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Get to Know the Grammy Award-Winning Alphabet Rockers

Christy Estrovitz, Manager of Youth Services, sits down with the Grammy Award-winning Alphabet Rockers for an interview on their full Grammy experience. Co-founders Kaitlin McGaw and Tommy Soulati Shepherd, also known as Tommy Jr., were joined by Youth Rockers Kali de Jesus, Maya Fleming and Tommy Shepherd III.

CE: What does it feel like to be a Grammy winner?

Maya: It feels pretty cool. It was such a nice process. I'm just really proud of the work that we did to get there.

Kali: It was a really great experience and doing it with my friends and everybody with the whole Alphabet Rockers family, and all the supporters is really, really amazing.

Tommy Jr.: It's great to have so much gratitude for winning this because it's the highest, the most prestigious honor you can have with music, and we still have work to do. We still have a movement to move through.

Kaitlin: I think back to all the people in our lives who reflected back what we believed was the way, or what was the worthiest, most honorable music to create. And so that's where we come back now and say, "Wow! We won it." We want to bring it back to everyone who believed in us—including ourselves, believing in ourselves.

Read the complete interview at sfpl.org/summerstride.

Performance: Alphabet Rockers

July 17, 12 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch, including a read-aloud with Meredith Steiner, author of *Just.Like.You*.

Aug. 10, 2 p.m., Excelsior Branch

Fun at The New Farm

Celebrate summer with the Library at a fresh, family-friendly oasis! Home to 25 chickens and roosters, The New Farm is an urban refuge for artists and the City's "coolest new music venue," according to *SF Gate*. Andy Pollack, founder and president of the Green City Project, an environmental education nonprofit, reports The New Farm can be whatever the community needs. It is currently an outdoor space



Heron's Head Park

where people work, play and express their creativity without worrying about cost.

We'll have the bookmobile, a book giveaway for youth, music and dance performers, arts and crafts and more! Join SFPL and The New Farm, and their goats, as we partner to bring fun for the whole family.

Library Day at The New Farm – July 15, 12–5 p.m., 10 Cargo Way, San Francisco



Music and Dance

Asheba, Caribbean Music for Children, 12:30 p.m.

The Strutters, Bay Area street dance performance and history of Boogaloo dance, Strutting and Popping, 1:15 p.m.

Sampaguitas, teen girl Filipinx rock band, 2 p.m.



Arts and Crafts

Calixto Robles and Ali Blum: Screen Printing, 12–3 p.m.

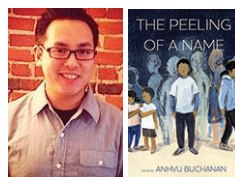
Ramekon O'Arwisters: Crochet Jam, 12–3 p.m.

Button Making with SFPL staff, 12–3 p.m.

Walking and Nature Tour

Walking Tours of nearby Heron's Head Park by Park staff. Departing from The New Farm, 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Author Events



Anhvu Buchanan's *The Peeling of a Name*

Buchanan's work delves into the complexities of identity, culture and

personal transformation, captivating readers with his evocative storytelling and profound exploration of the human experience. Come to a reading with Buchanan, Truong Tran and Carolyn Ho. July 8, 7 p.m., Black Bird Bookstore and Café, 4541 Irving St., San Francisco

Grotto Nights at the Library: A Conversation with Writers



Grotto Nights is a monthly series featuring The Writers Grotto members who showcase and discuss their writing around a

theme of their choice. This month features authors Sarita Sarvate and Maxine Schur on "South Asia: Inside Insights and Outside Observations."

July 11, 6 p.m., Virtual Library



Gary Pedler and Jim Provenzano

Local authors Gary

Pedler and Jim Provenzano provide an evening of readings and conversation. Pedler reads from his adult comic novella and Provenzano shares his most recent novel, *Finding Tulsa*. July 11, 6 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch



Miles Davis and Jazz Composition

Loren Means presents the role of jazz composition in the classic Miles Davis quintets of the 1950s

and 1960s. Means is a jazz critic and historian.

July 15, 2 p.m., Richmond Branch

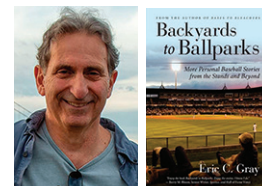


Ingrid Rojas Contreras, *The Man Who Could Move Clouds*

In *The Man Who Could Move Clouds*, Rojas

Contreras artfully weaves her mesmerizing prose to unveil a poignant exploration of resilience, love and the extraordinary power of human imagination.

July 22, 2 p.m., Ocean View Branch



Personal Stories from the Baseball Stands and Beyond

Backyards to Ballparks by Eric C. Gray takes readers

on a captivating journey through the intertwining worlds of childhood dreams and the pursuit of greatness in the realm of sports. July 22, 3 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch



Stride Right

Keep STRIDE-ing through July! Remember that kids get a free book to keep with every visit to a library—and with 20 hours of library activity, you get our finishing prize!



Party Time at Mission Bay

Join us at the Mission Bay Open House on July 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come meet our staff and our community partners, browse our collection and enjoy views of Mission Creek. Join our librarian for a special storytime from 10:15–10:45 a.m., participate in a yoga session from 1–2 p.m. or create your own button. The Museum of Craft and Design leads exhibition-related activities for all ages in the courtyard from 11 a.m.–1 p.m., and be sure to catch Esencia Latin Jazz Ensemble from 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Coming Up:

August 5
Zine unConference
Main Library

August 5
Open House
Ocean View Branch

August 19
Tiny Art Show Reception
Bayview Branch

August 26
Film Screening: *Mission Love*
4 Star Theater

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Learn How to Say “Thank You” Like the Locals

It's not too late to learn some new words or phrases to make the most of your international summer travels. Head over to sfpl.org/elearning and explore the “Language Learning” section to connect to the Mango Languages & Rosetta Stone platforms with an active SFPL card and PIN and start practicing now. Both tools are excellent in their own way. Mango Languages offers an interactive set of courses with more than 70 languages. Rosetta Stone shares immersive images and audio in 30 languages. Why not try both? If time is running out, focus on keywords that will help you feel confident in interacting with others and getting around. Practice on your personal computer or download the apps to your mobile devices to continue learning even upon arrival at your destination.



Best Summer Reads 2023

Captivating summer reading with a range of titles by talented diverse authors, offering vibrant perspectives and profound storytelling.



Time's Undoing by Cheryl A. Head

Head takes readers on a thrilling ride as investigative journalist Charlie Mack uncovers a web of secrets and confronts her own past while solving a decades-old murder mystery, blending elements of suspense, identity and personal growth in this absorbing crime novel.



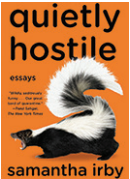
Night Wherever We Go by Tracey Rose Peyton

An enthralling novel that takes readers on a mesmerizing journey through the interconnected lives of its diverse characters, delving into themes of love, loss and the resilience of the human spirit.



