Coming Up:

April 2023
by the Flying Angels Chinese Dance
for live musical and dance performance
of festivities and fun for all ages. Come
102-year anniversary with an afternoon
celebrates the building’s
Open House

Poetry Month

Celebrate National Poetry Month
In honor of National Poetry Month, we
have hands-on art and poetry workshops,
on open mic, a night of Filipino/a/x poets,
an afternoon reading curated by
San Francisco’s Poet Laureate Tongo Eisen-Martin,
along with many other poetry events, book
displays and poetry reading lists.

Echoes: Poets in Memoriam – April 2, 1 p.m.,
Main Library, Latino Hispanic Community Room, Lower Level

Kim Shuck’s Poem Jam Celebrates This
Wandering State – April 13, 6 p.m., Main Library,
Latino Hispanic Community Room, Lower Level

Presidio Poetry Series: Judith Ayn Bernhard
and Byron Spooner – April 15, 3 p.m.,
Presidio Branch

Lee Herrick and Poets in the Basement – April 16, 1 p.m.,
Main Library, Latino Hispanic Community Room, Lower Level

Writing Workshop with Nadia El-bg, 2022
Oakland Youth Poet Laureate – April 17,
4:30 p.m., Glen Park Branch

Chen Chen in Conversation with Sam
Herschel Wein – April 23, 2 p.m., Virtual Library

Filipino/a/x Futurisms & Tenuous
Archaeologies – April 27, 6 p.m., Virtual Library

The West Revisits Harlem – April 30, 4 p.m.,
Main Library, Latino Hispanic Community Room, Lower Level

Pollen – Poems for Planet Earth with Local
Author E.K. Keith – Every Wednesday in April,
6 p.m., Portola Branch

Visual Poetry with Poet Don'te Clark and
Artist Amy Bergstein – April 15, 2 p.m.,
Ingleside Branch; April 22, 2 p.m., Excelsior Branch; April 30, 1 p.m., North Beach Branch

Financial Capability Month
April is National Financial Capability Month, aptly renamed
by the Biden administration from National Financial Literacy Month.
Build your financial capability with help from your
library. Starting on April 4, the Business, Science and Technology
Department at the Main Library, in partnership with our experts,
provide presentations on a wide menu of topics, ranging from the basics
on saving financial planning and cash flow management, to investing,
retirement planning, property tax and insurance sub-limits. We’ll even cover
the psychology of spending and how to overcome procrastination.

Access financial literacy coaching weekdays through our partners at Smart Money Coaching and
Advisers Give Back. Smart Money Coaching offers free financial coaching for anyone living,
working or receiving services in San Francisco regardless of citizenship status. Coaches are fluent in Spanish,
Cantonese, and Mandarin with additional translation services as requested. Sessions are in-person or virtual.

Advisers Give Back offers a pro bono CCP to create a financial plan and achieve your goals—pay off
debt sooner, figure out investing, plan for retirement, save for the future, boost emergency savings and more.

Turn your tomorrow into today and get started with the tools you’ll gain for putting your financial life in order.

Financial Capability Month – April 1–30, Main Library, Business, Science & Technology Department,
4th Floor. See website for event details: sfpl.org/finance-month.

Acclaimed Authors Bring Their Latest to SFPL

New York Times bestselling author Cory Doctorow talks about his latest novel,
Red Team Blues, in conversation with science fiction
author Annalee Newitz. Doctorow’s latest is a fast-paced thriller about
cryptocurrency shenanigans that will awaken you to how the world really
works. Even better, the book features a cameo appearance of the Main Library.

Red Team Blues is a gripping tale about a forensic accountant (yes, really)
who has been roped into a job that’s more dangerous than anything he’s ever
agreed to before—and it will take every ounce of his skill to get out alive.

Doctorow is an author, activist and journalist with a slew of books to his name, most recently science fiction novels Radicalized and Walkaway; Checkpoint Capitalism with co-author Rebecca Giblin, a nonfiction
book about monopoly and creative labor markets; In Real Life, a graphic novel and the picture book Pony the
Monster Slayer. His novel Attack Surface is a standalone sequel to Little Brother, San Francisco Public Library’s
2008 One City One Book selection.

