Welcome to Weaving Stories

Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage

Come to the Library to discover the many facets of AANHPI heritage. In music, dance, film and the written word, a multitude of narratives unfold for you to enjoy through both virtual and in-person programs.

Meet Artist Nancy Hom

The artwork for our Weaving Stories celebration, featured by the Main Library’s Grove Street entrance and on posters in all locations, is by Nancy Hom, a beloved figure in the local arts community. Hom has dedicated her career to the arts, working in a variety of capacities—artist, writer, organizer, curator and arts consultant. She was also the executive director of the storied Kearny Street Workshop, which has a featured art exhibition at the Main Library.

What stories or ideas do you like to convey in your art, and what do you hope people will take away?

As a community artist, I have created work that celebrates cultural events and promotes various social and political causes. My art is about instilling values—helping one another, celebrating cultures, valuing our history and elders, telling our stories and respecting the environment and people’s rights. I consider my work successful if the project moves people emotionally or stirs them to think more deeply about an issue.

My large-scale floor mandalas are educational and healing. They build community through collective art-making. By creating work together, we can learn from each other and honor our common humanity. We can see that we are all interdependent and part of something larger than ourselves.

Exhibition Celebrates Asian American Arts and Activism

The Library partners with the groundbreaking arts nonprofit Kearny Street Workshop (KSW) to present Dreaming People’s History, an exhibition of past and present Asian American arts and activism.

Dreaming People’s History features the voices of recognized trailblazers, like Jessica Hagedorn and Leland Wong, and emerging artists alike. Collectively, they illuminate KSW’s 50 years of community arts dating back to the height of the Asian American Movement. Inspired by this multigenerational history, the exhibition puts the work of contemporary artists and organizers MC Amable, Luke Jose, Tina Kashiwagi, Vida Kuang, Andrew Szeto, Lorenzo Tamayo-Lee and Weston Tenuya in conversation with KSW’s archive of photographs and silkscreen posters that capture a time when young radicals were uncovering and reclaiming the experiences of their ancestors. The exhibition also highlights Kearny Street Workshop Press, which published numerous books of poetry by local authors, many of which can be found in the San Francisco History Center.

Dreaming People’s History—Through August 6, 2023, Main Library, Jewett Gallery, Lower Level

Opening Reception—Thursday, May 4, 6–7:30 p.m., Main Library, Jewett Gallery, Lower Level

Celebrate with Your Community at Our Branches

Our bounty of branch open houses continues this spring! Come fill out your Explorer Map and discover these neighborhood gems.

Stop by Richmond Branch on Saturday, May 6, to meet our vibrant Inner Richmond community. On May 13, Golden Gate Valley Branch boasts a West African drumming performance by Keenan Bower, coaster making with GoGo Craft and an SFFD fire truck. Also on May 13 is the Merced Branch Open House. Celebrate with Japanese drumming at 1 p.m. and Hawaiian dancing at 3 p.m. Enjoy the tech mobile, origami, scavenger hunt, glitter tattoos and refreshments.

North Beach Branch’s 9th annual celebration is on May 20. Hop on the SFFD fire truck, watch a ballet show, view the Bruce Lee collections and join a special guided walking tour of North Beach. At West Portal Branch on May 20, enjoy balloon twisting with Mr. SHAP, face painting, a Hawaiian music performance by Keli'i Amantiaid, Hoover Middle School music performances and take-home craft kits.

May Open House Events:

Richmond Branch—May 6, 1–5 p.m.
Golden Gate Valley Branch—May 13, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
Merced Branch—May 13, 1–5 p.m.
North Beach Branch—May 20, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
West Portal Branch—May 20, 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

Art Show Returns to Potrero

The 62nd Annual Potrero Hill Artists’ Exhibition returns this summer. The opening reception features live music, light refreshments, art projects for children and the chance to meet your local artists. The late Charles Farr hosted the first exhibit in 1955 and the funds raised prevented the Branch from closing. Come celebrate this legacy and our community.

Potrero Hill Artists’ Exhibition—May 20–July 27

Opening Reception—May 20, 6–9 p.m.
Both events are at Potrero Branch
Small Business Week 2023

The Library is going big for Small Business Week this year with seven virtual programs for entrepreneurs at all stages. Before your first sale, make sure you have all your bases covered by attending Starting a Business in San Francisco, presented by the Office of Small Business, and Introduction to Pitchicks. Want to attract more customers? Join Introduction to Online Advertising to learn about powerful new tools for 2023. All presenters are experts in their fields.