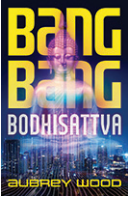
Hula by Jasmin Iolani Hakes

A fascinating exploration of the rich cultural heritage and transformative power of hula, weaving together personal narratives, history and the enchanting rhythms of the dance form.



Quietly Hostile: Essays by Samantha Irby

A poignant and unapologetically honest collection of essays that fearlessly delves into the complexities of everyday life with wit, humor and a sharp observational eye.



Bang Bang Bodhisattva by Aubrey Wood

An edgy, queer cyberpunk detective mystery by an exciting new trans voice from New Zealand.

Summer Cooking 2023

Indulge your culinary senses with one of these great new cookbooks from SFPL, where delectable recipes, innovative technique and mouthwatering flavors await your summer table.



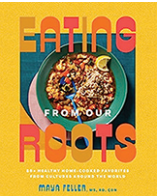
Mayumu: Filipino American Desserts Remixed by Abi Balingit

Doubles as an autobiographical coming-of-age story following the author's upbringing to her adulthood of self-discovery via the kitchen, making it one of the rare cookbooks that features prose as alluring as its recipes.



Very Good Salads: Middle-Eastern Salads and Plates for Sharing by Shuki Rosenboim and Louisa Allan

A seasonal cookbook filled with salad and dips inspired by the Middle East.



Eating from Our Roots by Maya Feller

The second cookbook from a renowned dietitian and certified nurse, Maya Feller, looks like a stunning array of color and culture with recipes ranging from a Lebanese-inspired mezze spread to Cajun gumbo.



California Soul by Tanya Holland

80+ comfort-filled recipes that trace the roots of modern California soul food to the Great Migration—from the acclaimed chef and author of *Brown Sugar Kitchen*.



Ever-Green Vietnamese: Super-Fresh Recipes, Starring Plants from Land to Sea by Andrea Nguyen

A captivating cookbook brimming with fresh, flavorful, plant-based recipes that celebrate both sustainability and culinary excellence.

Last Call for Bay Beats, Local Musicians!



If you're planning to submit your original music to Bay Beats, there's still time. Your creative works may become part of SFPL's upcoming online local music showcase, with the potential of reaching thousands of Library card holders. Please submit your most excellent tracks to baybeats.sfpl.org by July 31. We look forward to hearing your tunes!



Josephine D. Randall

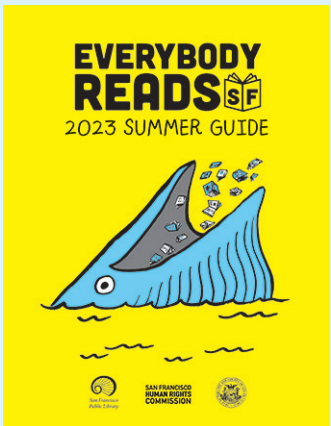
Collections Corner: Fostering a Love of Science, Nature and the Arts

The Randall Museum was the brainchild of Josephine D. Randall, San Francisco's Superintendent of Recreation and the City's first female department head and Bert Walker, a naturalist at Camp Mather. Known as the Junior Recreation Museum, it opened in 1937 on Ocean Avenue, and was the first recreation center of its kind in San Francisco and the third of its kind in the United States.

The Junior Museum fostered learning and camaraderie through clubs designed to provide opportunities for children to teach themselves. The Junior Museum also operated its own print shop where *The Junior Naturalist* and *The Third Dimension* were written and published. The museum moved to its current location at Corona Heights in September 1951. In recognition of her work, the Recreation and Park Commission suspended its longstanding rule against naming buildings after living people and dedicated the new facility as the Josephine D. Randall Junior Museum.

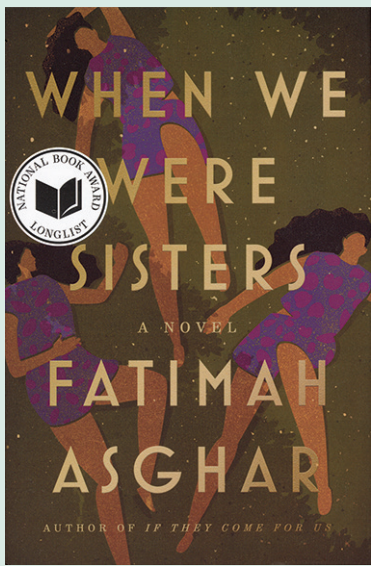
The Josephine D. Randall Junior Museum Records include papers, scrapbooks and photo albums related to the history of the Randall Museum. Explore the Randall Junior Museum archives at the San Francisco History Center, 6th Floor, Main Library. [on.sfpl.org/sf-history](https://sfpl.org/sf-history)

National Summer Learning Week: July 11–15, 2023



SFPL proudly partners with the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA) to increase the human right of literacy and the love of good books. According to Aaron Philp

Dworkin, CEO of NSLA, “Equitable home libraries filled with beautiful, affirming, and fun books are critical for our kids. We know summer programs can help in this effort and the enormous vision of equity and access for all our youth.” That’s why we are providing youth with a mid-summer literacy boost during National Summer Learning Week July 11–15. Visit your neighborhood branch and pick up the Everybody Reads Summer Guide, new book and pencil set to spark more creativity and connection through reading. We thank Director of the Human Rights Commission Dr. Sheryl Evans Davis for her collaboration to design a literacy activity for each of the books included. Book joy is real!



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JULY–AUGUST
Selection

Fatimah Asghar's *When We Were Sisters*

Fatimah Asghar's combines poetry with prose in her debut novel, *When We Were Sisters*, a poignant and heartfelt exploration of identity, sisterhood and the enduring power of love. Sisters Noreen, Aisha and Kausar face the challenges of orphanhood after losing both their parents. Instead of the promised new home, they endure cramped living conditions under the neglectful care of their troubled uncle. Throughout their journey, they rely on one another for support, but as they grow into teenagers, their once-unbreakable bond begins to fracture.

Narrated by Kausar, the youngest sister, the book beautifully captures her growth and struggles, reflecting the complexities of their cultural identity. Asghar's novel offers a touching exploration of love, resilience and the quest for belonging in the face of adversity.

Fatimah Asghar is a highly acclaimed Pakistani-American poet, writer and filmmaker. Born and raised in the United States, Asghar is known for a compelling exploration of themes such as identity, loss, love and the complexities of cultural and personal histories. Asghar's work often delves into the experiences of marginalized communities, particularly the intersections of being queer, Muslim and a child of immigrants. Their poetry and writings have been featured in numerous prestigious publications, including *The New Yorker*, *The Paris Review* and BuzzFeed. As a filmmaker, they co-created and co-wrote the Emmy-nominated web series *Brown Girls*, which garnered critical acclaim for its authentic portrayal of the lives of women of color. With evocative and powerful storytelling, Asghar continues to captivate audiences and leave a profound impact on contemporary literature and art.



