Night of Ideas Is Here!

Join us on Saturday, March 4, 7 p.m.–1 a.m. for an unforgettable night of talks, art, music and community. Register at on.sfpl.org/nightofideas23.

Open House Celebration

You’re invited to Sunset Branch’s annual Open House celebration. Enjoy light refreshments and festivities for all ages, including a dance and tea ceremony performance by Dasen American Academy at 2 p.m. and button making and craft activities from 1–4 p.m. Come and have fun with us.

Sunset Branch Open House – March 18, 1–4 p.m.

Trans Stories Take Center Stage

Two powerhouse speakers: Cecilia Gentili with Aria Sa’id discuss

Faltas: Letters to Everyone in My Hometown Who Isn’t My Rapist. Gentili’s epistolary memoir speaks on transgender childhood, sexual trauma, motherhood and a young queer life in 1970s Argentina. Sa’id is an award-winning transgender advocate and, amongst many other notable accolades, the President of the Transgender District, the world’s first legally recognized district of its kind. This riveting evening will explore the intersections of sex work, immigrant rights and trans liberation.

Cecilia Gentili with Aria Sa’id in Conversation – March 28, 6 p.m., Virtual Library

Poetry and Local Art Pops Up at the Hormel Center

The James C. Hormel LGBTQA+ Center is hosting a newly created, intimate exhibition titled I Still Love You: Queerness, Ancestors and the Places That Made Us curated by local queer women of color artists Tina Bartolome and Natalia M. Vigil. Opening March 18, the exhibition juxtaposes poetry and art from 16 BIPOC Bay Area artists with archival treasures and literary selections from the Hormel Center’s collections.

What makes this exhibition so unique is its evolutionary journey. In spring 2022, the Hormel Center hosted Kaleidoscope, a creative writing workshop, created by community-based arts organizations Still Here San Francisco and Queer Ancestor Project. Simple yet groundbreaking, the workshop’s culminating performance, it became clear to Cristina Mitra, Hormel Center program manager, that the artists’ work deserved a broader audience and TGNC teaching artists to develop original work. At the workshop’s culmination, the artists performed readings and poetry in a live and intimate setting, which was captured and further developed into the exhibit. The words were later translated into art and vise versa.

In addition to the Kaleidoscope workshop pieces, more than ten different collections from the Hormel Center’s collections. What makes this exhibition so unique is its evolutionary journey. In spring 2022, the Hormel Center hosted Kaleidoscope, a creative writing workshop, created by community-based arts organizations Still Here San Francisco and Queer Ancestor Project. Simple yet groundbreaking, the workshop’s culminating performance, it became clear to Cristina Mitra, Hormel Center program manager, that the artists’ work deserved a broader audience and TGNC teaching artists to develop original work. At the workshop’s culminating performance, it became clear to Cristina Mitra, Hormel Center program manager, that the artists’ work deserved a broader audience and TGNC teaching artists to develop original work. At the workshop’s culmination, the artists performed readings and poetry in a live and intimate setting, which was captured and further developed into the exhibit. The words were later translated into art and vise versa.

Exhibition: I Still Love You: Queerness, Ancestors and the Places That Made Us – March 18–June 29. Main Library, Hormel LGBTQA+ Center, 3rd Floor

Opening Reception with book giveaways and more – March 25, 4 p.m., Main Library, Hormel LGBTQA+ Center, 3rd Floor

Stage Adaptation of Middle Grade Novel Tours SFPL

San Francisco Youth Theatre (SFYT) is thrilled to present a touring production of Dyana Díaz’s adaptation of local authors Alma Flor Ada and Gabriel Zubizarreta’s novel Dancing Home (Simon & Schuster). Meet Margie and Lupe, two fifth-grade cousins who learn about family, dancing and themselves. Margie is proud to be born in the United States. Her family is from Mexico and her cousin, Lupe, arrives in California to live with her. As Lupe struggles with a new country and language, Margie is asked to help her adjust. The cousins’ relationship becomes turbulent as Margie is faced with questions about her own heritage and identity and Lupe learns of her father who left the family in Mexico years before. Side by side, through a shared love of dancing, Margie and Lupe embark on a journey of self-discovery, love and family.