Register for these free and virtual presentations on the Library’s events calendar, under the topic, Small Business Week:

How to Find Funding Opportunities for Your Small Business – May 9, 10 a.m.
Introduction to Pitchicks – May 9, 12 p.m.
Starting a Business in San Francisco – May 10, 12 p.m.
Become a San Francisco Green Business – May 10, 2 p.m.
Introduction to Online Advertising in 2023: 3 Steps – May 11, 12 p.m.
Choosing A Retirement Solution for Your Small Business – May 11, 3 p.m.
Plan Builder for Entrepreneurs – May 12, 11 a.m.

For related programs, see our Work it (Jobs, Business, Finance) calendar of events on Page 5.

Tech Time

2, 5, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays

2, 8, 15, 22, 29 Mondays

9, 16, 23, 30 Saturdays

6, 13, 20, 27 Wednesdays

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Sundays

4, 11, 18, 25 Fridays

Events, Collections and Services

On View

Jewett Gallery, Main Library. Lower Level

Dreaming People’s History: The Asian American Radical Imagination Through Aug. 6

6th Floor Exhibits, Main Library

Heavy Metal: The Humor of Mechanization Through June 30. Skyline Gallery

Artists in the Archive Through June 8.

San Francisco History Center Exhibit Space

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San Francisco History Center Exhibit Space

Other Exhibits at the Main Library

Close to Home: Government’s Pivotal Role in Redlining and Housing Exclusion Through May 11. Government Information Center, 5th Floor

I Still Love You: Queeress, Ancestors and the Places That Made Us Through June 29. James C. Hormel LGBTQIA+ Center, 3rd Floor


Exhibits at the Branches

62nd Annual Potrero Hill Artists’ Exhibition May 20–July 27. Potrero Branch

Collections Corner:

Tenderloin District and Its Changing Communities

How did the Tenderloin become home to a vibrant community of individuals and families from Southeast Asia? Academic researcher Minh Quoc Nguyen wondered just that and found many answers in the San Francisco History Center. He pores through the Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation hotel residents, circa 1985, TNDC Records (SFH 762)

Young Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation hotel residents, circa 1985, TNDC Records (SFH 762)

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Programs are in person unless listed as virtual. Register for virtual programs at sfpl.org/events.
Aclamied literary essayist T Kira Madden’s raw and redemptive debut memoir is about growing up with desire as a queer, biracial teenager amidst the fierce contradictions of Boca Raton, Florida, a place where she found cult-like privilege, shocking racial disparities, rampant white-collar crime and powerful destructively standards of beauty hiding in plain sight.

As a child, Madden lived a life of extravagance, from her exclusive private school to her equestrian trophies and designer shoe-brand name. But under the surface was a wild instability. The only child of parents continually battling drug and alcohol addictions, Madden confronted her environment alone. Facing a culture of assault and objectification, she found lifelines in the desperately loving friendships of fatherless girls.

With unflinching honesty and lyrical prose, spanning from 1960s Hawaii to the present-day struggle of a young woman mourning the loss of a father, Long Live the Tribe of Fatherless Girls is equal parts eulogy and love letter. It’s a story about trauma and forgiveness, about families of blood and affinity, both lost and found, unmade and rebuilt, crooked and beautiful.

Related Events:

Author Talk: T Kira Madden and Matthew Clark Davison in Conversation – June 21, 7 p.m., Virtual Library

On the Same Page Book Club – June 20, 7 p.m., Virtual Library

Want to share your music with a new audience? Looking to connect with local music fans? Contribute your music to Bay Beats, the only streaming music platform completely devoted to Bay Area music and hosted by SFPL, during the first call for submissions, May 1 to July 31, 2023. Bay Beats will offer commercial-free, curated music to the public later this year. Music lovers will be able to stream music on Bay Beats and download albums with an SFPL library card…all for free!

Musicians currently playing or recording in the Bay Area are encouraged to showcase their music. From Jazz to Soul, Rap to Rock, Classical to World, New Age to Noise, we’re looking for submissions in all genres. Find the submission guidelines on our website: baybeats.sfpl.org.

