. Stern Book Arts & Special Collections Center is home to the Robert Grabhorn Collection on the History of Printing & the Development of the Book, the Richard Harrison Collection of Calligraphy & Lettering, the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor, the George M. Fox Collection of Early Children's Books and the Little Maga/Zine Collection. Learn more about the collections on our website or in-person! We are open seven days a week, no appointment necessary.

Valentine Printing – Feb. 11, 2 p.m., Main Library, Book Arts & Special Collections Center, 6th Floor

The Other Side of the Wall

ocated at San Quentin State Prison, Mount Tamalpais College is an academic institution unlike any other. Formerly the Prison University Project, for more than 20 years, it was the only on-site degree-granting program in a California prison, operating as an extension site for nearby

Patten University. In January 2022, after an intensive application and review process, Mount Tamalpais College was granted initial accreditation by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), making it the first independent liberal arts institution dedicated specifically to serving incarcerated students.



Join us for a screening of The Other Side of the Wall, a short film by R.J. Lozada about the friendships forged in the classroom. Following the film, alumni of the college will discuss the role of education in their lives during and postincarceration, the powerful work happening in classrooms at San Quentin and the importance of community both in prison and post-release.

Screening: The Other Side of the Wall - Feb. 11, 11 a.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium and streaming



Chinese New Year Programs

In partnership with Scott Cao Cultural Heritage Foundation.

Meet with the Musicians

Celebrate the Chinese New Year with traditional Chinese musicians. Learn about traditional Chinese instruments, listen to traditional Chinese New Year music and celebrate the most important festival in Chinese culture. Feb. 11, 11:30 a.m., Main Library, Children's Center, 2nd Floor

与 中国演奏家一起共度新年

與中國傳統音樂家在中國傳統新年 音樂中一起慶祝中國新年。了解中 國傳統樂器, 聆聽中國傳統新年音 樂,一起慶祝中國文化中最喜慶,最 重要的節日。此活動由三藩市公立 圖書館華文中心與曹樹堃文化傳承 基金會樂社共同合作。 二月十一 號,上午11點30分,总图书馆二樓 兒童圖書館

When Poems Rhyme with Music— **Chinese New Year's Concert 2023**

Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit with a colorful, culturally-mixed and poetic music concert! Both traditional Chinese New Year songs and popular Western music will be featured. Feb. 12, 1 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium & Latino/Hispanic Room, Lower Level

中西乐韵,, 歌情诗意

一場丰富多彩,充滿詩意的音樂會。在 多種文化激蕩中展示中國音樂,同時體 現中西音樂風格的融合, 特別是中國傳 統器樂與西方樂器碰撞交融,歌曲演唱 與中西樂隊的完美配合,在中國新年兔 年到來之際,為觀眾帶來一場視聽盛 宴! 此活動由三藩市公立圖書館華文中 心與曹樹堃文化傳承基金會樂社共同合 作。二月十二號,下午一點,總圖書館 負一層Koret 演奏廳

More Than a Month: Black History, Culture & Heritage

Adult Program Roundup



Meditation in the African American Center

Take a break and build a practice of wakefulness and tranquility led by the African American Center librarian.

Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22, 12 p.m., Main Library, **African American Center, 3rd Floor**



MJ's Brass Boppers: Second Line Procession from City Hall

Bring the strut in your step and join us for a second line procession down Civic Center Plaza as we usher in Black History Month with jubilant dancing and music by MJ's Brass Boppers. In partnership with the SF Recreation and Parks Department.

Feb. 3, 1:15 p.m., San Francisco City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

Love Letters

Be inspired by the sultry music of Blues and Jazz legends and craft a love letter to a spouse, family member, friend or yourself. Open to all ages and all skill levels. Supplies provided. Register at bit.ly/BlackLoveLetter or by calling (415) 557-4545.

Feb. 12, 1 p.m., Main Library, African American Center, 3rd Floor



Celebrating Nina Simone

Author and music historian Richie Unterberger celebrates singer, songwriter and pianist Nina Simone.

Feb.14, 12 p.m., Virtual Library



Learn how to master the art of client creation for your business even if you don't have a big list or following. Presented by Kadidja Yansane, business coach and owner of Bloom Into You.



Feb. 17, 12 p.m., Virtual Library

The Buffalo Soldiers in the West

In the face of injustice, African Americans in the United States have continually resisted racial discrimination in several fields, including the military. Presented by Golden Gate National Recreation Area Park Rangers.

Feb. 21, 7 p.m., Virtual Library





Alyssa Cole and Rachel Fiege in Conversation

Author Alyssa Cole and Rachel Fiege, SFPL Librarian, discuss

Cole's book When No One Is Watching, our Jan./Feb. On the Same Page book selection.

Feb. 23, 6 p.m., Main Library, African American **Center/Streaming**





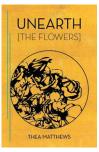
Trauma, Tresses and Truth-Writing Our Hair

This interactive session is a nurturing, intentional space to write and share your natural hair stories. Led by Lyzette Wanzer, author of Trauma, Tresses, & Truth: Untangling Our Hair Through Personal Narrative.