Founded in 2014 by director Emily Klion, SFYT offers year-round skill-building classes, performance ensembles and internships for youth ages 4–24 to form an inclusive community of young creatives.

Performance and Discussion:

March 25, 4 p.m., Main Library, Children’s Center

March 29, 4 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch

April 1, 2 p.m., Portola Branch

HERstory In the Spotlight

Get inspired by HERstory, SFPL’s celebration of women’s history, honoring and acknowledging the contributions of women and the experience of being female today. All year round, the Library champions women writers, artists, academics and professional leaders in their fields. This March, the conversations center around women as groundbreakers, feminism, the women’s movement and much more. See events on page 4.

Art by Miriam Klein Stahl
Events, Collections and Services

Find Essential Government Information with Leadership Connect

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FPL now subscribes to Leadership Connect, a new online tool to help you find the right people, bills, lobbying firms and much more in state, local and federal government. With its uncluttered interface and color-coded navigation menu, this user-friendly database guides you to government contacts and other information quickly.

Leadership Connect offers a familiar online browsing experience. Explore LinkedIn-like profiles to help track people as they move across different areas of government throughout their career. Use the search box at the top of the page to locate names, roles or legislation.

Leadership Connect replaces the Congressional Yellow Book, the discontinued print directory of Congress, which mainly included committees and key staff.

Other helpful features include daily news feeds, custom briefings and updates from official social media accounts. You can also print or save customized government organization charts as a PDF or image, and email individual profiles to yourself.

Access Leadership Connect with your SFPL card at sfpl.org/databases. For help using the database, contact the Main Library’s Government Information Center, (415) 557-4500, governmentinfo@sfpl.org.

Hello Libby!

Dear OverDrive, thank you for the great reads and memories. The digital media company is finally phasing out the legacy Overdrive app by April 2023 and transitioning users over to the newer Libby app for all ebook & eAudioBook needs.

Libby is essentially the same app, but with a modern interface. Users can login with an active SFPL card and PIN. Talk to your local librarian if you need assistance locating your Overdrive “wishlist” in Libby.

Get the updated Libby app at meet.libbyapp.com or sfpl.overdrive.com.

Collections Corner:

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gnes Fay, born in Ireland in 1888, immigrated to the United States in 1905. Fay trained to be a nurse at the University of California’s French Hospital on Geary Street in the early 1910s. During World War I, Fay served in the United States Army as a nurse from 1918 to 1919. Upon returning from the war, Fay lived in the Richmond District and worked as a registered nurse at the French Hospital. In 1922, Fay traveled to Hawaii and stayed there for a year. On her return to San Francisco, Fay continued to work as a nurse through the 1940s for the Central Emergency Hospital. She never married.

The photograph album assembled by Fay documents her San Francisco life, friends and family between 1914 and 1943, including her travels to Hawaii. A bulk of the photos show the nurses, doctors and patients at the French Hospital. The album also depicts her time in Europe as a WW I U.S. Army nurse and includes many souvenir portraits of soldiers inscribed to Fay. Visit the San Francisco History Center to view this archival gem. White gloves provided.

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Meet 1x1 with a Certified Financial Planner

The Business, Science and Technology team at the Main Library is pleased to offer a new program for patrons seeking the advice of a Certified Financial Planner® (CFP): Advisors Give Back (AGB).

All the advisors with AGB offer their services pro bono. There are no strings attached—advisers can’t sell you anything. The service is available to any member of the public who meets the following criteria:

• Single with dependents or married with dependents not earning more than $250,000 in total savings
• Single with no dependents not earning more than $100,000/year and have less than $250,000 in total savings

To schedule an appointment, look for the program titled, “Tutorial: Meet One-on-One with a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER®” in the Library’s Events calendar online.