Documentary Screening on Art and Addiction

Substance use disorder is a widespread and devastating issue in every community. During the COVID pandemic, addiction rates increased by 15–17% in the United States. The nine stories told in The Creative High (NR, 75 minutes, 2022) reveal the transformative quality of the creative process and conveys the emotional depth and search for meaning that accompanies the struggle to recover from addiction. The documentary showcases how art can be a guidepost, while delving into the artist’s challenge to maintain equilibrium before and after recovery. The film screening is followed by a Q&A with the filmmakers, Adriana Marchione and Dianne Griffin, and a few of the artists featured in the documentary.

Screening: The Creative High – May 24, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Bay Beats

Calling All Bay Area Musicians

Come try out a classic game or learn a new one. From strategy to free play to gaming systems, bring a friend to challenge yourself. Learn new words by playing the Japanese Word Game, “Shiritori.” Shiritori literally means “taking the end” or “taking the rear.” Come up with a word using the final kanji of the previous word. For ages 10–18. May 2, 4:30 p.m., North Beach Branch

Test your skills on our Wii and a variety of board games to see if you’ll be victorious. For ages 8 and older. May 3, 3 p.m., Excelsior Branch

Play the classic Chinese board game Aeroplane chess. The first player to finish their airplane journey first wins. For ages 10–18. May 3, 3 p.m., North Beach Branch

The library provides a variety of board games for anyone to try and play with friends and family. Are you up for a challenge? For ages 3 and older. May 5, 12, 4:15 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

Learn a new board game or play an old favorite. We can teach you how to play games like Dixit, Exploding Kittens, Fluxx, Ticket to Ride, Codenames, Forbidden Island and more. Or bring one of yours to share with us. For ages 10–16. May 8, 4:30 p.m., Glen Park Branch

Enjoy friendly competition with board games. For ages 13–18. May 9, 3:30 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch

Play a whole role-playing game (RPG) with us in just a couple of hours using one-page RPGs. Learn how to play and enjoy the thrill of playing tabletop games without the commitment of multi-month campaigns. May 15, 3:45 p.m., Glen Park Branch

Bernal Chess Club presents a short chess talk, followed by casual games. Please bring your own chess set if you have one. May 24, 6 p.m., Bernal Hills Branch

Looking for Teen Volunteers

Calling all interested teen youth volunteers to help lead the best summer learning program around. Our locations are looking for helpful, kind and enthusiastic rising 8th-12th graders to volunteer 10 hours or more during the summer. Volunteers will welcome visitors to the Library and explain how Summer Stride works. For more information, eligibility requirements and applications, visit them at sfpl.org/jobs-and-volunteer OR sfpl.org/summerstride.

*It really is, we’ve won awards!"
Adult Programs

Deanne Liu of Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN)
Liu, APEN’s Oakland Political Coordinator, speaks on environmental justice issues in California.
May 2, 5 p.m., Virtual Library

Seeking the Divine: Deities of Asian Religions
In this Asian Art Museum docent talk, hear about how ideal beauty is interpreted in different Asian cultures and transformed by altering the forms of the body.
May 16, 6:30 p.m., Virtual Library

Author Kiêu Chinh, Hanoi to Hollywood: A Remarkable Journey
A partnership with Diasporic Vietnamese Artists Network (DVAN). Celebrated author and actress Kiêu Chinh discuss her life, journey, and memoir. Moderated by Dr. Isabelle Pelaud.
May 20, 3 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

The Library invites everyone to participate in author talks, book clubs, film screening, crafts and food programs and be entertained by musical and dance performers at our locations. In defiance of the ongoing racism faced by the AANHPI community, join this celebration of joyful futures as we recognize AANHPI Heritage Month’s theme of “Strengthening Community Fabric.”