Feb. 25, 12 p.m., Main Library, Computer Training Center, 5th Floor. Registration required.

Thea Matthews, *Unearth [The Flowers]*

Thea Matthews reads from her book of poetry, Unearth [The Flowers]. Matthews is a poet, author and educator originally from San Francisco.





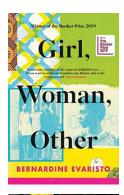
Feb. 25, 3 p.m., Virtual Library

Panel: Reparations Now!

As the movement for African American reparations builds across the nation, we discuss the history of reparations movements and hear from local leaders on how they are working toward solutions to repair the harm done to our Black communities.

Feb. 28, 4 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Book Clubs



Eureka Valley Reads

We discuss Bernardine Evaristo's Girl, Woman, Other, a novel featuring interconnected stories of 12 characters that celebrate the diversity of the Black British experience. Feb. 5, 3:30 p.m., **Eureka Valley Branch**

Afrofuturism and Tochi Onyebuchi

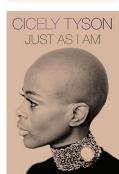
Part presentation, part book club discussion, this lecture on Afrofuturism is followed by a group discussion on Tochi Onyebuchi's Goliath.

Feb.11, 4 p.m., **Bernal Heights Branch**



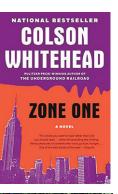
World Literature **Book Club**

This month's selection is The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead. Copies of the book are held at the Noe Valley Circulation Desk for checkout. Feb.12, 2 p.m., **Noe Valley Branch**



Deep Read with Linda Jackson, Just As I Am by Cicely Tyson, Part 2

Linda Jackson, San Francisco writer and historian, leads a deep reading of *Just As I Am* by iconic cultural figure Cicely Tyson. Feb. 18, 1 p.m., Main Library, **African American Center, 3rd Floor**



Reading Circle

We read Zone One by Colson Whitehead. Feb. 22, 3 p.m., **Golden Gate Valley Branch Library**



When No One *Is Watching* by Alyssa Cole

We discuss SFPL's On the Same Page book selection for Jan./Feb., When No One *Is Watching* by Alyssa Cole. Feb. 22, 7 p.m., **Virtual Library**

Don't miss our More Than a Month films. See the calendar of events for screenings near you.

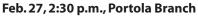
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Event Calendar: Feb. 2023

Youth Program Roundup

Storytelling

Clara Kamunde shares a tale called "Call Me Miss: The Defiance of Mary Hamilton, Freedom Rider". Hamilton was a veteran of the Civil Rights Movement, Freedom Rider and organizer for the Congress on Racial Equity.





Muriel Johnson shares true tales and folktales from the African and African American diaspora. Follow a journey to explore the histories, heroes/heroines, humor and humanity of people and culture.

Feb. 27, 3:30 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch

Music

Six Roses members David Boyce and Michael Cavaseno take us on a musical journey of jazz renditions representative of Black-African music.

Feb. 4, 3 p.m., Western Addition Feb. 11, 3 p.m., Ingleside Branch Feb. 18, 3 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch





Asheba is a musical storyteller who specializes in calypso, the musical and folkloric oral tradition of his homeland, Trinidad. Enjoy the stories of hope and happiness, which range from original lullabies to fast tempo tunes and remakes of classics.

Feb. 18, 11 a.m., Richmond Branch Feb. 18, 2 p.m., Ingleside Branch

Movement



Maria Young, a Mission District native, performs and dances to polyrhythmic beats of West African drums. Learn body rhythms, dance moves and play the drums with Maria Young.

Feb. 16, 4:30 p.m., **Ingleside Branch**

Unique Derique teaches the history and art of Hambone, and its evolution from Africa to modern North America. Dance the traditional styles of Hambone body music and find playful rhythms to express a unique Hambone musical style.

Feb. 25, 12 p.m., Bayview Branch

Staff Art Show Spotlight: Book Store



About the work: "This is a tribute to Black media for us, about us, by us. A place where romance, superheroes, revolutionaries and music can all hold an equal place in our hearts and minds." – Jamilla H., Library worker

Art/Work II -Through April 9, Main Library, Jewett Gallery, Lower Level

Adults

Film: Balzac and the Little **Chinese Seamstress** Golden Gate Valley, 3-5 p.m.

Yoga Mission Bay, 6-7 p.m.

Discover Your Eating Personality Presidio, 6-7 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 22 Wednesdays

Tai Chi, Presidio Beginners, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Advanced, 12:15-1 p.m.

Meditation Main, African American Ctr. - 3rd Fl., 12 p.m.

Coloring North Beach, 1 p.m.

1,15 Wednesdays

Film: Frantz Fanon: Black Skin, White Mask Richmond, 3-4:15 p.m.