Fatimah Asghar

Related Events

Book Club – Aug. 21, 7 p.m., Virtual Library. Register: on.sfpl.org/8-21-23

Author Talk – Aug. 27, 3 p.m., Main Library, Hormel LGBTQIA Center, 3rd Floor. Register: on.sfpl.org/8-27-23

San Francisco County Jail First in the Nation to Provide Free Access to Tablet Computers

The San Francisco Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Mayor's Office, San Francisco Public Library, the Financial Justice Project in the Treasurer's Office and the SF Jail Justice Coalition, launched a groundbreaking tablet program with access to never-before-offered free content for incarcerated people in its county jails.

Nine years ago, the Sheriff's Office initiated free tablet technology to enhance education and learning for people in its custody. The Mayor's Office committed \$500,000 annually from the City's General Fund to support the program's implementation and maintenance. Unlike other similar tablet programs in jails and prisons nationwide, which charge incarcerated people fees, this initiative ensures that every service is free to people at San Francisco County jails. At no cost, they can view important legal and reentry resources, make commissary orders and medical requests and submit grievances. Thanks to SFPL, which leveraged its hoopla digital platform, incarcerated people now have the ability to stream a wide range of free media, including books, entertainment and music, curated by longtime Jail & Reentry Services librarians Rachel Kinnon, Dr. Jeanie Austin and Nili Ness.

"San Francisco Public Library is proud to be at the forefront of this transformative work in partnership with the San Francisco Sheriff's Office and the Treasurer's Financial Justice Project," says City Librarian Michael Lambert. "We know that low literacy and barriers to education contribute to the prison pipeline, and that having access to information and library services can change the trajectory of someone's life. We are committed to improving the outcomes for our justice-involved patrons and to set a new standard of service for our industry."

For more information about our Jail & Reentry Services program and our work to expand information access for incarcerated people, visit: on.sfpl.org/jars23.

"With help from our City partners, we have been able to build up this program to offer a broad range of free media that has never been afforded to people in any jail, and will take the financial burden off of incarcerated people's families," said Sheriff Miyamoto.



Innovation to Icon: 150 Years of Cable Cars

From a technological innovation to an icon synonymous with San Francisco, our cable car system has endured for 150 years. This exhibit draws on

the collections of the San Francisco History Center and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Photo Archive to explore and celebrate this rich, complex history. Cable cars rolled into the local transit scene on August 2, 1873, as a solution to traversing San Francisco's hills. Within 20 years, they hit peak operation: eight companies ran lines from the Ferry Building to Golden Gate Park.

Following their 1947 rescue from the scrap heap by a group of women activists, the cars became enshrined as both a national historic landmark and cultural icon. Despite the challenges of maintaining and running this system, cable cars today are as important to our city as they were in the 1890s. Celebrate the cable car's incredible history through this exhibit, and through a series of events and experiences lined up for the 150th Anniversary this summer at sfcablecars.org.

Innovation to Icon: 150 Years of Cable Cars – July 1–Sept. 30, Main Library, San Francisco History Center, 6th Floor

Get Crafty with Us

The Library's wide array of craft and creative arts programs, featuring activities such as knitting, coloring, sewing, painting and paper craft, serve as powerful catalysts in combating loneliness, facilitating social connections and fostering community.

Below is just a sampling of the many creative arts workshops SFPL offers. Check our website for a full listing of art events for adults: on.sfpl.org/SummerArts23.

Create with Nature – In partnership with SF Recreation & Parks, discover your love of nature with this open-ended natural loose parts play event designed to inspire curiosity, creativity, connection to the natural world and to each other.

July 7, 1 p.m., Portola Branch

July 25, 11 a.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

Crafting in the Castro: Upcycled Paper Pinwheels – Turn withdrawn library materials, pushpins and straws into unique pinwheels. **July 9, 3 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch**

Bite-Size Embroidery for Beginners – Learn chain stitch, satin stitch, whipped back stitch and French knots as well as basic skills such as how to trace a design onto fabric and thread the needle. It's easy and fun, and you will leave with a completed embroidery. The program is taught by the San Francisco School of Needlework and Design. Materials included. Space limited. Reservations required: call Branch for info.

July 9, 4 p.m., Ocean View Branch, (415) 355-5615

July 23, 2 p.m., North Beach Branch, (415) 355-5626

Aug. 5, 2 p.m., West Portal Branch, (415) 355-2886

Aug. 6, 2 p.m., Noe Valley Branch, (415) 355-5707

Aug. 10, 4 p.m. Anza Branch, (415) 355-5717

Bath Bombs – Create your own custom bath bomb using different fragrances and colors. For ages 10 and older. **July 13, 3 p.m., Marina Branch**

Beginning Melt and Pour Soap Making – You'll learn the essentials of creating beautifully handcrafted soaps with ease and creativity. Space limited. Reservations required: (415) 355-5616. **July 15, 2 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch**

Zinething – A monthly LGBTQIA zine-making meetup presented by SF Zine Fest in partnership with the Hormel LGBTQIA Center. Open to new and experienced zinesters. Tell your story, tell your truth! Every 3rd Tuesday of the month. **July 18, 6 p.m., Main Library, Fulton Room - 3rd Floor**

Music & Yarn – Bring your knitting, embroidery or crochet and spend time with others interested in needlework while sampling the Library's vinyl LP collection. The Library has some supplies or bring your own project. **July 22, 10:30 a.m., Mission Bay Branch**

Sugar Scrub – Make an exfoliating and hydrating body scrub with natural ingredients, including coconut oil, sugar and essential oils. Space limited. Reservations required: (415) 355-5660. **July 23, 2 p.m., Portola Branch**

Mending Workshop – Extend the life of your clothing. Tools, supplies, resources and inspiration will be provided to repair and re-wear your clothes, a partnership with the Mending Library. **July 29, 10:30 a.m., Bayview Branch**

Make a Bullet Journal – Learn how to create your own bullet journal using new and upcycled materials. For ages 10 and older. **July 29, 2 p.m., Marina Branch**



Event Calendar: July 2023

Adults

1 Saturday

Knitting Circle
Noe Valley, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Plant Swap
Ortega, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Echo’s Bones Woodwind Trio
Richmond, 2–3 p.m.

1, 8, 15 Saturdays

Mandarin for Beginners
Visitacion Valley, 3–5 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 22 Saturdays

桌游拾趣周六午 / Board Games
Chinatown, 2–3:30 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Saturdays

Mandarin for Beginners
Golden Gate Valley, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Saturdays

Wild Goose Qigong
Marina, 1–2 p.m.

1, 15 Saturdays

Study Hall Main, Computer Training Ctr. - 5th Fl., 12–3 p.m.