Youth Programs

Guzheng
Listen to the music of guzheng, an ancient Chinese stringed instrument dating back 2500 years.
May 6, 3:15 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch
May 13, 3:15 p.m., Sunset Branch

Make Art with Minnie
Minnie Phan, 2022 Summer Stride artist, returns to the Library to celebrate her new book, The Yellow Áo Dài. Enjoy Phan’s art making workshop based on illustrations from her book. For ages 5 and older.
May 9, 1 p.m., Portola Branch
May 9, 3:30 p.m., Excelsior Branch
May 10, 1 p.m., Richmond Branch
May 10, 3:30 p.m., Marina Branch

Filipina American Music Collective
Travel around the world musically with a Filipina American led music collective with roots in soul, jazz, blues and improvisation.
May 13, 2 p.m., Excelsior Branch
May 27, 2 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch

Kathak Dance
Participate and learn a few moves from this centuries-old North Indian art form.
May 13, 2 p.m., West Portal Branch
May 20, 11 a.m., Parkside Branch
May 20, 2 p.m., Portola Branch

Hawaiian Dance
Learn about native Hawaiian culture with Halau Ha’a Kea o Kinohi and enjoy a hula performance.
May 18, 3-4:30 p.m., Chinatown Branch

Cultural Mask Making
Learn about reclaiming identities and stories through mask making. For ages 8 and older. Space limited. Reservations required: (415) 355-5648.
May 20, 1 p.m., Richmond Branch

Sarabina and Eunice Moore
Authors read from books and live-draw pictures inspired by the books. Includes a discussion of the impact their AAPI heritage has had on their creative process. For ages 6 and older. Space limited. Reservations required: (415) 355-2858.
May 20, 2 p.m., Glen Park Branch

NON-FICTION

More at on.sfpl.org/AANHPI23NonFic

KIDS

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Punky Aloha by Shar Tuisaosa
Punky, a shy Polynesian child, overcomes her fears to go buy butter for her Grandma’s banana bread.

Shining a Light: Celebrating 40 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Who Changed the World by Veeda Bybee and Victo Ngai
From scientists to sports stars, meet 40 influential Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who helped change the world with their talents.

Love in the Library by Maggie Tokuda-Hall
Inspired by the experiences of her own grandparents, Tokuda-Hall tells the story about finding love at a Japanese internment camp’s library.
Event Calendar: May 2023

Adults

5, 19 Friday
Watercolor Community
- Bernal Heights, 1-5 p.m.
Knitting Circle Zona, 3:30 p.m.

6 Saturday
Knitting Circle Zona Valley, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Garden Tour Zona Valley, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Plant and Seed Exchange Golden Gate Valley, 11 a.m.
Japanese Pre-modern Writing Instrument Main, Latin/Hispanic, 11 p.m.
Earthquake Preparedness Mission Bay, 1 p.m.
Chinese American Genealogical Research North Beach, 1 p.m.
Paper Hearts Craft - Excursion, 2 p.m.
Crochet Coasters Ingleside, 2:45 p.m.
 Succulent Landscaping North Beach, 3 p.m.
Red Envelope Craft - Park, 3 p.m.

6, 20, 27 Saturday
Film: Blue Bayou
Ocean View, 4 p.m.
Ayurveda with Amaya Wellness Presidio, 6–7 p.m.

5, 10, 17, 24, 31 Wednesday
Diet Education (Spanish) / Educación y prevención de la diabetes virtual, 10 a.m.
Adult Coloring North Beach, 1 p.m.
Tai Chi Presidio Beginners, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
Advanced, 12:15 p.m.

3, 10, 17, 24, 21, 28, 31 Wednesday
Chinese Brunch Painting / 画笔绘朝霞, Chinatown, 9:30 a.m.

3, 10, 17, 24, 21, 28, 31 Wednesday
Tai Chi Anza, 11:30 a.m.

9 Thursday
Film: American Graffiti
Main, Koret, 12 p.m.

9 Thursday
Chris Ategeka, The Unintend- ed Consequences of Technol- ogy Main, Koret, 6 p.m.
On the Page, Off the Page Park, 6 p.m.

23 Thursday
Knitting Circle Glen Park, 1 p.m.

10 Wednesday
Chinatown Walking Tour Chinatown, 10 a.m.
Asian Pacific American Community Office & History Visitacion Valley, 1 p.m.
Film: Green for Danger Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.
Chinatown Rising Discussion / Discussion, 5:30 p.m.

10, 24 Wednesday
Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS) Main, Atmo, 2:30-5 p.m.

11 Thursday
Craft Club West Portal, 5:45 p.m.
Kim Shuck's Poem Jam: Sinister Wisdom Main, Latin/Hispanic Mig, 6 p.m.

12 Friday
Film: Searching/News Zona Valley, 2 p.m.

12, 26 Fridays
Wanderful Gen Park, 10:30-5 p.m.