Film: In the Heat of the Night Main, Koret, 12-2 p.m.

Film: Malcolm X Richmond, 4-5:30 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23 Thursdays

Breath Meditation Richmond, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Wild Goose Qigong Presidio, 2-3 p.m.

3 Friday

MJ's Brass Boppers Civic Center Plaza, 1:15 p.m.

3,17 Fridays

Knitting Anza, 3:30-5 p.m.

4 Saturday

Knitting Noe Valley, 10 a.m.

Plant Swap Ortega, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Open House

Western Addition, 1–5 p.m.

Make Coasters with Used Discs Ocean View, 2-4 p.m.

String Art Portola, 2-4 p.m.

Performance: Six Roses Western Addition, 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Film: Rebirth of a Nation Richmond, 3-4:45 p.m.

Yarn Wrapped Bottle Vases

Park, 3-5 p.m.

4,11 Saturdays 成语故事 Chinese Idioms

Knitting Sunset, 10:15 a.m.

Music & Yarn Mission Bay, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

5 Sunday

Environmental Poetry Main, Latino/Hispanic Mtg. Rm., 1-2:30 p.m.

Houseplant Basics Mission Bay, 1-2:30 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Sundays

Wild Goose Qigong Marina, 1-2 p.m.

6 Monday

Older Writers Lab Bernal Heights, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

6, 13, 27 Mondays

Diabetes Empowerment Glen Park, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Tai-Chi Anza, 12-1 p.m.

7 Tuesday

Results from the Webb Space Telescope Virtual, 4-5:30 p.m.

Vinyl Club North Beach, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Macramé Wall Hanging Excelsior, 6-7:30 p.m.

Grotto Nights at the Library: A Conversation with Writers Virtual, 6-7:30 p.m.

7, 21, 28 Tuesdays

ESL Convo Club Virtual, 3 p.m.

7, 14, 21, 28 Tuesdays

Spanish Conversation Club en español Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl., 4-5:30 p.m.

8 Wednesday

APA Community Ctr Office Hrs Visitacion Valley, 1-3 p.m.

Accessibility at the Library, The Bridge at Main Eureka Valley and Virtual, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Night and All-Weather Biking Mission Bay, 6-7 p.m.

Valentine's Day Cards Bernal Heights, 6-7:30 p.m.

9 Thursday

Film: With Drawn Arms Main, Koret, 12-2 p.m.

Film: The Glass Shield Richmond, 4-6 p.m.

Film: Blindspotting

Western Addition, 5-6:30 p.m.

Kim Shuck's Poem Jam Main, Latino/Hispanic Mtg.Rm., 6 p.m.

10 Friday

Quilling Valentines Chinatown, 2-3:30 p.m.

10, 24 Fridays Watercolor Bernal Heights,

1-5 p.m

11 Saturday

Growing Orchids Sunset, 11 a.m.

Mount Tamalpais College

and the Prison University Project Main, Koret, 11 a.m.

Create Stunning Container Gardens Richmond, 1-3 p.m.

Vinyl Leather Cuffs Visitacion Valley, 2:30-4 p.m.

Stamp Making Golden Gate Valley, 2-3:30 p.m.

Valentine's Day Broadside **Printing** Main, Book Arts & Special Collections, 2-4 p.m.

Handmade Valentine's Day **Cards with GoGo Craft** West Portal, 2-4 p.m.

Film: Chinatown Rising Sunset, 3-5 p.m.

Afrofuturism, Tochi Onyebuchi Bernal Heights, 4-5 p.m.

12 Sunday

Love Letters Main, African American Ctr - 3rd Fl., 1-3 p.m.

When Poems Rhyme with Music—Chinese New Year's Concert Main, Koret, 1–5 p.m.

Valentine's Day Screen Printing Anza, 2-3:30 p.m.

Grow Microgreens Mission Bay, 2-3:30 p.m. **Weaving with CD Looms** Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

LitCraft—Romancing the Tile Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl., 3 p.m.

13 Monday

Film: Working Woman Main, Koret, 2-4 p.m.

14 Tuesday

Celebrating Nina Simone Virtual, 12-1:30 p.m.

On the Page Off the Page Park, 6-7:45 p.m.

14, 21 Tuesdays

Chinese Ink Painting Richmond, 3-4:30 p.m.

15 Wednesday

Homeless Veterans Services Main, Atrium, 1-3:30 p.m.

Film: The Tall Target Golden Gate Valley, 3-4:30 p.m.

16 Thursday

Film: How it Feels to be Free Main, Latino/Hispanic Mtg. Rm., 12-2 p.m.

Film: Do the Right Thing Richmond, 4-6 p.m.

Film: Black Panther Western Addition, 4-6:30 p.m.

Advance Healthcare Directive 預設醫療指示書 Ocean View, 2-3:30 p.m.

18 Saturday

Jess Wells, The Lives of Herbalists and Healers in the Middle Ages Ocean View, 2-2:30 p.m.