If you have further questions, email busscitech@sfpl.org.

Celebrating Southwest Asian and North African (SWANA) Cultures

Make, explore and have fun at these SWANA-inspired programs for youth and their families.

Henna Workshops
Learn about the beauty, history and cultural importance of henna. Get a temporary henna design (guardian permission required).

For ages 13–18. Space limited; call branch for reservations (see page 8 for branch phone numbers).

Henna Workshops
• March 8, 4 p.m., Bayview Branch
• March 11, 2 p.m., Excelsior Branch
• March 25, 3 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch

STEM and Craft Workshops
Tessellations – Use simple techniques to create a mosaic design through geometric patterning. For ages 8 and older. March 9, 4:30 p.m., Ingleside Branch

Crescent Moon – Celebrate Ramadan with a colorful crescent moon craft. March 16, 3 p.m., Bayview Branch

Bookmark – Make your own bookmark decorated with designs inspired by Islamic tile art.

For ages 6–12. March 17, 2:15 p.m., Sunset Branch

For ages 13–18. March 19, 1–5 p.m., Bayview Branch

For ages 10–18. March 20, 4:30 p.m., Glen Park Branch

For children and their families. Space limited. Reservations required: (415) 355-5615. March 23, 3:30 p.m., Ocean View Branch

Performance
Arabic Dance with Nicole Maria – Maria’s engaging and interactive performance ends with a belly dance lesson for all. For children and their families. March 18, 4 p.m., Glen Park Branch

SWANA Drag Storytime and Performance – Enjoy a fabulous drag performance and read-aloud with Shadybee, who shares all about her Arab cultural heritage. For children and their families. March 18, 11 a.m., Western Addition Branch

Food
Learn about and sample popular snacks from Southwest Asia and North Africa.

SWANA Snack Trials – March 21, 3:30 p.m., Merced Branch

Persian Cooking for Kids – For ages 8 and up. Space is limited. Reservations made at the Children’s Reference Desk. March 29, 3:30 p.m., Richmond Branch
Count on Your Library for Spring Break

Spring break means more opportunities to connect with your local SFPL branch. Have fun, learn and be inspired when attending these programs during school break, March 27–31.

Music Production
Learn how to use The Mix’s studio to record and write songs. For ages 13+. March 26, 3:30 p.m., Main Library, The Mix at SFPL, 2nd Floor

Recording Studio Orientation
– March 25, 4 p.m., Parkside Branch
– March 26, 4:30 p.m.; March 30, 4:30 p.m.; March 31, 4:30 p.m. Main Library, The Mix at SFPL, 2nd Floor

Introduction to Recording and Songwriting
– March 25, 4:30 p.m.; March 28, 6:30 p.m.; March 29, 5 p.m.; March 30, 5 p.m., March 31, 5 p.m. Main Library, The Mix at SFPL, 2nd Floor

Social Activities and Gaming
Get into group mode.

Gardening
– For ages 13+. March 25, 11 a.m., Merced Branch

Game On: Nintendo Switch/Playstation 4 – Drinks and snacks provided. March 25, 2 p.m., Main, The Mix, 2nd Floor

Chess and Checkers Free Play – For ages 10–18. March 26, 2 p.m., North Beach Branch

Dungeons & Dragons Club for Kids – March 26, 3:30 p.m., Main, Children’s Center, 2nd Floor

Youth D&D and tabletop role-playing Game Club – For ages 12–18. March 29, 5 p.m., Main, The Mix, 2nd Floor

Mutville Senior Dog Visit – Parents must accompany their children. Space limited. For ages 5 and older. March 30, 2 p.m., Ingleisde Branch

Writer’s Club – March 30, 5 p.m., Main, The Mix, 2nd Floor

Family Dance Party – March 30, 2 p.m., Excelsior; March 31, 3 p.m., Potrero Branch

Museum of Craft and Design’s Mobile MakeArt
Catch the colorful fun in your neighborhood and explore your inner artist. Pick up a MakeArt Kit to continue creating at home and make future plans to explore MCD with a complimentary museum ticket.