1, 15, 29 Saturdays

Knitting Club Sunset, 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

2 Sunday

Stairways of Noe Valley-Walking Tour Noe Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Mondays

Beginning Tai-Chi
First session 11:30–2:15,
Second session 12:20–1:05
Anza, 11:30 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

5 Wednesday

Dpt of Rehabilitation and BHS Vocational Programs
Main, Atrium, 1–3:30 p.m.

Film: *The Web*
Golden Gate Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Wednesdays

Original Medicare Overview
Anza, 6–7 p.m.
• July 5: Original Medicare Overview
• July 12: How To Avoid Medicare-Related Penalties
• July 19: Making a Change: When Can You Change Your Medicare Insurance Plan?
• July 26: Types of Medicare Insurance Plans: Medigap/ Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage Plans

Tai Chi with Patrick Lau
• Beginners, 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
• Advanced, 12:15–1 p.m
Presidio

Adult Coloring Club
North Beach, 1–2 p.m.

Beginners Tai Chi
Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

6 Thursday

Film: *The Woman King*
Main, Koret, 12–2 p.m.

Mandarin for Beginners
Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

Explore Vinyl Music
Bayview, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

6, 13 Thursdays

張老師書法班 / Chinese Calligraphy
Chinatown, 4:30–6 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Thursdays

Breath Meditation
Richmond, 11–11:30 a.m.

Gentle Yoga Richmond, 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Wild Goose Qigong
Presidio, 2–3 p.m.

7 Friday

Film: *Dolares De Arena/ Sand Dollars* Excelsior, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

7, 21 Fridays

Knitting Circle
Anza, 3:30–5 p.m.

8 Saturday

Speaker: Rodney Paul
Park, 1–3 p.m.

Make a Heart Box
Ocean View, 2–3:30 p.m.

8, 15, 22 Saturdays

Mandarin for Beginners
Richmond, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

9 Sunday

新书线上讨论会:医话随笔
Author: Wang Yiming
Virtual, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Swap: Aquatic Gear
Glen Park, 2–3 p.m.

Panel: *Sally: A Documentary Film in Progress*
Main, Koret, 2–3:30 p.m.

Crafting in the Castro
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

10, 24 Mondays

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

11 Tuesday

Tiny Art Show
Bernal Heights, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

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

Authors: Gary Pedler and Jim Provenzano
Eureka Valley, 6–7 p.m.

Grotto Nights at the Library: A Conversation with Writers Sarita Sarvate and Maxine Schur Virtual, 6–7:30 p.m.

11, 18, 25 Tuesdays

Dialogue: ESL Convo Club
Virtual, 3–4 p.m.

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

11, 25 Tuesdays

Knitting Circle
Glen Park, 1–2:30 p.m.

12 Wednesday

Heart of the City Farmers Market Tour
Main, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

San Francisco Genealogy Group Virtual, 1–3 p.m.

Breathwork
Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

Bite-Size Embroidery for Beginners Ocean View, 4–6 p.m.

12, 26 Wednesdays

Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS)
Main, Atrium, 2:30–5 p.m.

Yoga
Ingleside, 6–7 p.m.

13 Thursday

Film: *Bullet Train*
Main, Koret, 12–2 p.m.

Nature Boost: Stories of Service Virtual, 3–4 p.m.

Craft Club
West Portal, 5:45–7:15 p.m.

Film: *Foul Play* Main, Stong Rm. - 1st Fl., 6–7 p.m.

Bath Bombs Marina, 3–5 p.m.

Kim Shuck’s Poem Jam Celebrates the Pan Dulce Poets
Main, Latino/Hispanic Mtg. Rm., 6–7:15 p.m.

13, 20 Thursdays

Mandarin for Beginners
Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

14 Friday

Film: *Clash by Night*
Noe Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

Karaoke!
Excelsior, 4–5:30 p.m.

14, 28 Fridays

Watercolor
Glen Park, 1:30–5 p.m.

Watercolor
Bernal Heights, 1–5 p.m.

15 Saturday

Plant Swap
Sunset, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Poetry Reading with Kearny Street Workshop
Main, Koret, 12–3 p.m.

Library Day at the New Farm
The New Farm, 10 Cargo Way, 12–5 p.m.

Beginning Melt and Pour Soap Making
Eureka Valley, 2–3 p.m.

TOKEVA West Portal, 2–3 p.m.

Q&A and Live Reading with Ferdelle Capistrano
Presidio, 3–4 p.m.

15, 29 Saturdays

Workshop: Cut your Gas and Electricity Costs Now
節省您的煤電開銷
Ortega, 2–4 p.m.

16 Sunday

Film: *Ingram Marshall’s Alcatraz | Eberbach*
Main, Koret, 1–3 p.m.

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

Formosan Landlocked Salmon Paper Craft
Richmond, 2–4 p.m.

Film: Rebecca
North Beach, 5–7 p.m.

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

19 Wednesday

Senior Community Service Employment Program
Virtual, 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

VA Healthcare System, America Works of CA and Department of Rehabilitation
Main, Atrium, 1–3:30 p.m.

Film: *Wild River*
Golden Gate Valley, 3–5 p.m.

Film: *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*
Richmond, 5:30–7:15 p.m.

When Can You Change Your Medicare Insurance Plan?
Anza, 6–7 p.m.

Accessibility at the Library: Deaf Services Center & Assistive Technology (AT) Eureka Valley and Virtual, 6–7 p.m.

Film: *Lucky Grandma*
Glen Park, 6–7:30 p.m.

20 Thursday

Film: *Ambulance*
Main, Latino/Hispanic Mtg. Rm., 12–2 p.m.

22 Saturday

Author: Ingrid Rojas Contreras
Ocean View, 2–3:30 p.m.

Film: *Psych-Out* Park, 3–5 p.m.

Personal Stories from the Baseball Stands and Beyond
Bernal Heights, 3–4 p.m.

23 Sunday

Plant Swap
Bernal Heights, 1–2 p.m.

Classical Tea Art Ceremony and Tasting
Noe Valley, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Make Sugar Scrub
Portola, 2–3 p.m.

Embroidery for Beginners
North Beach, 2–3:30 p.m.

25 Tuesday

Author: Tanya K. Hernández, Racial Innocence
Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.

26 Wednesday

Chinatown Walking Tour
Chinatown, 10–11:30 a.m.

Film: *Elvis*
Ocean View, 3:30–6 p.m.

Sourdough Starter Class
Noe Valley, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Film: *Sumatran Folk Cinema*
Richmond, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Prescription Drug Coverage Under Medicare
Anza, 6–7 p.m.

Chess Club
Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

27 Thursday

Film: *Top Gun: Maverick*
Main, Koret, 12–2 p.m.

Workshop: Embroidery Hoop Screen Printing Chinatown, 2–4 p.m.

Adult Monthly Craft
Sunset, 4–5:30 p.m.