Portrait Drawing with Tsungwei Moo 工作坊:與Tsungwei Moo一起畫肖像素描 Main,

Chinese Ctr- 3rd Fl., 2-4 p.m.

Performance: Six Roses Visitacion Valley, 3-4 p.m.

Jon Bennett, K.R. Morrison and William Taylor, Jr.

Presidio, 3-4:30 p.m.

Film: Get On Up Park, 3-5 p.m.

19 Sunday

Correspondence Co-op Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl., 1-3:30 p.m.

Acupuncture Legalization in California 庆祝: 首映式 針灸熱 — 加州針灸立法史 Main, Koret, 1-5 p.m.

21 Tuesday

Zinething Main, Paley Rm. -3rd Fl., 6-7:30 p.m.

Fighting for Survival. Fighting on Arrival: Buffalo **Soldiers** Virtual, 7–8 p.m.

22 Wednesday

Chip Lord and the Long Goodbye to the Automobile Virtual, 12-1:30 p.m.

Film: Bullet Train Ocean View, 4-6:15 p.m.

Film: Judas and the Black Messiah Mission Bay, 5:30 p.m.

Chess Bernal Heights, 6 p.m.

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23 Thursday

Film: Muhammad Ali Main, Koret, 12-2 p.m.

Sound Healing Presidio, 4:30 p.m.

Film: Love Jones

Richmond, 4-6 p.m.

Kim Shuck Main, Latino/Hispanic Mtg. Rm., 6-7:15 p.m.

Alyssa Cole and Rachel Fiege in Conversation, When No One is Watching Virtual, 7–8 p.m.

24 Friday

工作坊: 加州預設醫療指示 **Advance Health Care Direc**tive Chinatown, 2-3:30 p.m.

25 Saturday

Trauma, Tresses and Truth— Writing our Hair Main, Computer Ctr. - 5th Fl., 12-3 p.m.

Thea Matthews, Unearth [The Flowers] Virtual, 3-5 p.m.

26 Sunday

Intro to Tarot Main, Hormel LGBTQIA Ctr. - 3rd Fl., 1 p.m.

Chutney, Shanta Nimbark **Sacharoff** Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

Film: What's Up, Doc? Western Addition, 2-4 p.m.

28 Tuesday

Panel: Reparations Now! Main, Koret, 4-6 p.m.

Poetry Reading North Beach, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

What Your Mother Never Told You: Chinese American

Traditions Virtual, 6:30 p.m.

Book Clubs

Book Clubs run 1-2 hours

1 Wednesday

ASL Book Club Virtual, 5 p.m.

2 Thursday

Another Country Virtual, 6 p.m.

5 Sunday

Girl, Woman, Other Eureka Valley, 3:30 p.m.

Their Eyes Were Watching God Virtual, 4 p.m.

8 Wednesday

Cosy Capers & Mysteries Presidio, 3 p.m.

8,22 Wednesdays

Read Together, Silent Book Club Richmond, 3 p.m.

12 Sunday

The Nickel Boys Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

15 Wednesday

The Road Noe Valley, 6:30 p.m.

16 Thursday

中文線上讀書會 Chinese Language Book Club Virtual, 6 p.m.

18 Saturday

The Sentence Ortega, 11 a.m..

Just As I Am Main, African American Ctr. - 3rd Fl., 1 p.m.

Banned and Challenged Books Merced, 4 p.m.

19 Sunday

Nothing Personal Anza, 1:30 p.m.

Heaven My Home Eureka Valley and Virtual, 3:30 p.m.

The Thursday Murder Club Main, Stong Rm. - 1st Fl., 3 p.m.

22 Wednesday

Zone One Golden Gate Valley,

Jane Eyre Virtual, 6:30 p.m. When No One Is Watching Virtual, 7 p.m.

26 Sunday

Such a Fun Age Marina, 2 p.m.

Forbidden Eureka Valley and Virtual, 3:30 p.m.

28 Tuesday

Hell of a Book Visitacion Valley, 4 p.m.

Tech Time

Held in Main, 5th Floor **Computer Training Center** unless otherwise noted

1, 8, 15, 22 Wednesdays

Drop in Tech Support Sunset, 2-6 p.m.

Book a Librarian Ingleside, 3–4 p.m.

Ayuda de computación en español. Computer help in Spanish. 6-7:30 p.m.

2 Thursday

Floppy Copy and Old Files Rescue 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23 Thursdays

Tech Coaches

Visitacion Valley, 3:45-6:15 p.m.

Drop-In Tech Support for Older Adults Richmond, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

4, 11, 18, 25 Saturdays

Tech Help for Older Adults West Portal, 1–5 p.m.

Drop in Tech Support Sunset, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

4, 18, 25 Saturdays

Tech Coaches at the Library Visitacion Valley, 2:30-5 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Sundays

Drop in Tech Support Sunset, 1–5 p.m.