Also in April, San Francisco author Kathryn Ma discusses her new book,
The Chinese Groove, in conversation with Julie Flynn Siler, the author of The White Devil’s
Daughters: The Women Who Fought Slavery in San Francisco’s Chinatown at the Main
Library, The Chinese Groove is a buoyant, good-hearted and sharply written novel
about a blithely optimistic immigrant with big dreams,
dire prospects and a fractured extended family in need
of his help—even if they don’t know it yet.

Over at Noe Valley Branch, author Leslie Kirk Campbell reads from her award-winning
short story collection, The Man with Eight Pairs of Legs. Campbell is a Noe
Valley author who teaches at Ripe Fruit Writing, a creative writing program she
founded in Noe Valley.

April Author Events

Jennifer S. Cheng and Diana Khoh Nguyen in
Conversation, Wildness: Parenthood and Writing
April 14, 7 p.m., Medicine for Nightmares Bookstore

Yumi Komatsudaira, Japanese Superfoods
– April 15, 2 p.m., Main Library, Learning Centers, 5th Floor.

April Author Events

Kathryn Ma, The Chinese Groove – April 16, 3 p.m.,
Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Leslie Kirk Campbell, The Man with Eight Pairs
of Legs – April 26, 6:30 p.m., Noe Valley Branch

Cory Doctorow, Red Team Blues – April 30, 2 p.m.,
Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

April Is Open House Season

Our branches around the city
are hosting open houses this
month. Kicking things off on
April 1, the Presidio Branch’s
Open House celebrates the building’s
102-year anniversary with an afternoon
of festivities and fun for all ages. Come
for live musical and dance performance
by the Flying Angels Chinese Dance
Company at 1 p.m., and Mr. Shape Balloons
and Magic Show for children at 4 p.m.
Enjoy other fun activities, including
button making and free youth book
giveaways from 1–5 p.m.
On April 8, stop by the Glen Park
Branch’s Open House for fun events
from 11 a.m.–3 p.m., including Drag Story
Hour with Honey Mahogany, a family-
friendly sing-along led by our librarians;
violin and flute music performed by local
community members; crafts, face painting
and light snacks.
Celebrate Earth Day at Ingleside
Branch’s Open House with seed planting,
button making, facepainting and a farm
animal petting zoo! Mark your calendars
for Saturday, April 22, 1–4:30 p.m.
Drop by the Visitacion Valley
Branch’s Open House for a community
celebration on April 29 from 1–5 p.m.
Special programs include the Chiapa roving art cart, a Hot Siva class (Polynesian dance)
by Neo Veavea, a hands-on activity with
light artist Grant Patterson, musical
performances, community information
tables and free books.

Coming Up:

May 7–13
Tech Week
Main Library and Virtual Library

May 9–12
Small Business Week
Virtual Library

May 18
Library Rangers
Portola Branch

May 20
Potrero Hill Artists’
Exhibition Opening
Reception
Potrero Branch

May 27
Community
Baby Shower
Ocean View Branch
Southwest Asian/North African (SWANA) Reads

A collection of books and films from creators representing Southwest Asia and/or Northern Africa and the Middle East. Find SWANA programs and more reading recommendations at sfpl.org/swana.

**Flavors**
on.sfpl.org/SWANAA23Culinary

**Adult Fiction**
on.sfpl.org/SWANAA23Fiction

**Kids Books**
on.sfpl.org/SWANAA23Kids

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros — April 30, 12 p.m., Parque Niños Unidos, 3090 23rd St. (at Folsom)

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros is back, celebrating 24 years of children, books and literacy. Laugh with Big Top Bubbles, be inspired by the dance moves of Danza Azteca Xitlalli-Xolotl, listen to the sounds of DJ Pakipaya and La Familia Peña-Govea and take home free books and activities provided by the Library and our community partners. We hope to see you there for an afternoon filled with joy for the entire family.

**Tax Information You Need**

The landing page of the Nolo Legal Information Reference Center shows many of the most popular topics and titles. Tax information can be found under “Money & Financial Planning.” Whether it’s business taxes or personal taxes you’re interested in, there’s a section that includes relevant information from across a range of Nolo titles, all available to view in full-text PDF format.

