V.E. Schwab Presents Her Newest Fantasy World

The Library partners with Folio Books for a special event with bestselling author V.E. Schwab to discuss her latest book, The Fragile Threads of Power.

With The Fragile Threads of Power, Schwab opens another door to a new fantasy series set in the dazzling world of Shades of Magic. Prepare for tangled schemes and perilous adventures with friends old and new.

V.E. Schwab – Sept. 27, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium. Because of limited space, preregistration is required for this free in-person event. Register at on.sflpl.org/schwab9-27-23.

Meet Artist Juana Alicia Araiza

The Library is thrilled to work with Juana Alicia Araiza (commonly known as Juana Alicia), one of the City's most prolific muralists and arts educators. Napul de la Misión, her watercolor design for a glass mural that will be a highlight of the Mission Branch Library renovation, is featured in this year's ¡VIVA! campaign.

Juana Alicia has created murals and worked as a printmaker, sculptor, illustrator and studio painter for more than 30 years. Her style, akin to genres of contemporary Latin American literary movements, can be characterized as magical and social realism, and her work addresses issues of social justice, gender equality, environmental crisis and the power of resistance and revolution.

Born in 1953, Juana Alicia was shaped by many rich cultural influences growing up in Detroit, near Diego Rivera's Detroit Industry Murals. Her sculptural and painted public commissions (individual and collaborative) can be seen in Nicaragua, Mexico, Pennsylvania and in many parts of California, most notably in San Francisco. They include Sanarte at UCSF Medical Center, Santuario (with Emmanuel C. Montoya) at the San Francisco International Airport, La Llorona's Sacred Waters at 24th and York streets in the Mission, the Moesinmpoem mural of the San Francisco Women's Building and the Gemelos mural at the Metropolitan Technical University in Mérida, Mexico.


Mission Gráfica: Reflecting a Community in Print Is Now Open!

Mission Gráfica: Reflecting a Community in Print is now open! Throughout October, the Library is excited to present an exhibition on view in our Jewett Gallery. The exhibition showcases 42 vibrant and eclectic prints community members in the Mission District is celebrated in a new exhibition on view in our Jewett Gallery. The exhibition showcases 42 vibrant and eclectic prints community members in the Mission District is celebrated in a new exhibition on view in our Jewett Gallery. The exhibition showcases 42 vibrant and eclectic prints from emerging, mid-career and established artists like Enrique Chagoya, Carmen Lomas Garza, Mildred Howard, Jean La Mar, Nancy Hom, Rupert Garcia and Estí Hernandez.

Exhibition: Mission Gráfica: Reflecting a Community in Print – Through Dec. 17, Main Library, Jewett Gallery, Lower Level

Exhibition Tour & Artist Talk – Sept. 9, 11 a.m., Main Library, Jewett Gallery, Lower Level

Fall Open Houses

Anza Branch welcomes patrons to its open house on the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 20. Come celebrate with an autumn moon theme, a harpist, a moon cake tasting and lantern craft. Enjoy a plant swap, a school band performance, a visit from the fire truck, the creatures of Tree Frog Treks, face painting and more at the Ortega Branch open house on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Ortega Branch Open House – Sept. 9, 12–3 p.m.

Anza Branch Open House – Sept. 20, 4–7 p.m.
¡VIVA! 2023: Read This!

Discover books that embrace this year’s theme of Prosperity, Progress and Pride.

Books for Kids on sfpl.org/Viva23Kids

La Guitarrista by Lucky Diaz
When Canta finds a guitar in the trash, she's one step closer to her dream of becoming a rock star even though the guitar is broken and she doesn't know how to play.

Jovita Wore Pants: The Story of a Mexican Freedom Fighter by Aída Salazar
As a teenager, Jovita went against her family’s wishes, cut off her hair, wore pants, renamed herself Juan and led a rebel army against the Mexican government.

Vámonos a San Salvador by Patty Rodríguez and Ariana Stein
This board book introduces your littlest readers to San Salvador, the magnificent capital of El Salvador in Central America.