7 Tuesday

Drop in Tech Help Noe Valley, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

7, 14, 21, 28 Tuesdays 中文e 課堂 Chinese eRe-

source Class. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Basic Tech Drop-In 1-2:30 p.m.

8 Wednesday

Genealogy Virtual, 1-3 p.m.

Stream Movies with Hoopla Digital and Kanopy Golden Gate Valley, 3-4 p.m.

9 Thursday

Valentine Cards with Micro**soft Word** 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

10, 24 Fridays

Tablet/Smartphone Class for Seniors. Device Type: iOS Sunset, 1-2:30 p.m.

11 Saturday

Tech Coaches Visitacion Valley, 4-5 p.m.

21 Tuesday **Drop-In Tech Support for** Seniors Visitacion Valley. 1:30-3:30 p.m.

22 Wednesday

Book a Librarian Eureka Valley, 6-7:30 p.m.

23 Thursday

Computer Skills Practice 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

eBook Drop-In Main, Atrium,

27 Monday

Check Out a Kindle Book Main, Stong Rm.-1st Fl., 3-4:30 p.m.

Work It (Jobs, Business, Finance)

Meet One-on-One with a Smart Money Coach Monday-Saturday (except 2/20), by appointment only. Main, Study Room 441 – 4th Fl., and Virtual

Meet One-on-One with a Certified Financial Planner™ Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 22 Wednesdays

Career Coaching Main, Sycip Conf. Rm. - 4th Fl., 3-5 p.m.

How to Apply For a California State Job Virtual, 1–2:30 p.m.

2,16 Thursdays

Career Coaching Main, Sycip Conf. Rm. - 4th Fl., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

6 Monday

Upwardly Global's Job Search Program Virtual,

7 Tuesday

11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Taxes—How to Stay Out of Trouble Virtual, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

8 Wednesday **Building a Better Budget** Virtual, 2-3 p.m.

LinkedIn for Job Search, Part 2 Virtual, 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Resume Writing Essentials Virtual, 1-2 p.m.

14 Tuesday

Job Match with SF ReServe First Impressions Virtual. 3:15-4 p.m.

15 Wednesday

Intro. to Senior Community **Service Employment Program** Virtual, 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m.

16 Thursday

Interviewing Essentials Virtual, 1-2 p.m.

17 Friday 4 Secrets to Manifesting

Clients Virtual, 12–1 p.m. 18 Saturday Free Tax Preparation Drop-

Off Service Visitacion Valley,

2-4 p.m. 21 Tuesday

Reference Solutions Database for Nonprofit Organizations Virtual, 1-2 p.m.

28 Tuesday Tax Trouble—What to do if

You've Got Problems with the IRS Virtual, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

On View

<u>Jewett Gallery, Main Library, Lower Level</u>

ART/WORK II: Art Created by the Staff at SFPL Through April 9

Skylight Gallery, Main Library, 6th Floor

Positively Charged: Copier Art in the Bay Area Since the 1960s Through March 19

What unseen thing blows wishes across my surface? Through Feb. 16

Other Exhibits at the Main Library

Close to Home: Government's Pivotal Role in Redlining and Housing Exclusion Through April 27. Government Information Center, 5th Floor

GOAT - Greatest of All Time: A Tribute to Muhammad Ali Through March 6. Atrium, 1st Floor

Mothers and Daughters – Generations of Female Immigrants Through March 30. International Center, 3rd Floor What We Want: Archival Photographs and Pamphlets

Highlighting Local and National Black Resistance Efforts Through March 6. African American Center, 3rd Floor

Exhibits at the Branches

An Ode to Us: A Celebration of Black Hair Through March 12. Excelsior Branch

Year of the Rabbit: Paper Art by Jinyuan Shi

Through March 30. Grove St. Entrance, 1st Floor

Black Excellence, Black Invention Through March 2. Bayview Branch

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The Mix at SFPL Main Library, 2nd Fl.

1, 8, 15, 22 Wednesdays **D&D** and Tabletop Role-Play-

ing Game Club 5-6:30 p.m.

1, 8, 22 Wednesdays

Snacktivity 4-5 p.m. Basic Sewing 4-5 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23 Thursdays

Writer's Club 5-6 p.m. 5, 12, 19, 26 Sundays

Hand Build with Clay 4-5 p.m.

7, 14, 21, 28 Tuesdays **Guitar and Bass Lessons**

11, 25 Saturdays

5:30-6 p.m.

Game On 2-4 p.m.

15 Wednesday Biblio Bistro 4-6 p.m.

Mix Recording Studio

- **Recording Studio Orientation** • Tuesdays, 6-6:30 p.m.
- Wed.-Fridays, 4:30-5 p.m.

· Saturdays, 4-4:30 p.m. Intro to Recording and Songwriting

• Tuesdays, 6:30–7 p.m.

• Saturdays, 4:30-5 p.m.