Film: *Kamikaze ’89*
Richmond, 5:45–7:30 p.m.

29 Saturday

Book Exchange
Golden Gate Valley, 1–2 p.m.

Make Natural Body Scrubs
West Portal, 2–3:30 p.m.

Mini Succulent Garden
Ocean View, 2–4 p.m.

Author: Cao ShuKun
Main, Koret, 2–5 p.m.

30 Sunday

LGTQIA+ Book Swap
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

Play the Kalimba
Main, African American Center - 3rd Fl., 4–5 p.m.

On View

Jewett Gallery, Main Library, Lower Level

Dreaming People’s History: The Asian American Radical Imagination
Kearny Street Workshop presents an exhibition of past and present Asian American arts and activism, through oral histories, posters, murals, literature, research projects and contemporary art. To dream people’s history is to challenge the American Dream with the truth of the past, the creative agency of the present and the radical possibility of the future. Through Aug. 6

6th Floor Exhibits, Main Library

Translations from Here: Beadwork by Kim Shuck
A show of contemporary textural glass bead art by Poet Laureate emerita Kim Shuck who explores themes drawing both from old stories and urban encounters. July 22–Sept. 10, Skylight Gallery

Innovation to Icon: 150 Years of Cable Cars
From a technological innovation to an icon synonymous with San Francisco, our cable car system has endured for 150 years. This exhibit draws on the collections of the San Francisco History Center and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Photo Archive to explore and celebrate this rich, complex history. July 1–Sept. 30, San Francisco History Center Exhibit Space

Exhibits at the Branches

62nd Annual Potrero Hill Artists’ Exhibition
One of the oldest annual art shows in San Francisco, the exhibition began in 1955, organized by the late Charles Farr and a group of other neighborhood artists. Their efforts saved the Branch from imminent closure. Continuing their legacy and vision, Potrero Branch staff are elated to host the exhibition once more. Through July 27, Potrero Branch

Book Clubs

5 Wednesday

ASL Book Club
Virtual, 5–7 p.m.

6 Thursday

Alexandre Dumas, *The Count of Monte Cristo*
Virtual, 6–7:30 p.m.

10 Monday

Amor Towles, *A Gentleman in Moscow*
Virtual, 4–5 p.m.

12 Wednesday

Harini Nagendra, *The Bangalore Detectives Club*
Presidio, 3–4 p.m.

12, 26 Wednesdays

Silent Book Club
Richmond, 3–5 p.m.

15 Saturday

David Grann, *The Lost City of Z*
Ortega, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

16 Sunday

Aldous Huxley, *Propaganda Under a Dictatorship*
Anza, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Daphne Du Maurier, *Rebecca*
North Beach, 2–3 p.m.

Douglas Adams, *Dirk Gently’s Holistic Detective Agency*
Eureka Valley and Virtual, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

19 Wednesday

Tim O’Brien, *The Things They Carried*
Noe Valley, 6:30–7:45 p.m.

20 Thursday

中文線上讀書會
Virtual, 6–7:30 p.m.

20 Thursday

Sonya Renee Taylor, *The Body Is Not an Apology*
Virtual Library, 7–8 p.m.

22 Saturday

Louise Erdrich, *The Sentence*
Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

23 Sunday

Ken Kesey, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*
Marina, 2–3:30 p.m.

Isabel Allende, *Daughter of Fortune*
Eureka Valley and Virtual, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

25 Tuesday

Carlos Fuentes, *The Death of Artemio Cruz*
Bernal Heights, 2–4 p.m.

Louise Erdich, *The Night Watchman*
Visitacion Valley, 4–5:30 p.m.

26 Wednesday

Kazuo Ishiguro, *Klara and the Sun*
Golden Gate Valley, 4–5 p.m.

John Steinbeck, *East of Eden*
Mission Bay, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Willa Cather, *A Death in the Desert*
Virtual, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

29 Saturday

Amitav Ghosh, *The Hungry Tide*
Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl., 1–2:30 p.m.

Tech Time

[1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Saturdays](#)
Tech Help
West Portal, 12–4 p.m.

[5, 12, 19, 26 Wednesdays](#)
Ayuda de computación en español, Computer help in Spanish Main, Computer Training Ctr. - 5th Fl., 6–7:30 p.m.

[7 Friday](#)
Drop-In Tech Support for Older Adults
Richmond, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

[10 Monday](#)
Drop in Tech Help
Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

[11, 18 Tuesdays](#)
Tech Tuesdays Bayview, 1–3 p.m.

[11, 18, 25 Tuesdays](#)
Basic Tech Drop-In
Main, Computer Training Ctr. - 5th Fl., 1–2:30 p.m.

[12 Wednesday](#)
Drop-in Tech Coaching
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

[14 Friday](#)
Tech Support for Older Adults
Anza, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

[14, 28 Fridays](#)
Tablet/Smartphone Course for Older Adults 60+ and Adults with Disabilities
Sunset, 1–2:30 p.m.

[20 Thursday](#)
Photo Transfer for iPhone/iPad/蘋果手機及iPad相片轉存 Chinatown, 2–3:30 p.m.

[25 Tuesday](#)
Drop-in Tech Coaching
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

[26 Wednesday](#)
Earn a Certificate in Microsoft Basics
Main, Computer Training Ctr. - 5th Fl., 4–6 p.m.

[27 Thursday](#)
eBook Drop-In
Main, Atrium, 4–6 p.m.

Work It (Jobs, Business, Finance)

[Tuesdays–Saturdays](#)
Meet One-on-One with a Smart Money Coach
By appointment only. Main, Study Room 441 – 4th Fl. and Virtual, 9 a.m. –6 p.m.

[Mondays–Fridays](#)
Meet One-on-One with a Certified Financial Planner™
Virtual, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

[5 Wednesday](#)
Pathways to Financial Stability Virtual, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

[5, 12, 19, 26 Wednesdays](#)
Career Coaching Main, Sycip Rm. - 4th Fl., 3–5 p.m.

[6 Thursday](#)
How to Apply For a California State Job Virtual, 1–2:30 p.m.

[9 Sunday](#)
Resume Writing and Cover Letter Virtual, 3–4:30 p.m.

[10 Monday](#)
Resume Writing Essentials
Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

[11 Tuesday](#)
Job Match with SF ReServe First Impressions
Virtual, 3:15–4 p.m.

[12 Wednesday](#)
Estate Planning
Virtual, 4–5 p.m.

[19 Wednesday](#)
Checking 101 Virtual, 2–3 p.m.

[20 Thursday](#)
Interviewing Essentials
Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

[26 Wednesday](#)
Digital Marketing for Entrepreneurs
Virtual, 2–3:30 p.m.

[28 Friday](#)
Estate Planning
Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

Teens

The Mix at SFPL
Main Library, 2nd Fl. SFPL's creative space for teens.
NOW: Ages 12–18.