If a chapter you’ve opened seems particularly relevant, use the menu along the left sidebar to view other chapters in the same book. You can even download and print pages for your own reference or to take to a meeting with your tax professional, attorney or lawyer.

**Celebrating Children and Books at Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros**

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**Collections Corner: Jean Kortum Papers**

Those interested in San Francisco politics regarding development and historic preservation should know about a newly processed archival collection at the San Francisco Center, the Jean Kortum Papers. The collection documents Jean Kortum’s activism around issues relating to the natural environment and the built environment in Northern California, but especially in San Francisco. The collection is rich with her correspondence, notes and newspaper clippings regarding politicians and political campaigns in San Francisco.

With her husband Karl Kortum and his brother, Bill Kortum, she helped defeat a Pacific Gas & Electric Co. proposal to build a nuclear power plant at Bodega Head in 1963. Additionally, documentation includes the grass-roots resistance to the construction of a Golden Gate Freeway, beginning in 1957 and intensifying after 1964. Kortum briefed Assemblyman Art Agnos on environmental issues and was Willie Brown’s conservation chairman in his first Assembly session. In 1966, Governor Pat Brown asked her to serve on his Conservation committee. Kortum was a founding member and Board member of the 1970s San Francisco Tomorrow, San Francisco’s first environmental organization, and a member of the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board.

To find out more about this and other gems in our collection, visit sfpl.org/sf-history and visit the Main Library, San Francisco History Center, on the 6th Floor.
Big SF Play Date Is Back!

Big San Francisco Play Date provides families with young children the opportunity to engage in accessible activities that promote growth and exploration in a safe and welcoming environment. Geared for children aged 0–5, welcome caregivers and older siblings to play along with them. Big Play Date encourages side-by-side play, choice, turn-taking and making new friends while providing their grown-ups an opportunity to learn about the importance of play.

Big San Francisco Play Date – April 8, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., Merced Branch; April 18, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Richmond Branch; April 29, 3–4 p.m., Park Branch

More Than a Month Performance: Caribbean Music with Ashbea

Ashbea 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 remixes of classics.

Caribbean Music with Ashbea – April 3, 10:30 a.m., Mission Bay Branch and April 8, 11 a.m., Anza Branch

Get to Know the Original Caretakers of This Land

Learn about the flora and fauna of Ramaytush Ohlone land as well as modern and traditional uses of indigenous plants with Ranger Fatima Colindres, a member of the National Park Service’s Community Programs & Outreach team.

Listen to stories and a short history of Muir Woods as a National Monument. Find out about how Muir Woods became a National Monument and what goes on behind the scenes.

Muir Woods – April 18, 4 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

Sogorea Te’ Land Trust, Indigenous and Woman-led – April 18, 4 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

Caretakers of This Land

Discover the culture, history and current practices of the Lisjan (Ohlone) people with the Sogorea Te’ Land Trust and Ranger Jackson Lam, a member of the Community Programs & Outreach team.

Visit the Muir Woods Visitor Center on the 1st floor to learn about the return of Indigenous land to Indigenous people. Listen and learn about topics ranging from the importance and meaning of the land acknowledgment to how communities can contribute to the organization.

The Natural Presidio – April 5, 2 p.m., Portola Branch

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How They Got Here: APIA Politicians Past and Present

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Sogorea Te’ Land Trust, Indigenous and Woman-led – April 27, 4 p.m., Excelsior Branch and Virtual Library. Registration required for Zoom attendance.

In-person attendance does not require registration; seats available first-come, first-served.

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Taste Senator (Hawaii) Mike Gabbard, Vice President Kamala Harris, Congressman Andy Kim and Vice Mayor Justlyn Manalo are among the many individuals from the Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) community who rose through the ranks into positions of political power. The 10th anniversary of the APIA Biography Project launches AANHPI Heritage Month at the Main Library with a kickoff event by honoring past and present APIA politicians.

Heavy Metal: The Humor of Mechanization

Selections from the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor

Chances are, the subject of mechanization isn’t part of your everyday dinner conversation; yet the machine is behind practically everything we use in daily life: the food we eat; the tools in our home and garage; the appliances on our countertops; the clothes we wear; the furnishings in the home. We spend much of our lives working with and surrounded by machines. These innovations, meant to improve efficiency and productivity, are the genius of centuries of inventors and engineers, some of whom will forever remain among the anonymous heroes of civilization.