Phenomenal AOC: The Roots and Rise of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez by Anika Aldamuy Denise
An inspiring biography of Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, proud Puerto Rican.

Frizzy by Claribel A. Ortega
Why does everyone want Marlene to straighten her naturally curly hair? She really doesn’t want to do it anymore and asks for help from her Dominican friends and family.

Teen Fiction on sfpl.org/Viva23Teen

An Appetite for Miracles by Laekan Zea Kemp
Danna seeks her grandpa's memories through food; Raul finds solace in music as he copes with his mother's return. Together, they navigate loss and alienation from family and friends.

The New David Espinoza by Fred Aceves
17-year-old David, tired of being ridiculed for his skinny frame, joins a gym and befriends body-builders. He turns to steroids for quicker results, facing side effects and alienation from family and friends.

Lucha of the Night Forest by Tehlor Kay Mejia
Young Mateo witnessed San Madrigal drown; now in Brooklyn, he struggles as a musician. During a celebration, he discovers his divine heritage and dangerous powers.

Wings in the Wild by Margarita Engle
After a hurricane reveals family sculptures, Soleíd's parents' arrest forces her to flee Cuba. In a Costa Rican refugee camp, she meets Darriel, a Cuban-American musician, and together, they fight for the environment and imprisoned artists.

Saints of the Household by Ari Tison
Brothers Jay and Max shunned after protecting their cousin. Max finds solace in art and love, while Jay retreats into books. Reconciliation awaits.

Music and Movies on sfpl.org/Viva23AV

Dharma by Sebastián Yatra
Dharma solidifies as Latin pop's heartthrob, following Ricky Martin and Enrique Iglesias, showcasing versatility with bright, upbeat chart-toppers.

Saturno by Rauw Alejandro
Rauw Alejandro takes reggaeton to new, otherworldly heights on his third album Saturno.

El Gran Movimiento by Lucky Diaz
Young man seeks work in Bolivia's mines, but his health falters. A woman leads him to a mysterious healer. (NR, 2021, 85 min.)

Claire Sola
In a Costa Rican village, 36-year-old Clara embarks on a liberating journey, embracing her sexuality and newfound powers. (NR, 2021, 106 min.)

Finding Latinx: In Search of the Voices Redefining Latino Identity by Paola Ramos

The Heart of the Mission: Latino Art and Politics in San Francisco by Cary Cordova
Cordova intertwines urban, political and art history, illuminating San Francisco’s Mission District as a diverse bohemian enclave.

Racial Innocence: Unmasking Latino Anti-Black Bias and the Struggle for Equality by Tanya Kateri Hernández
Bringing to light stories of Latino anti-Black racism and how they matter for the societal pursuit of equality.

Leadership, Politics and Success on sfpl.org/Viva23Politics

Figures of the Future: Latino Civil Rights and the Politics of Demographic Change by Michael Rodríguez-Muñiz
Rodríguez-Muñiz's book delves into U.S. Latino advocacy and the Politics of Demographic Change, examining prominent organizations’ strategies.

Latinos and the Liberal City: Politics and Protest in San Francisco by Eduardo A. Contreras
Latinos and the Liberal City explores San Francisco's grassroots activism from the 1930s to the 1970s, shaping Latinx identity.

Anti-Black Bias and the Struggle for Equality by Aida Salazar
This book illuminates San Francisco’s Mission District as a diverse bohemian enclave.

Findings from the Voices of Latino Identity by Paola Ramos

Are you ready to GetSetUp? Keep reading!

SFLP is excited to offer free access to GetSetUp, live online classes designed for older adults. GetSetUp’s mission is to help the third of the world’s population who are over 55 to learn new skills, connect with others and unlock new life experiences.

GetSetUp categories run the gamut so that you can pursue passions and continue creating, growing and giving back. There’s everything from art, business, cooking, financial planning, languages, music, photography, technology and much more.