Teens at the Branches

1 Wednesday Book Swap Chinatown, 3:30-5 p.m.

2, 16 Thursdays

Young Writers Group Glen Park, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Writing Circle Western Addi-

tion, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. 4, 11, 25 Saturdays

4 Saturday

8 Wednesday **Self Care Zines**

Western Addition, 3-5 p.m.

Gardening Merced, 11 a.m.

10 Friday

Book Swap Excelsior, 4-5:30 p.m.

14 Tuesday

15 Wednesday

Lounge Eureka Valley, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Valentine's Day Craft North Beach, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Laminated Bookmarks North Beach, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

ESL Club Chinatown, 3:30-5 p.m.

16 Thursday & 17 Friday **Buttonmaking** Merced, 2/16, 5-6 p.m.

2/17, 4-5:30 p.m.

27 Monday Film: Becoming Ingleside, 4 p.m.

Children

Early Childhood

1 Wednesday Storvtime at Yerba Buena Gardens Leroy King Carousel, 10:30-11 a.m.

1, 8, 15, 22 Wednesdays

Storytime at Salesforce Park 425 Mission, Rooftop, 10-10:30 a.m.

Swing Into Stories Youth Bookmobile, outdoor storytime 10:30-11 a.m. (see page 8)

Puppy Dog Tales Ocean View, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

7, 14, 21, 28 Tuesdays

Mini Makers Merced, 11 a.m.

19 Sunday

Design & Build Portola, 2 p.m.

<u>Elementary - Middle</u>

Homework Help Excelsior, Every Wed. and Thur., 4-6 p.m.

1 Wednesday **LEGO** Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

School Age

2 Thursday **LEGO** Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

Rube Goldberg Machine Excelsior, 3-4 p.m.

North Beach, 4-4:45 p.m. 4, 11, 18, 25 Saturdays

Marble Machine

Craft Bernal Heights, 3-6 p.m.

5 Sunday

LEGO Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

5, 12,19, 26 Sundays

Dungeons & Dragons Main, Children's Creative Ctr. -2nd Fl., 3:30-5:30 p.m.

7 Tuesday

Button Making Golden Gate Valley, 2-4:30 p.m.

Jewelry Making Merced, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Paper Heart Mobiles Marina, 3-5 p.m.

9 Thursday

11 Saturday **Insect Discovery Lab** Parkside, 1-2 p.m.

Pen Pals Portola, 2:15-3:15 p.m.

Merced, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

11, 25 Saturdays Origami Sunset, 2-3 p.m.

Craft West Portal, 1–4 p.m. LEGO Merced, 2–4 p.m.

15 Wednesday

12 Sunday

LEGO Bayview, 3–4 p.m.

Elephant & Piggie Birthday

Party Bernal Heights, 3:30 p.m.

17 Friday **Buttons of Resistance**

18 Saturday

Crayon Rubbing Bernal Heights, 2–4 p.m.

Merced, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

19 Sunday **LEGO** Noe Valley, 2-3 p.m.

23 Thursday

22 Wednesday **KEVA Contraptions** Presidio, 6-7 p.m.

Library Club Chinatown, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

LEGO Ocean View, 3:30–4:30 p.m. Scribble Bots Excelsior, 3-4 p.m.

24 Friday **Museum of Craft and Design**

Visitacion Valley, 3-5 p.m. 25 Saturday **LEGO** Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd

Salt Painting Bernal Heights, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Jazz Ingleside, 2–3 p.m.

Fl., 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

26 Sunday

2-4 p.m. 27 Monday Storytelling with Muriel

Bernal Heights, 3:30-4:15 p.m.

KEVA Contraptions Merced,

Middle School Age

Red Envelope Lantern Excelsior, 4-5 p.m.

1 Wednesday

4 Saturday

Origami Bernal Heights, 2–5 p.m.

6 Monday

cion Valley, 3-5 p.m. 8 Wednesday

Basquiat Self Portraits Visita-

Running Jumping Bunny

Craft Ingleside, 5-6 p.m.

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6 FEBRUARY 2023 AT THE LIBRARY

Children's Storytimes

Storytimes for Babies

Bernal Heights – Every Wednesday, 12–12:30 p.m. Chinatown – Every Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m. Golden Gate Valley – Every Tuesday, 11:15–11:45 a.m. Main – 2, 9, 23, 30 Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m. Park – Every Saturday, 11–11:30 a.m. Sunset – 2, 9, 23, 30 Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.

Storytimes for Toddlers

Bernal Heights – Every Thursday, 10–10:30 a.m. **Ingleside** – 2, 9, 23, 30 Mon., 10–10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m. **Main** – Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Merced – 2, 9, 23, 30 Mondays, 10:15–10:45 a.m. **Mission** – Every Thur., 10:15–10:45 & 11–11:30 a.m.

English/español

Ortega – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Park – 2, 9, 23, 30 Mondays, 3:30–4 p.m.
Parkside – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Portola – 2, 9, 23, 30 Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Presidio – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Richmond – Every Wednesday, 10:30–11:15 a.m.
Sunset – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Visitacion Valley – 9, 23, 30 Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Western Addition – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.