March 10, 2 p.m., Portola Branch
March 17, 3 p.m., Excelsior Branch
March 31, 3 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

Get Inspired by Our Staff Art Exhibit

What is everyone raving about at SFPL? The staff art show Art/Work II is on view are embroidery, quilting, macrame, jewelry design, photography, collage, papercut art, watercolor, printmaking and more. Come see the show yourself before it’s over and leave a comment if the mood strikes you. Exhibit closes on April 9.

Art/Work II – Through April 9, Main Library, Jewett Gallery

Read the raves:
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Related Event
On the Same Page Book Club – April 24, 7 p.m., Virtual Library

Art/Work II
Vibrantly beautiful southwestern Georgia

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Neal and Jarrod Shusterman

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here is something oddly reassuring about experiencing a disaster that is not the one you are living. Neal and Jarrod Shusterman bring us that what-if disaster in the form of an extended drought in Southern California. The government has toned down the truth about how dire the water supply is calling it “the Tap Out.” Soon after, the faucets are dry and the countdown to survive begins.

Alyssa and her 10-year-old brother, Garrett, team up with neighbor Kelton, whose family has prepared for doomsday. When The Tap Out hits, eccentric Jacqui joins the trio making for a haphazard group on a road trip hunt for water.

As threads of civilized society begin to fray and stores of bottled water runs out, could altruism and ingenuity be the keys to survival?

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**Award-Winning Author Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai**

The Library is honored to partner with Diasporic Vietnamese Artists Network (DVAN) and The Ruby SF to host internationally bestselling author Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai in celebration of her new book, Dust Child, a story of broken families across continents and decades. Dust Child brings together an American GI, a Vietnamese woman and an Amerasian man who grew up in an orphanage, all seeking closure decades after the Vietnam War.

Born and raised in Vietnam, Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai is the author of The Mountains Sing, runner-up for the 2021 Dayton Literary Peace Prize and the 2021 International Book Awards, the 2021 PEN Oakland/Josephine Miles Literary Award, among others. She has published twelve books of poetry, fiction and nonfiction. Her writing has been translated into twenty languages. She is an advocate for the rights of disadvantaged groups in Vietnam. Books available from Green Apple Books.

Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai, Dust Child – March 16, 7 p.m., The Ruby SF, 2507 Bryant St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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**Exhibit: Mothers and Daughters: Generations of Female Immigrants**

Come see an exhibit of seven portraits, painted by San Francisco artist Tsungwei Moo. This exhibit honors and acknowledges the contributions and untold stories of female immigrants who came from different parts of the world, including Canada, China, Haiti, India, Japan, Mexico, South Korea and Taiwan. In the center of each is a portrait painted on canvas, surrounded by a collage of meaningful objects to provide clues about the main character’s life stories. Text displays tell the unique immigrant story of each character.

**Exhibition: Mothers and Daughters** – Through March 30, Main Library, International Center, 3rd Floor

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**For Adults**

**Chutney Demonstration with Shanta**

Shanta Nimbark Sacharoff, a local author of three cookbooks, discusses the importance of sharing food to build community. March 2, 5 p.m., Western Addition Branch

**Kim Bancroft, Writing Themselves Into History: Emily and Matilda Bancroft in Journals and Letters**

Learn about Kim Bancroft’s new book Writing Themselves Into History: Emily and Matilda Bancroft in Journals and Letters, a window into the world of 19th-century California, from two women who experienced it firsthand. March 11, 11 a.m., Main Library, Saroyan Gallery, 6th Floor

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**What’s Your Story? The Art of Storytelling**

Learn basic storytelling techniques and discover your authentic voice in this interactive workshop. Personal, ageless, inclusive—the art of traditional storytelling is for everyone. Registration required. Call (415) 355-2886 to register.