Heavy Metal: The Humor of Mechanization, an exhibition showcasing the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor, looks at the comic nature of mechanization as it takes command of home, factory, business, transportation and communication. The exhibition opens April Fool’s Day, continuing through June 30, in the Skylight Gallery on the 6th Floor of the Main Library.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the Library’s Art, Music & Recreation Department presents themed film screenings during the month of April. All films are shown at 12 p.m. in the Main Library’s Koret Auditorium.

How They Got Here: APIA Politicians Past and Present

Spring Film Series: Call of the Wild – April 6: Cheaper by the Dozen (1950)

April 13: Modern Times (1936)

April 20: Desk Set (1957)


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Through illustrated displays, games, and craft activities, learn about the voting process and accomplishments of distinguished APIAs serving in office. Throughout May, access videos and activities online at apiabiography.sfsu.edu. View “Wall of Fame” exhibits at the Children’s Center and the Chinese Center and participate in a scavenger hunt. The first 50 children ages 12 and under get a free goody bag!

In-Person Kick-Off Event – April 30, 12 p.m., Main Library

Latino/Hispanic Community Room, Lower Level Online Events throughout May: apiabiography.sfsu.edu.
Climate Action Month is a time for education and action. At the Library, we have programs that help us nurture, protect, sustain and enjoy the natural world around us. This month you can look forward to events that feature conservation, gardening, plant swaps and poetry. We also have book clubs and special walking tours of our beautiful city.

### Adult Programs

**Plant and Seed Exchange** – April 1, 11 a.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch

**The Great Blue Heron Colony** – April 1, 2 p.m., Merced Branch. Nancy DeStefanis presents slides of 30 years of Blue Herons at Stow Lake from 1995 to the present and screens the movie *Great Blues of the Golden Gate.*

**Spiller, Thriller, Filler: How to Create Stunning Container Gardens** – April 2, 2 p.m., Mission Bay Branch

**Vegetable Gardening in Containers** – April 8, 1 p.m., Richmond Branch

**Book Club: Life Stories: Ducks** – April 8, 2 p.m., Main Library, Fulton Conference Room

**Vegetable Gardening in Containers** – April 2, 2 p.m., Mission Bay Branch

**How I Built My Refillery Business** with Karen Chaw – April 11, 12 p.m., Virtual Library. From why and how it was started, learn what it means for The Dairy Refillery to be a Green business.

**Earth Day with Annie Sprinkle, Beth Stephens & E.A.R.T.H. Lab SF** – April 22, 2 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch. Get off your computer and follow along with a gang of colorful, fun tour guides in this site-specific exploration, embodied experience and performative walk around Holly Park.

**Sogorea Te’ Land Trust, Indigenous and Woman-led** – April 27, 2 p.m., Excelsior Branch and Virtual Library. Learn about the culture, history and current practices of the Lisjan (Ohlone) people.

**350 San Francisco - SF’s Climate Action Plan** – April 30, 3 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch. A discussion of local climate issues.

**Water Issues in Central America** – April 12, 1-2:15 p.m., Virtual Library. A conversation on water issues in contemporary Central America with Professor Jorge Cuellar, UC Berkeley librarian, Dr. Liladhara R. Pendse and SFPL librarian Xima Avalos.

**Eco-Friendly Pest Management and Gardening Practices** – April 12, 6:30 p.m., Glen Park Branch

**Nature Books with the Golden Gate National Park Conservancy: Forest Health and Resilience in Marin** – April 14, 12 p.m., Virtual Library

**Vox Reporter Benji Jones** – April 18, 5 p.m., Virtual Library. Jones speaks about climate change and the ongoing loss of biodiversity.

**Tour Presidio Nursery** – April 12, 10 a.m. This event will take place at Presidio Nursery located in the Presidio at 1249 Appleton St. We encourage participants to carpool, take public transit or use an electric bike share. Reservations required: call Presidio Branch (415) 355-2880 or online.

**Upcycled T-Shirt Tote Bags**

**Meet Gregory Hom – The New Stegner Environmental Center Librarian**

Gregory Hom is thrilled to be the new program manager at the Stegner Environmental Center at the Main Library. He was most recently in the Magazines & Newspapers Center, also on the 5th Floor.