[1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Saturdays](#)
The Mix Arcade 3:30–5:30 p.m.

[5 Wednesday](#)
Biblio Bistro 4–5 p.m.

[6 Thursday](#)
Karaoke 4:30–5:30 p.m.

[6, 13, 20, 27 Thursdays](#)
Podcasting 4–4:30 p.m.

Writer's Club 5–6 p.m.

[6, 13, 27 Thursdays](#)
Basic Sewing 4–5 p.m.

[7, 14, 21, 28 Fridays](#)
Made at The Mix 4–5:30 p.m.

AI Digital Pet Creation
2–3:30 p.m.

[11, 18, 25 Tuesdays](#)
3D Printing 4–5 p.m.

[15 Saturday](#)
DIY Tote Bag 2–3:30 p.m.

[20 Thursday](#)
Loom Knitting 3–5 p.m.

[26 Wednesday](#)
Snack Trials 4–5 p.m.

Mix Recording Studio
Guitar and Bass Lessons

- Tuesdays, 5:30–6 p.m. (closed July 4)
- Wednesdays, 4–4:30 p.m.
- Saturdays, 3:30–4 p.m.

Recording Studio Orientation

- Tuesdays, 6–6:30 p.m. (closed July 4)
- Wed.–Fridays, 4:30–5 p.m.
- Saturdays, 4–4:30 p.m. (except July 1)

Intro to Recording and Songwriting

- Tuesdays, 6:30–7 p.m. (closed July 4)
- Wed.–Fridays, 5–5:30 p.m.
- Saturdays, 4:30–5 p.m. (except July 1)

Teens at the Branches

[1 Saturday](#)
DIY Tote Bag
Parkside, 2–3:30 p.m.

[1, 8, 22, 29 Saturdays](#)
Gardening
Merced, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

[3 Monday](#)
Board Games Free Play
North Beach, 2–4 p.m.

[5, 12, 19, 26 Wednesdays](#)
What's Up Wednesdays
Parkside, 3–4 p.m.

[7 Friday](#)
Karaoke Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

[8, 15, 22, 29 Saturdays](#)
Book Review Parkside, 2–4 p.m.

[11 Tuesday](#)
Lock-In Bags Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

Pom Pom Making
North Beach, 3–4 p.m.

[14 Friday](#)
Book Swap
Excelsior, 4–5:30 p.m.

[18 Tuesday](#)
Bingo
North Beach, 3–4 p.m.

Book Swap
Bernal Heights, 4–5:30 p.m.

Film: Rocky IV
Potrero, 5–7 p.m.

Film: Train to Busan
Eureka Valley, 6–7:30 p.m.

[19 Wednesday](#)
Crafternoon
Excelsior, 2–3 p.m.

[20 Thursday](#)
Button Making
Richmond, 3–4 p.m.

[22 Saturday](#)
Vegan Tasty—Tea Sandwiches
Merced, 2–3 p.m.

Children

Early Childhood

[6, 13, 20, 27 Tuesdays](#)
Swing Into Stories
A partnership with San Francisco Recreation & Parks

- 7/11 – Koret Playground (Golden Gate Park, by the carousel)
- 7/18 – Hilltop Playground (Newcomb Ave & Whitney Young Circle)
- 7/25 – Redwood Grove Playground (McLaren Park, 200 John F. Shelley Dr.)

Bookmobiles, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Storytime, 10:30–11 a.m.

[1, 8, 15 Saturdays](#)
Mandarin Conversation
Portola, 3–4:30 p.m.

[1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Saturdays](#)
Saturday Morning Playtime
Potrero, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

[1, 15 Saturdays](#)
Storytime: For Families in ASL Main, Deaf Services Center - 1st Fl., 10:30–11:30 a.m.

[3, 17 Mondays](#)
Family Dance Party
Glen Park, 10–11 a.m.

[5, 12, 19, 26 Wednesdays](#)
Storytime: For Families
Salesforce Park, 425 Mission St., Rooftop, 10–10:30 a.m.

[7, 14, 21, 28 Fridays](#)
Mandarin Conversation
West Portal, 2–4 p.m.

[8 Saturday](#)
Ice Cream Bank Painting
Bayview, 2–3 p.m.

[10 Monday](#)
Toddler Dance Party
For ages 3 and younger. Merced, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Storytime: For Families
SPARK Social, 601 Mission Bay Blvd. North, 11:15–11:45 a.m.

Little Artists
Bernal Heights, 3:30–5 p.m.

[11 Tuesday](#)
Mini Makers
Merced, 11–11:30 a.m.

[12 Wednesday](#)
Storytime: Fire Safety and Fire Engine Visit For Families
West Portal, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Pajama Storytime
Portola, 6–7 p.m.

[12, 26 Wednesdays](#)
Pajama Storytime
Glen Park, 7–7:30 p.m.

[13 Thursdays](#)
Library Rangers—Sharks!
Bayview, 10–11 a.m.

[18 Tuesday](#)
Stamping Fireworks Art
Bernal Heights, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

[22 Saturday](#)
OctoPlay Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

[26 Wednesday](#)
Stuffed Animal Sleepover and Pajama Storytime
Portola, 6–7 p.m.

[29 Saturday](#)
Sticker Palooza
Bayview, 2–3 p.m.

Elementary School Age

[Mondays – Fridays](#)
Summer Lunch—Free lunch for children and teens. (except Tuesday, July 4.) Main, Children's Ctr. - 2nd Fl., 12–1 p.m.

[1 Saturday](#)
Insect Discovery Lab
Anza, 1–2 p.m.
Western Addition, 3–4 p.m.

STEM Challenge Balloon Racers Ortega, 2–3 p.m.

Beach Day on the Patio
Main, Children's Center - 2nd Fl., 2–3:30 p.m.

Origami Club
Bernal Heights, 2–5 p.m.

[1, 8, 15, 22 Saturdays](#)
Giant Jenga
Chinatown, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

[2 Sunday](#)
LEGO Free Play Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

[2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Sundays](#)
Dungeons & Dragons Club for Kids Main, Children's Center - 2nd Fl., 2:30–4:30 p.m.

[5 Wednesday](#)
LEGO Night
Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

[6 Thursday](#)
STEM Challenge Surface Tension Eureka Valley, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Giant Math Winder
Chinatown, 2–3 p.m.

Frida Kahlo's Birthday Party
Main, Children's Center - 2nd Fl., 2–3 p.m.

Library Rangers—Sharks!
Visitation Valley, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Flipbooks Ingleside, 3:30–5 p.m.

STEM and LEGOs
North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

STEM with American Society of Civil Engineers
Glen Park, 4–5 p.m.

[7 Friday](#)
STEM Challenge Surface Tension Merced, 4–5 p.m.

[7, 21 Fridays](#)
Build It Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

[8 Saturday](#)
Rube Goldberg Machine
Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Boswick's Reading Circus
Richmond, 1–2 p.m.
Presidio, 3–4 p.m.