March 18, 2 p.m., West Portal Branch

**First Ladies and Women’s Rights: Betty Ford to Nancy Reagan**

Patricia Southard and Elizabeth Thacker-Estrada discuss the progress of women’s rights from the 1970s to the backlash of the 1980s and the three first ladies who personified these political contradictions in American women’s lives. March 23, 2 p.m., Merced Branch

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**For Youth**

**Soap Making with Cindy Soaper**

Learn the basics of soapmaking and create your own fun soaps using the melt and pour method. For ages 5 and older. March 11, 3 p.m., Portola Branch

**Women’s Iconic Fashion**

Learn about influential women and how they spoke their mind through their iconic fashion pieces. Make your own version of their best-known accessories and wear your opinions with style. For ages 6–12. March 29, 1 p.m., Sunset Branch

**Glen Park Women Hall of Fame**

From civil rights to suffragism, activism and environmentalism, for over 120 years Glen Park women have been elevating moxie to new heights like no other neighborhood in San Francisco. Evelyn Rose, founder of the Glen Park Neighborhoods History Project, has been researching our local histories for more than 20 years.

In commemoration of Women’s History Month 2023, Glen Park Women Hall of Fame highlights 21 women linked with the Glen Park neighborhood, either through residence or other association, who stood up and spoke out to help make our world a better place for all. Learn about the amazing women who made history via an engaging talk at Glen Park Branch with Rose on March 1 at 6 p.m., or visit the installation at the Branch anytime throughout the month of March.

**Glen Park Women Hall of Fame** – March 1, 6 p.m., Glen Park Branch

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**HERStory: Artists in the Archive**

Artists use a variety of historical sources for inspiration, including the San Francisco archives. The exhibition Artists in the Archive shines a spotlight on two local artists, Penelope Houston and Xandra Ibarra, who used the mug books in the San Francisco Police Department Records to create original artwork. Houston’s portrait oil paintings and Ibarra’s photo collages are on display in the Main Library, 6th Floor. The artists bring their own perspectives to this body of archival work and its representations of identity within the historical record.

Xandra Ibarra’s work is presented in partnership with the San Francisco Arts Commission. Ibarra is one of the current artists participating in the SFAC Artist in Residence Program at the Library.

**Exhibition: Artists in the Archive** – March 11–June 8, Main Library, SF History Center, 6th Floor

**Gallery Talk** – March 18, 1 p.m., Main Library, SF History Center, 6th Floor

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**SPL celebrates amazing women in March and all year long. Check out these highlights as well as many films and book clubs honoring Women’s History Month.**
Event Calendar: March 2023

Adults

1 Wednesday
Film: Hangover Square Golden Gate Valley, 3–4:15 p.m.
Film: Baron Richmond, 5:30–7:15 p.m.
Glen Park Women Hall of Fame Glen Park, 6–7:30 p.m.

3, 15, 16, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 31 Mondays
Memory & Aging Mission Mission, 6–9 p.m.

3, 8, 15, 22, 29 Wednesdays
Tai Chi Presido
Beginners, 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Advanced, 12:15–1 p.m.

Adult Coloring Club North Beach, 7 p.m.–7:15 p.m.
Beginners Tai Chi Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

1, 15, 22, 25 Wednesdays
VA Healthcare System, America Works of CA and Dept. of Rehabilitation Main, Atrium, 1–3:30 p.m.

9, 2, 16, 23, 30, 31 Thursdays
Breath Meditation Richmond, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Wild Goose Giping Presidio, 7–8 p.m.

3, 29 Fridays
Advance Healthcare Direc-
看護師講座 (Cantonesse) Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

3, 17 Fridays
Knitting Richmond, Atrium, 1–2 p.m.
Knitting Richmond, 3–4 p.m.