13 Saturday
Plant Swap Ortega, 11 a.m.
Branch Open House - Golden Gate Valley, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
Origami - 1st Fl., 3 p.m.

15 Saturday
Chinese Gpuln and Poetry Reading Mission Bay, 1 p.m.
Manny’s Community Space, 3 p.m.
Garden View, Ocean View, 1 p.m.

13, 27 Thursday
Music & Yoga Mission Bay, 10 a.m.

14 Sunday
Plant Swap Bernal Heights, 1 p.m.
Glen Park, 1 p.m.
Upcycled Paper Pineheuls Creek Valley, EPA, 3 p.m.

15 Monday
Intro to Bookbinding North Beach, 11 a.m.

16 Tuesday
Deities of Asian Religions / Asian Art Museum Docent Talk Virtual, 6:30 p.m.
Zinething Main, Painy Br, 6 p.m.

16 Tuesday
Homeless Veterans Outreach Services Main, Atmo, 1:30 p.m.
Alla Christie, The Diving Mountain Main, Sanys, 10 a.m.
Film: Hansi Richmond, 6 p.m.
Toni Morrisons’s Life and Times with Dr. Tiffany Caesar Visitacion Valley, 6 p.m.
Film: Max One Glen Park, 6 p.m.

17, 24 Wednesday
Beginning Embroidery Class Chinatown, 2–3:45 p.m.

27 Saturday
Paynt by Number Bumbar Bayview, 10 a.m.
Book Exchange Golden Gate Valley, 1 p.m.

27 Saturday
Film: China Zona 2011 Main, Shy, 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Family History Research in China North Beach, 1 p.m.
Healthy Living for Brain/ Body Sunset, 1:30 p.m.
Film: 1, 103, Screening/Fo- rum Main, Koret, 2 p.m.
Filmland Richmond, 3:30 p.m.
Film: Kaai Saariaho's opera L’Amour de loin Richmond, 2:30–5 p.m.

28 Sunday
Spring Wood Chimes Ocean View, 2 p.m.

30 Tuesday
Miss Major Speaks with Tosio Morozek Main, Hornell LGBTQA Ctr, 6 p.m.

31 Wednesday
Film: Forever, Chinatown Richmond, 6 p.m.
Nature Boost: Upcycling Chinatown Virtual, 7 p.m.

Book Clubs

Start times only are listed for book clubs that run 1–2 hours.

1 Monday
Claire Keegan, Small Things Like These, 4 p.m.

2 Tuesday
Reader’s Club on 9th / Читательский клуб на 9-ой Richmond, 3 p.m.

3 Wednesday
Alex Makris, Kiss or Kill, Richmond, 3 p.m.

4 Thursday
Han Kang, The Vegetarian, 6 p.m.

7 Sunday
Anthony Vasea So. After- parties Eva Valley, 3:30 p.m.

10 Wednesday
Mia P. Manansala, Arsenic and Adobo Presidio, 3 p.m.

14 Sunday
Hua Ho, Stay True Main, Painy Br, 6 p.m.

17 Wednesday
JayaMeta, Convenience Store Woman Visitacion Valley, 6:30 p.m.

18 Thursday
Identical Twins z- Club Virtual, 6 p.m.

19 Friday
Carole Hodes, Salt, Sugar, Fat Ortega, 11 a.m.

25 Thursday
Individuo in the Chains of Illusion, Richmond, 3:30 p.m.

26 Friday
How to Apply for a California State Job Virtual, 9–11 a.m.

26 Friday
Sherry Thomas, Don't Know Will Make a Whole, 2:30 p.m.

26 Friday
Kim Shuck’s Poem Jam: Recursion and Virtual, 5 p.m.

27 Saturday
Siyah Book Club Virtual, 5 p.m.

3, 17, 23, 31 Wednesday
Silent Book Club Richmond, 3 p.m.