An Eagle Scout, Hom loves spending time outdoors, and plans to finally see the Lost Coast this summer. When thinking about environmentalist programs and materials for the Center, he’s interested in both the personal ways we can act on making less waste or saving water, but also in the public policies that shape our choices around conservation and climate change.

Hom has done writing with an intersectional analysis on state violence and human rights. He brings that analysis to issues of climate and the natural world, and also to the Stegner Center’s new focus on Indigenous land rights and activism. With his appointment, the Library will collaborate with the American Indian Cultural District to develop a collection and series of programs that reflect traditional Native environmental knowledge, conservation practices and stewardship of ancestral lands.

### Family Programs

**Climate Action Book/Film Lists**

**Kids Books**

*Coquies Still Sing A Story of Home, Hope, and Rebuilding* by Karina Nicole González

Elena, alongside her family and community, begins to rebuild her home after Hurricane Maria causes devastating damage in Puerto Rico.

*To Change a Planet* by Christina Soontornvat

A clear-eyed but hopeful discussion of climate change that looks at the relationship of humans and the earth.

*Maybe You Might* by Imogen Foxell

A positive and optimistic poem full of hope that it’s not too late to do something about climate change.

*Dear Wild Child: You Carry Your Home Inside You* by Wallace J. Nichols & Wallace Grace Nichols

A California family loses their home to a forest fire, but the father encourages resilience by remembering all the beauty rather than the loss.

**Films**

2040 (2020) – Damon Gameau travelled the globe to chat with people who are developing ways to reduce our emissions, sequester excess carbon from the system and disrupt the economic system—in renewable energy, regenerative farming, marine permaculture and electric, shared transportation.

*The Great Green Wall* (2021) – Africa’s ambitious Great Green Wall is the focus of this stunning documentary, the 8,000-kilometer wall of trees cultivated by communities across the continent to restore land ravaged by the effects of climate change.

*Anthropocene: The Human Epoch* (2020) – A look at how much human activity has permanently impacted the natural world on a colossal scale.

*Takeout* (2020) – Highlights the disastrous impact of our food choices on the Amazonian rainforests.

*One Word* (2021) – Using the fate of the Marshall Islands as an example, the filmmakers were able to demonstrate the impact of global warming and rising sea levels.
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Children’s Stories

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

Bernal Heights – Every Wednesday, 12-12:30 p.m.
Chinatown – Every Thursday, 4-4:30 p.m.
Eureka Valley – Every Wednesday, 1-2 p.m.
Golden Gate Valley – Every Thursday, 11:55-11:45 a.m.
Main – Every Monday, 10-10:30 a.m.
Ortega – Every Monday, 10:30-11 a.m.
Park – Every Saturday, 11-11:30 a.m.
Potrero – Every Saturday, 11-11:30 a.m.
Sunset – Every Monday, 10:30-11 a.m.

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

Bernal Heights – Every Thursday, 10-10:30 a.m.
Every Tuesday, 10-10:30 a.m.
English/ESP/ENGLISH
Eureka Valley – Every Thursday, 1–2 p.m.
Excelsior – Every Tuesday, 10:30-11 a.m.
Glen Park – Every Tuesday, 11-11:30 a.m.
Every Thursday, 11-11:30 a.m.
Ingleside – Every Monday, 11:30-12 a.m.
Main – Every Wednesday, 10-10:30 a.m.
Merced – Every Monday, 10-10:45 a.m.
Mission Bay – Every Tuesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m.
Ocean View – Every Tuesday, 4-4:30 p.m.
Ocean View – Every Thursday, 1-2 p.m.
Portola – Every Saturday, 10:30-11 a.m.
West Portal – Every Monday, 10:30-11 a.m.

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

Bayview – Every Tuesday, 11-11:30 a.m.
English/ENGLISH
Every Friday, 1-2 p.m.
English/ENGLISH
Excelsior – Every Wednesday, 10-10:30 a.m.
Every Tuesday, 11-11:30 a.m.
Main – Every Monday, 10-10:45 a.m.
Merced – Every Tuesday, 10-10:45 a.m.
Mission Bay – Every Tuesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m.
Ocean View – Every Tuesday, 4-4:30 p.m.
Ocean View – Every Thursday, 1-2 p.m.
Portola – Every Sunday, 10:30-11 a.m.