3, 10 Saturdays
Walking Tour of Noe Valley Eureka Valley, 6–7:45 p.m.

3, 10, 24 Fridays
Silkscreen Printing Richmond, 4–5:30 p.m.

3, 17, 21 Saturdays
Food Swap Richmond, 3–4:30 p.m.

3, 10, 24 Sundays
Paint Swap Richmond, 1–2 p.m.
Meditation Richmond, 10 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
Plant, Seed Exchange Golden Gate Valley, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

3, 10, 17, 24 Sundays
Plant Swap Richmond, 1–2 p.m.

Upcycled T-Shirt Tote Bag
Presidio, 12–1 p.m.

Calendar continues

On View

Jevett Gallery, Main Library, Lower Level
ART/WORK: B Art Created by the Staff at SFPL Through April 9
Skyloft Gallery, Main Library, 6th Floor
Positively Charged: Copy Art in the Bay Area Since the 1980s Through March 19

Other Exhibits at the Main Library
GOGT—Greatest of All Time: A Tribute to Muhammad Ali Through March 2, 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
Year of the Rabbit: Paper Art by Jinpyung SH Through March 30, Grant Street Entrance, 1st Floor
Library Card by Creativity Explorers Through April 30, Art, Music & Recreation Center Exhibit Space, 4th Floor
Close to Home: Government’s Pivotal Role in Reshaping and Housing Exclusion Through May 11, Government Information Center, 5th Floor

Artists in the Archive March 1–June 8, San Francisco History Center Exhibit Space, 6th Floor
San Francisco (Dentistry) March 11–June 8, San Francisco History Center Exhibit Space, 6th Floor
I Still Love You: Queeresses, Ancestors and the Places that Made Us March 18–June 29, James C. Hormel LGBTQ+ Center, 3rd Floor

Exhibits at the Branches
An Ode to Us: A Celebration of Black Hair Through March 12, Excelsior Branch
Black Excellence, Black Invention Through March 2, Bayview Branch

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Children's Storytimes

Stories for Babies
Songs, rhymes and books for infants and their caregivers.

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

Storytimes for Toddlers
Books, songs, movement and more. For toddlers 16 months through age 2 and their caregivers.

Bernal Heights – Every Thursday, 10:30–10:30 a.m.
Every Tuesday, 10–10:30 a.m.
English/español
Eureka Valley – Every Tuesday, 10–10:30 a.m.
Excélsior – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Glen Park – Every Tuesday, 11:15–11:30 a.m.
North Beach – Every Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Ortega – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Park – Every Monday, 1–1:30 p.m.
Park – Every Tuesday, 10–10:30 a.m.
Portola – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Sunset – Every Tuesday, 10–10:30 a.m.
Sunset – Every Wednesday, 10–10:30 a.m.

Storytimes for Preschoolers
Stories, songs, fingerplays, and more for ages 3–5.

Bayview – Every Wednesday, 11:30–1:30 a.m.
English/español
Every Friday, 1:30–2 p.m.
Excélsior – 1, 8, 22, 29 Wednesdays, 10–10:30 a.m.
Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
English/español
Mission – Both
English/español
Mission – Monday, 11–11:30 a.m.
North Beach – Every Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Portola – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Richmond – Every Thursday and Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Sunset – Every Tuesday, 10–10:30 a.m.

Storytimes for Families
Books, songs, rhymes and fun for children of all ages.

Anza – Every Thursday, 10–10:30 a.m.
Bernal Heights – Every Saturday, 10–10:30 a.m.
Excélsior – 18, 25 Saturdays, 10–10:30 a.m.
Main – Every Saturday, 1–1:30 p.m.
Main, Sunset – Every Tuesday, 10–10:30 a.m.
English/español
Main, Sunset – 30 Tuesdays, 10–10:30 a.m.
Noe Valley – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Ocean View – Every Saturday, 1–1:30 p.m.
Park – Every Wednesday, 1–1:30 p.m.
Portola – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Tech Support for Seniors, Older Adults

Ana

• 10 Fridays, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Richmond

• 3 Fridays, 2–3:30 p.m.