3 Thursday
Find Funding Opportunities for Your Small Business Virtual, 10–11 a.m.

3 Thursday
Into Pitch Decks Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

3 Thursday
Beginning a Business in San Francisco Virtual, 12–3:30 p.m.

3 Thursday
Become a San Francisco Green Business Virtual, 2–3 p.m.

3 Thursday
Link to Job Search Peter, 2:30–4:45 p.m.

10 Thursday
Job Search Strategy Virtual, 10–11:30 a.m.

10 Thursday
Into Finding Grants Virtual, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

10 Thursday
Saving with Purpose Virtual, 12–2 p.m.

10 Thursday
Into Online Advertising: 3 Steps Virtual, 12–1:30 p.m.

10 Thursday
Choosing a Retirement Solution for Your Small Business Virtual, 3–4 p.m.

11, 25, 29 Thursday
Career Coaching Main, Syrop Rm, 4–7 th, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

12 Friday
Plan Builder for Entrepre- neur Virtual, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

12 Friday
Career Coaching with TECH Time, See Page for 2 tech Time event calendar

Work It (Business, Finance)

Meet one-on-one with a Smart Money Coach Thursday-Saturday: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. 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. Virtual.

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Wednesday
Career Coaching Main, Syrop Rm, 4–7 th, 3–5 p.m.

4 Thursday
How to Apply for A California State Job Virtual, 10–11:30 a.m.

7 Sunday
Resuming a Business and Cover Letter Virtual, 3–4:30 p.m.

8 Monday
Small Business Digital Ready Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

8 Monday
Resuming Writing Essentials Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

9 Tuesday
Finding Opportunities for Your Small Business Virtual, 10–11 a.m.

10 Tuesday
Starting a Business in San Francisco Virtual, 12–3:30 p.m.

10 Tuesday
Become a San Francisco Green Business Virtual, 2–3 p.m.

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Link to Job Search Peter, 2:30–4:45 p.m.

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13 Thursday
Career Coaching with Tech Time, See Page for 2 tech Time event calendar

Tech Time

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Support your SFPL by joining Friends during our spring membership drive!

San Francisco Public Library serves as a beacon of light, leading the way for San Francisco. Our 27 branches and the Main provide safe spaces for people of all backgrounds to learn, connect and grow. The Library offers access to knowledge and resources that might otherwise be out of reach for many community members—essential services and programs that are free for everyone.

Most of these free programs are made possible by Friends of the Library and the generous support of its members! Spring is a time for renewal and growth, and what better way to support your community than by donating to Friends of the SFPL? You can make a huge difference for San Francisco by donating to Friends and becoming a member today.

Visit friendssfpl.org to find out how you can join. Or use the QR code!

Happy Mother’s Day, May 14

Mother’s Day celebrates and honors the people in our lives that have nurtured us, raised us and given us unconditional love. Mothers play many roles, and “teacher” is one of the most important roles. Public libraries are teachers and nurturers too. The library gives us access to a wealth of knowledge and resources to educate ourselves and better understand the world around us. Happy Mother’s Day to all moms, maternal figures and guardians who provide love and support for their families.

May Is Mental Health Awareness Month—SFPL Can Help

The Library has books, videos and other materials to help people understand mental health issues, treatment options and self-care strategies. Its extensive collection of books touch on important topics such as trauma, grief, mental illness and substance abuse. In the height of the pandemic, the Library provided a list of recommended titles, which we share again for you during mental health awareness month.

Friends Bookstore at the Main
Main Library, 100 Larkin St.
Grove Street Entrance
Hours:
Tuesday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Friday: 12 p.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Sunday: 12 p.m.–4:30 p.m.
Telephone:(415) 557-4238

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

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

Friends members ($60+ level) receive a 10% discount at the following bookstores:
- Alexander Book Co., Inc.
- Amazing Fantasy
- Bird & Beckett Books & Records
- Bolerium
- Books Inc. Laurel Village
- Books Inc. Marina
- Borderlands Books
- Christopher's Books
- Compass Books, Inc.
- Dog Eared Books
- Fabulous Books
- Green Apple Books
- Green Apple Books on the Park
- Omnivore Books on the Park
- Originals Books
- Opera Plaza
- Plaza
- Silver Age Books
- Originals
- Vinyl

Heavy: An American Memoir
by Kiese Laymon
Heart Berries
by Terese Marie Mailhot
I’m Telling the Truth, but I’m Lying by Baezly Ikpi
The Collected Schizophrenias by Esmé Weijun Wang
Reasons to Stay Alive by Matt Haig
Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger’s by John Elder Robison
No One Cares About Crazy People: The Chaos and Heartbreak of Mental Health in America by Ron Powers
Black Pain: It Just Looks Like We’re Not Hurting by Terrie M. Williams
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