Stories 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.
Excelsior – Every Saturday, 10-10:15 a.m.
Main – 1–1.5, 15, 29 Saturdays, 2-2:30 p.m.
Sunday, 10-10:30 a.m.
English/ENGLISH
Every Tuesday, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Main – Every Wednesday, 10-10:45 a.m.
Portola – Every Saturday, 10:30-11 a.m.
West Portal – Every Monday, 10:30-11 a.m.

Events Programs are in person unless listed as virtual. Register for virtual programs at sfpl.org/events.
Friends of San Francisco Public Library

National Library Week 2023: “There’s More to the Story”

National Library Week is April 23-29! Founded in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries of all types across the country each April. The theme for this year is “There’s More to the Story,” amplifying that libraries are much more than just a place to access books.

San Francisco Public Library is a haven for our community, providing extraordinary programming for all, and ensuring the enrichment of San Franciscoans in every neighborhood. From children's storytimes, to immigration services, from help on how to use a computer, to help on how to start a business—the amount of services the Library provides is vast. We encourage you and your fellow community members to visit any of the 28 branches of the Library during National Library Week! Follow and tag @friendssfpl with a picture of you at the branch of your choice and/or with your favorite library staff member.

We’re particularly excited to highlight three days during this celebration that recognize different sectors of library excellence:

• April 25: National Library Workers Day, a day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.
• April 26: National Bookmobile Day, a day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are.
• April 27: Take Action for Libraries Day, a day to rally advocates to support libraries.

April 25 Is National Library Worker Appreciation Day

Our library system in San Francisco is truly exceptional, which wouldn’t be possible without our hard-working library staff. Friends wants to shout out the incredible library workers that make SFPL one of the most exceptional and tone-setting urban libraries in the country. SFPL has inspired other cities across the country each April. The theme for this year is “There’s More to the Story.”

April 26 Is National Bookmobile Day

Mobile Outreach brings the library to you!

SFPL Bookmobiles connect with SF residents where they work, play, create, learn and live. The team serves people of all ages and abilities throughout the City of San Francisco regardless of physical, economic, social, geographic or other barriers. Mobile Outreach librarians curate a variety of diverse library materials in order to provide fun and engaging programs. You can find bookmobiles at schools, early learning centers, senior residences, and community day centers. They circulate materials, create library cards and provide the public with information about library services and programs.

April 27 Is National Take Action for Libraries Day

This is a day to rally advocates to support libraries. We ask that you take action by making a gift to Friends of the Library. Your gift goes to support our wonderful local library system. As advocates, Friends fought for decades to ensure stable Library funding and asked the voters to create the Library Preservation Fund in 1994. The LPF has resulted in a 174% increase in the SFPL’s budget and powered its evolution into a nationally-recognized urban public library. As investors, Friends has raised $24 million for library programs and services and $45 million to support construction and renovation of the Main Library and 24 neighborhood branches. It continues to generate over $1 million in direct annual support every year.

Friends of the San Francisco Public Library is to support, strengthen and advocate for a premier San Francisco Public Library.

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

- Alexander Book Co., Inc.
- Amazing Fantasy
- Bird & Beckett Books & Records
- Bolerium Books
- Compass Books, Inc.
- Darlington Books Inc. - Laurel
- Dog Eared Books
- Fabulosa Books
- Green Apple Books
- Green Apple Books on the Park
- Greenapple Books on food
- Marvel Books
- Originals Books
- Opera Plaza
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Youth Services TIP Line: (415) 557-4554

Online: Ask for eBook assistance or email info@sfpl.org

eBook Assistance: sfpl.org/books-and-media/ebook-collections

Assistance with Registering for Programs: (415) 557-4400

SFPL Bookmobiles
Library on Wheels/ Senior Bookmobile
info@sfl.org/bookmobile

Youth: Swing Into Stories
9:30 am – 12 p.m.
Storytime at 10:30 – 11 a.m.
Garfield Playground:
Treat & 26th St, 1st Tuesday
Koret Playground:
Golden Gate Park, carousal, 2nd Tuesday

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