Visitacion Valley

• 21 Tuesdays, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

West Portal

• Saturdays, 1–3:30 p.m.

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March Madness Book Bracket: One City One Book Tournament

Visit friendssfpl.org/marchmadness

I n the spirit of the NCAA men’s basketball tournament, March Madness, Friends is introducing our very own book tournament! We’re asking you to vote for your favorite One City One Book (OCOB)! One City One Book San Francisco Reads is a citywide literary event that encourages San Franciscans to read, discuss, and celebrate one book together.

OCOB started in San Francisco in 2005, and was one of the first in the country. Since then, multiple cities have adopted similar programs and made citywide book clubs standard at urban libraries across the nation. Here in SF, there have been 17 books chosen for the distinction.

Each of the books are selected by the committee, and along with having “high literary quality,” the criteria stipulates that the story connects with San Franciscans, is available in paperback and can be translated into multiple languages to make it appealing to a diverse group of book lovers in the City. Friends is always there to take a chance on innovative ideas that can have a profound impact on our community. Your support of Friends makes all of that possible.

Go to the OCOB March Madness web page to download your official bracket, and to vote for your favorite One City One Book. Voting is open the entire month of March. Once voting is closed, the winners will be announced via email!

For more information, and to enter the tournament, visit friendssfpl.org/marchmadness.

Donate Your Car, Support Your Library

Donating your car, truck, motorcycle or boat is a great way to support the Library! Car Donation Services makes it easy—they’ll pick up the vehicle at no charge to you, provide you with a donation receipt and process all tax-related documents and DMV paperwork. The vehicle can be in any condition. For more information on how to donate your vehicle, scan the QR code or call (888) 686-4483. (Be sure to let them know you want the proceeds from your vehicle to benefit Friends of the San Francisco Public Library.)

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Monthly Book Sales

Check out our Monthly Book Sales at the Friends’ Donation Center in Potrero Hill! You’ll find everything from children’s books to cookbooks—all for $5 and under. Members get an 10% off their purchases! Upcoming sales: March 3 & 4, April 7 & 8 and May 5 & 6.

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16 Thursday
Thirteen Craft Time
Bernal Heights, 4-5 p.m.

20 Monday
Islamic Art Bookmarks
Glen Park, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

29 Wednesday
Persian Cooking for Kids
Richmond, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Family
2 Thursday
Dr. Seuss Birthday Party
Portola, 2-3 p.m.

Film: Space Jam: A New Legacy
Ocean View, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

3, 19, 17, 24 Fridays
Board Games Free Play
Visitacion Valley, 4-5:30 p.m.

4, 11 Saturdays
Cardinalbotics
Ortega, 12-3:30 p.m.

5 Sunday
Bubble Paint Hydrangeas
Portola, 2-3 p.m.

10 Friday
Craft with the Museum of Craft and Design Portola, 2-4 p.m.

11 Saturday
Magic Blooming Flowers
Bernal Heights, 2-5 p.m.

12 Sunday
Soap Making
Partola, 3-4:30 p.m.

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Bernal Heights, 5 p.m.

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Mobile Makaret
Excelsior, 1-3 p.m.

18 Sunday
Drive-In Movie
Ortega, 1-3:30 p.m.

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of the Main Library for a Friends
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?

“Imagine you’re on Muni or BART and everyone is reading the same book,” said Marcia Schneider, former librarian, former board member of Friends and member of the first OCOB committee. “That was always our inspiration.”

To go the OCOB March Madness web page to download your official bracket, and to vote for your favorite One City One Book. Voting is open the entire month of March. Once voting is closed, the winners will be announced via email!

For more information, and to enter the tournament, visit friendssfpl.org/marchmadness.

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