Storytimes for Preschoolers

Bayview – Every Tue., 11–11:30 a.m. English/español Every Fri., 1:30–2 p.m. English/español Excelsior – 5 Thur., 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Every Wed., 11–11:30 a.m. English/Mandarin North Beach – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m. Portola – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Storytimes for Families

Anza – Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m. Bernal Heights – Every Saturday, 10–10:30 a.m.

Main – Every Sat., 2–2:30 p.m.,

Every Tue., 10:30–11 a.m. Español/English, Every Thur., 10:30–11 a.m. 粵語課程 (Cantonese)/English

Marina – Every Tue., 10:30–11 a.m. Merced – Every Tue., 10:15–10:45 a.m.

Noe Valley – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m. & 11–11:30 a.m. North Beach – Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m..

Portola – Every Sat., 10:30–11 a.m.

Richmond – Every Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. **Visitacion Valley** – Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.

15 Wednesday

Drop-In eBook Help Main, Children's Ctr.- 2nd Fl., 6–7 p.m.

16 Thursday

Craft Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

25 Saturday

Paper Marbling Parkside, 2 p.m.

<u>Family</u>

2 Thursday

Chinese Lantern Art Craft Richmond, 2–3 p.m.

Film: *Encanto* Ocean View, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Printmaking Ingleside, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

3 Friday

MJ's Brass Boppers Main, Larkin St. Steps, 1:15–2:15 p.m.

MakeArt Van Excelsior, 3–5 p.m.

3, 10, 17 Fridays

Board Games Visitacion Valley, 4:15–5:30 p.m.

4 Saturday

West African Music, Keenan Webster West Portal, 11 a.m.

Tea Ceremony Ortega, 3 p.m.

9 Thursday

Rado Randriamamonjy Eureka Valley, 12–12:45 p.m.

Valentine's Day Cards Ocean View, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

11 Saturday

Film: Akeelah and the Bee Mission Bay, 10:30 a.m.

Lion Dancers Celebrate Lunar New Year

Main, Children's Ctr.-2nd Fl., 11–11:30 a.m. Bernal Heights, 12:15p.m. Ocean View, 1:15–2:15 p.m. Noe Valley, 2:15–3:15 p.m. Eureka Valley, 3:15–3:45 p.m. Park, 4:15–4:45 p.m.

Chinese Traditional Musicians

慶祝: 與音樂家見面 Main, Children's Ctr. - 2nd Fl., 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Woven Paper HeartPortola, 2–3 p.m.

Valentine Cards

Presidio, 2–3 p.m.

Six Roses Ingleside, 3–4 p.m.

12 Sunday

Felt Heart Garlands Portola, 2–3 p.m.

Table Tennis / Ping Pong Visitacion Valley, 2–4 p.m.

14 Tuesday

Heart Craft Glen Park, 3–5 p.m.

15 Wednesday

Paper Kente Cloth Patterns Portola, 2–3 p.m.

16 Thursday

Family Dance Party Excelsior, 2–3 p.m.

West African Drum and Dance with Maria Young Ingleside, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

18 Saturday

Asheba, Caribbean Music Richmond, 11 a.m.–12 p.m. Ingleside, 2–3 p.m.

19 Sunday

Honeybees in SF North Beach, 2–3 p.m.

24 Friday

Family Dance Party Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

25 Saturday

Open House Bayview, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Foldscopes With Cardinal-botics Ortega, 12:30–1:30 p.m.

Unique Derique Bayview, 12–1 p.m.

26 Sunday

Button Maker Mission Bay, 2–3 p.m.

Line Dancing Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

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Bob Daffeh, Director of Finance, Peter Wiley, and Sarah Jones, Board Chair, enjoy the 2019 Mary Louise Stong Breakfast.

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The Future of the Friends' Book Program

e hear you. Will Friends even have a new bookstore? Will Friends ever have a Big Book Sale? We thank you for your patience as we assess what is next for the beloved book program.

What happened? Through COVID, Friends was faced with an existential challenge. With an unknown future for conducting book sales in any venue, we

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Please join us in honoring

the members of the Mary

Louise Stong members

we lost in 2022.

John Baldwin

Heidi Chipp

chose to sell books online to maintain revenue. Online sales revenue kept the book donation program running, which we would have otherwise been forced to shut down. We also closed the Fort Mason Store in response to both the immediacy of COVID and a prior leasing issue that would have resulted in an eventual move. Three years of Big Book Sales were canceled for health and safety reasons.

What about now, two years later? As we enter 2023, Friends has new opportunities to grow back stores and sales. First, we assure you that Friends' book program was never intended as an online sales program. While we will continue to use eBay for strategic sales, we will evaluate the continued use of Amazon. Second, we are actively searching for the perfect location to house our operations and include a new bookstore. Third, we continue to assess a future Big Book Sale, but not earlier than 2024. The planning horizon for that epic sale is more significant than one might imagine!