[8, 15, 22 Saturdays](#)
Basic Mandarin and Chinese Culture Main, Children's Center - 2nd Fl., 3–4:30 p.m.

[8, 15, 29 Saturdays](#)
Mandarin for Beginners
Anza, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

[8, 22 Saturdays](#)
Origami Hour Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

[10 Monday](#)
STEM Challenge Balloon Racers
Ingleside, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Button Making Potrero, 4–5 p.m.

Board and Card Games
Glen Park, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

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In Their Own Words

Youth Engaged in Library Leadership interns are learning more about their Library and giving back to their community. Here's what two teens had to say when responding to a question asking about thoughts of the library and what they would like to learn.



I think of the library not only as the treasure of knowledge but as a resource for my future career. I think it's important to know more about resources that are being provided to you. I am curious about how the whole system works and what we are going to learn from this internship that might help us in the future. I would like to learn more about how to get the resources and where to find them as well as other volunteer and internship opportunities during the year related to my career field, healthcare. – Ariba



There's a lot that goes into setting up programs for the library and I would love to be a part of that. – Will

I am curious to learn about how events and programs are planned. Generally seeing the behind the scene things that patrons don't know about.

Event Calendar: July 2023

Children’s Calendar

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11 Tuesday

Magician Perry Yan
Excelsior, 1:30–2:30 p.m.
Visitacion Valley, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Reptiles and Amphibians with Tree Frog Treks
Potrero, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

STEM with American Society of Civil Engineers
Portola, 1–2 p.m.

Explore the Art of Alexander Calder Main, Children’s Center - 2nd Fl., 2–3 p.m.

STEM Challenge Surface Tension Park, 3–4 p.m.

11, 25 Tuesdays
Bug Club Merced, 4–5 p.m.

12 Wednesday

Animal Show with Fur, Scales and Tales
Sunset, 1–2 p.m.
West Portal, 3–4 p.m.

Bubbleology
Ingleside, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Marshmallow Catapults
Western Addition, 3–4:30 p.m.

13 Thursday
Scribble Bots Eureka Valley, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

The Kalimba King
Bayview, 1–2 p.m.

STEM: American Society of Civil Engineers Potrero, 1–2 p.m.

Make Your Own Stickers
Golden Gate Valley, 1–2:30 p.m.

Sea Creature Scavenger Hunt
Chinatown, 2–3 p.m.

13, 20 Thursdays
Mandarin for Beginners Ingleside, 3:30–5 p.m.

15 Saturday
LEGO Motorcars Excelsior, 2–3 p.m.

15, 22, 29 Saturdays
Dungeons & Dragons Ages 9-12. Main, Latino/Hispanic Rm, 3–5 p.m.

16 Sunday

LEGO Free Play Merced, 2–4 p.m.

18 Tuesday

LEGO WeDo 2.0
Excelsior, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Alka Seltzer Rockets Visitacion Valley, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

LEGO Free Play
Chinatown, 1–2 p.m.

Explore the Art of Wassily Kandinsky Main, Children’s Center, 2–3 p.m.

19 Wednesday

STEM with American Society of Civil Engineers
Chinatown, 2–3 p.m.

Storytime: Greek Myths Retold for Ages 9–13. Main, Children’s Center - 2nd Fl., 2–3 p.m.

Handmade Books with Book Arts Roadshow
Ingleside, 3–4 p.m.

LEGO Free Play Bayview, 3–5 p.m.

LEGO Free Play Presidio, 6–7 p.m.

20 Thursday

Slime Bayview, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

STEM Challenge Building Structures Golden Gate Valley, 3–4 p.m.

Kinetic Sand Ocean View, 3–4 p.m.

Handmade Books with Book Arts Roadshow Merced, 4–5 p.m.

21 Friday

STEM Challenge Building Structures Merced, 4–5 p.m.

22 Saturday

Mandarin for Beginners
Anza, 10:30–2 p.m.

LEGO Simple Machines
Main, Children’s Center - 2nd Fl., 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

It’s Yoga Kids Anza, 3–3:45 p.m.

Super Squishy Soap Dough
Bayview, 2–3:30 p.m.

The Fratello Marionettes
Ortega, 3–4 p.m.

25 Tuesday

Create with Nature + Worm Investigation Visitacion Valley, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Foldscopes
Bayview, 12–1:30 p.m.

STEM Challenge Building Structures Park, 3–4 p.m.

26 Wednesday

Walking Field Trip to Agriculture Land Lot Visitacion Valley, 12:30–2:30 p.m.

Slime Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

LEGO Motorcars
Glen Park, 2–4 p.m.

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

Marble Paper Making
Merced, 3–4 p.m.

“Rock the Bike” Fruit Smoothie Western Addition, 3–4:30 p.m.

27 Thursday

KEVA Contraptions Free Play
Eureka Valley, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Alka-Seltzer Rockets
Marina, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

29 Saturday

Bubbleology
Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

STEM Challenge Building Structures Parkside, 2–3 p.m.

Make a Bullet Journal
Marina, 2–4 p.m.

30 Sunday

Book Club: Jasmine Warga’s A Rover’s Story. For 4th and 5th graders. Merced, 2–3 p.m.

Middle School Age

1 Saturday

Tween Creative Writing Group Western Addition, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Fresco Painting
West Portal, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

1, 8 Saturdays

Programming with Arduino
West Portal, 2–3 p.m.

3 Monday

iPad Stop Motion Animation
Ingleside, 3–5 p.m.

5 Wednesday

Social: Teen Gaming Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

8 Saturday

Basketry West Portal, 3:30–5 p.m.

10 Monday

LEGO Motorcars Visitacion Valley, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

11 Tuesday

Make Lip Balms
Bernal Heights, 4–5:30 p.m.

13 Thursday

Alka Seltzer Rockets
Portola, 3–4 p.m.

14 Friday

Paint-By-Number
Bayview, 1–3 p.m.

17 Monday

Slime Time
Glen Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

Makey Makey
Ingleside, 3–5 p.m.

18 Tuesday

Reptiles and Amphibians with Tree Frog Treks
Mission Bay, 2–3 p.m.

20 Thursday

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

22 Saturday

Introduction to Soldering
West Portal, 1–3 p.m.

24 Monday

STEM with American Society of Civil Engineers
Ocean View, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Tween Graphic Novel Club
Glen Park, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

27 Thursday

LEGO Robots In partnership with Cardinalbotics
Parkside, 2:30–4:00 p.m.