What can you enjoy now? The bookstore and Step Sales at the Main, monthly sales at the Donation Center, and mark your calendars, for Saturday, June 3 for a street wide book sale on 17th Street.

Friends members (\$60+ level) receive a 10% discount at the following bookstores:

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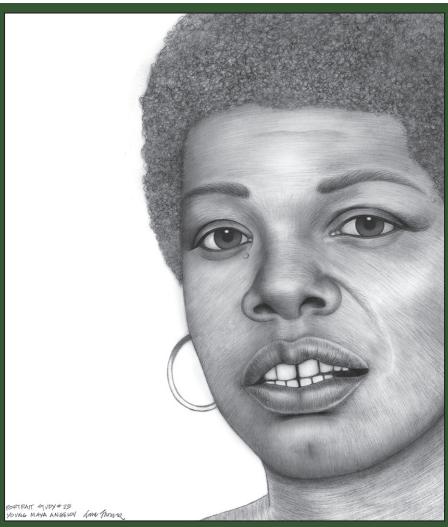
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Koret Playground: Golden Gate Park, carousel, 2nd Tuesday

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Hilltop Playground: Newcomb Ave. & Whitney Young Circle, 3rd Tuesday

Redwood Grove Playground: McLaren Park, 200 John F. Shelley Dr., 4th Tuesday

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ANZA	550 37th Ave.	355-5717	1–5	10-6	10-8	1–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
BAYVIEW/BROOKS BURTON	I 5075 Third St.	355-5757	1–5	10-6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1–6	10-6
BERNAL HEIGHTS	500 Cortland Ave.	355-2810	1–5	10-6	10-7	12-8	10–6	1–6	10-6
CHINATOWN/LAI	1135 Powell St.	355-2888	1–5	1–6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1–6	10-6
EUREKA VALLEY/MILK	1 José Sarria Ct. (at 16th St., near Market)	355-5616	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10-6	1–6	10-6
EXCELSIOR	4400 Mission St.	355-2868	1–5	1–6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1–6	10-6
GLEN PARK	2825 Diamond St.	355-2858	1–5	10-6	10-6	12-8	10-7	1–6	10-6
GOLDEN GATE VALLEY	1801 Green St.	355-5666	1–5	10-6	10-6	12-8	12-8	1–6	10-6
INGLESIDE	1298 Ocean Ave.	355-2898	1–5	10-6	10–6	10-8	12–7	1–6	10-6
MAIN LIBRARY	100 Larkin St.	557-4400	12-6	9–6	9–8	9–8	9–8	12–6	10-6
	The Mix at SFPL	557-4404	12-6	1–6	1–8	1–8	1–8	1–6	12-6
MARINA	1890 Chestnut St.	355-2823	1–5	10-6	10-6	1–8	10-8	1–6	10-6
MERCED	155 Winston Dr.	355-2825	1–5	10-6	10-8	12-8	10-8	1–6	10-6
MISSION - Temporary Branch	1234 Valencia St.	355-2800	1–5	10-6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1–6	10-6
MISSION BAY	960 Fourth St.	355-2838	1–5	10-6	10–6	11–8	10–6	1–6	10-6
NOE VALLEY/BRUNN	451 Jersey St.	355-5707	1–5	12–6	10-8	12-8	10-6	1–6	10-6
NORTH BEACH	850 Columbus Ave.	355-5626	1–5	10-6	10-8	1–8	10-6	1–6	10-6
OCEAN VIEW	345 Randolph St.	355-5615	1–5	10-6	10–6	12-8	10-7	1–6	10-6
ORTEGA	3223 Ortega St.	355-5700	1–5	10-6	10-6	12-8	11-8	1–6	10-6
PARK	1833 Page St.	355-5656	1–5	12-6	10-8	12-8	10-6	1–6	10-6
PARKSIDE	1200 Taraval St.	355-5770	1–5	1–6	10-8	11–8	10-6	1–6	10-6
PORTOLA	380 Bacon St.	355-5660	1–5	10-6	10-6	12-8	10-7	1–6	10-6
POTRERO	1616 20th St.	355-2822	1–5	1–6	10-8	1–8	10-8	1–6	10-6
PRESIDIO	3150 Sacramento St.	355-2880	1–5	1–6	10-8	11–8	10-6	1–6	10-6
RICHMOND/MARKS	351 9th Ave.	355-5600	1–5	1–6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1–6	10-6
SUNSET	1305 18th Ave.	355-2808	1–5	10-6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1–6	10-6
VISITACION VALLEY	201 Leland Ave.	355-2848	1–5	10-6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1–6	10-6
WEST PORTAL	190 Lenox Way	355-2886	1–5	1–6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1–6	10-6
WESTERN ADDITION	1550 Scott St.	355-5727	1–5	10-6	10–6	1–8	10-7	1–6	10-6
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