30 Sunday

Boba Making
Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

Children’s Storytimes

Storytimes 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, 1:30–2 p.m.
Golden Gate Valley – 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 11:15–11:45 a.m.
Main – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Ortega – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Park – Every Saturday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Potrero – 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 1:15–1:45 p.m.
Sunset – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Storytimes for Toddlers

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

Bernal Heights – Every Thursday, 10–10:30 a.m.
11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 11–11:30 a.m. *English/español*
Eureka Valley – 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 1:30–2 p.m.
Excelsior – 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 10:30–11 a.m..
Glen Park – 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 11–11:30 a.m.
Every Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Merced – Every Monday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Mission Bay – 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Ocean View – 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Every Thursday, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
Ortega – 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Park – Every Monday, 3:30–4 p.m.
Parkside – 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Portola – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Potrero – Every Thursday, 11:15–11:45 a.m.
Presidio – 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Sunset – 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Western Addition – 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 11–11:30 a.m.

Storytimes for Preschoolers

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

Bayview – 18, 25 Tuesdays, 11–11:30 a.m. *English/español*
Every Friday, 1:30–2 p.m. *English/español*
Excelsior – Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
North Beach – 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 11–11:30 a.m.
Parkside – Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Portola – 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 10:30–11 a.m.
West Portal – 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Storytimes for Families

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

Anza – Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Bernal Heights – Every Saturday, 10–10:30 a.m.
Excelsior – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Main – Every Saturday, 2–2:30 p.m.
11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 10:30–11 a.m. *Español/English*
Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m. 粵語課程 (Cantonese)/English
Marina – 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Merced – 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 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.
Ocean View – Every Sunday, 3–3:30 p.m.
Parkside – Every Sunday, 1:30–2 p.m.
Portola – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Richmond – 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 11–11:30 a.m.
Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Visitacion Valley – Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
8 Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
West Portal – Every Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Family

1 Saturday

Crayon Rubbing Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

2 Sunday

LEGO Free Play
Mission Bay, 2–3:30 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Sundays

Afternoon Board Games
Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

6 Thursday

Button Making
Portola, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

6, 20 Thursdays

Gather & Garden
Portola, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

7 Friday

Create with Nature
Portola, 1–3 p.m.

MakeArt Potrero, 3–5 p.m.

8 Saturday

Celebration: Mission Bay Library Open House
Mission Bay, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Hula with Halau Ha’a Kea o Kinohi
Ocean View, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Noe Valley, 2–2:45 p.m.

STEM Challenge Hot Air Balloons Ortega, 2–3 p.m.

Smoothie Bike
Marina, 2–4 p.m.

Alka Seltzer Rockets
Bernal Heights, 3–4 p.m.

8, 15, 22 Saturdays

Mandarin for Beginners
Marina, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Excelsior Youth Chess Club
Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

9 Sunday

Presidio Tunnel Tops Adventure Field Trip
Mission, 10:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Crafternoon
West Portal, 1–4 p.m.

Children’s Reading Round-table Mission Bay, 2–3 p.m.

Design and Build Bridges, Houses and Things that Go
Merced, 2–4 p.m.

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

Film: The Wiz
Potrero, 2–4:15 p.m.

12 Wednesday

iPad Stop Motion
Ortega, 1–2 p.m.

LED Paper Circuits
Excelsior, 2–3 p.m.

Mancala 非洲寶石棋棋盤遊戲
Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.

Film: Endless Summer
Mission Bay, 6–7:30 p.m.

13 Thursday

Nature Paintings
Glen Park, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Summer Postcards Craft
Glen Park, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

15 Saturday

Muir Woods Field Trip Visitacion Valley, 10 a.m.–3:45 p.m.

Film: Luca
Mission Bay, 10:15–11:45 a.m.

LEGO Free Play Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

17 Monday

Alphabet Rockers and Read-Aloud with Author Meredith Steiner
Eureka Valley, 12–1 p.m.

18 Tuesday

Middle Eastern Dance
Portola, 2–2:45 p.m.

19 Wednesday

Japanese Taiko Drumming
Marina, 1–1:45 p.m.
Bernal Heights, 4–4:45 p.m.

Marble Machine
Richmond, 1–3 p.m.

20 Thursday

Library Rangers
Portola, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

22 Saturday

Point Bonita Lighthouse Field Trip
Sunset, 10–11 a.m.

The Fratello Marionettes
North Beach, 12–1 p.m.

23 Sunday

René y Familia
Glen Park, 1:45–2:30 p.m.
Park, 3:30–4:15 p.m.

Carnivorous Plants
Mission Bay, 2–3 p.m.

FIMO Clay Cuties
Ocean View, 2–3 p.m.

Film: The Secret Garden
Potrero, 2–3:45 p.m.

24 Monday

Tiny Art Submission Deadline
Ocean View, 9–10 a.m.

25 Tuesday

LEGO Free Play
Richmond, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Tie-Dye Shirts
Bayview, 2–4 p.m.

26 Wednesday

Make Lip Balms
Ortega, 1–2 p.m.

YELL Program
Bayview, 1–3 p.m.

Family Dance Party
Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.

28 Friday

MakeArt
Bayview, 2–4 p.m.

Final Fridays Family Dance Party
Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

29 Saturday

Design and Build Engineering Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

San Francisco Botanical Garden Walking Tour
Park, 1–3 p.m.

Seed Balls with Fog City Gardener 霧城園丁的種子球
Chinatown, 4–5 p.m.

Muir Woods Field Trip
Chinatown, 9:45 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

30 Sunday

YELL at Sunday Streets
Mission, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Design and Build Engineering
Glen Park, 1:30–4 p.m.

Flying Angels Chinese Dance Company
North Beach, 2–2:30 p.m.

Tie Dye for All Ages
Park, 2–4 p.m.

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Summer Stride 2023

Summer in San Francisco is unique not only for the cloudy 60-degree weather, but also for Summer Stride—the Library's flagship program that includes hundreds of free events throughout the summer at every branch of the Library. Summer Stride represents the best of the partnership between the Library and Friends.

Summer Stride was created to combat the “summer slide” phenomenon, the decline in academic skills among school-age children over the summer. While halting summer learning loss remains its primary objective, Summer Stride has grown to include parents and adults of all ages who take the 20-hour reading challenge, attend STEM and literacy programs and connect in our free public spaces.

Our Library's incredible programming is made possible by the creativity and energy of Library staff and the financial support of Friends. Thank you, Friends' donors, for making it happen again this year. And thank you to the fantastic Library staff, especially the teams led by Christy Estrovitz in Youth Services and Michelle Jeffers in Community Programs and Partnerships.

Friends is particularly excited about the selection of the Chronicle Books illustrator K-Fai Steele as the official Summer Stride 2023 artist who created the beautiful images we see all over town (see above!). In 2018, Steele was one of the first Brown Handler Writer's Residents at Friends, who we all grew to love and adore. She is the illustrator of several children's books, including *I Made These Ants Some Underpants!*, *Does a Bulldozer Have a Butt?* and *The Brilliant Ms. Bangle*, as well as the author-illustrator of *All Eyes on Ozzy!* and *A Normal Pig*.

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EXCELSIOR	4400 Mission St.	355-2868	1–5	1–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
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