Some of the most popular classes include “iPad Basics & Intermediate,” “Introducing Mindfulness into Your Life” and “Travel: Welcome to Paris!” All classes are taught by older adults as well as our GetSetUp educators.

GetSetUp is a mission-driven community of learners and educators who want to provide free access to lifelong learning opportunities to older adults.

Are you ready to GetSetUp? Find a class that interests you on sfpl.org/events.
Programs are in person unless listed as virtual. Register for virtual programs at activisn. The event also celebrates Griff Williams’ contributions to the art world.

**Film Screening Features Powerful Stories of Local Art Activism**

Join us for an afternoon screening of Tell Them We Were Here, followed by a conversation with filmmaker and artist Griff Williams and photographer Nigel Poor, co-founder of the award-winning podcast Ear Hustle. The film, directed by Griff and Keelan Williams, showcases San Francisco Bay Area artists who prioritize community-driven art over commercial success, engaging with issues like racial inequality, environmental justice, prison reform and homelessness. Featuring influential artists Alicia McCarthy, Amy Franceschini, Lynn Hershman Leeson, Sadie Barnette and others, the documentary reveals their unconventional paths in artmaking and timely addition to the growing canon of immigration and identity.

**Community Baby Shower Is Coming**

Are you expecting or have a tiny new member of your family? We want to celebrate with you at our Community Baby Shower. All expecting families and those with little ones aged 24 months and under are welcome. Enjoy a storytime, a play area crafts, and light refreshments. Our guests include community agencies eager to let new families know about resources available to them. Plus, the first 200 families will receive a gift for attending the event with your baby.

**Community Baby Shower** – Sept. 9, 10 a.m., Bernal Heights Branch

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**Javier Zamora’s Solito**

Solito by Javier Zamora is a captivating and deeply personal memoir that intertwines the author’s own experiences as an immigrant with broader themes of identity, family and the pursuit of the American dream. The memoir follows Zamora’s journey from his childhood in El Salvador to his difficult migration to the United States, where he grapples with the challenges of adapting to a new culture while trying to retain his roots. Through vivid prose, Zamora narrates the trials and tribulations of living as an undocumented immigrant, the constant fear of deportation and the complex emotions of being separated from his family and homeland.

Zamora crafts a narrative that is both intimate and universal. The memoir beautifully captures the struggles and resilience of millions of immigrants, making it a touching and timely addition to the growing canon of immigration and identity.

**Related Events**

**Book Club** – Oct. 24, 7 p.m., Virtual Library. Register: on.sfpl.org/10-24-23

**Author Talk** – Oct. 26, 7 p.m., Virtual Library. Register: on.sfpl.org/10-26-23

**Javier Zamora**

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**42nd Annual NorCal Book Awards**

Don’t miss the 42nd Annual Northern California Book Awards, celebrating the best-published works of 2022 by Northern California authors and translators, the event is presented by the Northern California Book Reviewers, Poetry Flash and San Francisco Public Library, along with Mechanics’ Institute Library and Women’s National Book Association-San Francisco Chapter. The Fred Cody Award for Lifetime Achievement and Service will be given to a distinguished member of the Northern Californian literary community. The ceremony includes author talks and book presentations, honoring outstanding contributions in various categories. A book sale and signing follow.

**Northern California Book Awards** – Sept. 30, 2–5 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

**Film Screening Features Powerful Stories of Local Art Activism**

Meet Jamie Chan, director of programs & partnerships at Gardens of Golden Gate Park and co-owner of Fog City Gardener. During Summer Stride, Chan led seed ball workshops and brought a group of Sunset and Park Branch patrons to San Francisco Botanical Gardens for a special tour and story hour with illustrator K-Fai Steele and Cindy Derby. Our collaboration continues in September with branch visits by SF Botanical Gardens’ Children Educators.

**SFPL:** What brings you joy when you are working on day-to-day operations with Fog City Gardener and the Gardens of Golden Gate Park?

**JC:** The opportunity to facilitate people’s connections to plants. Helping people learn diverse plant stories and develop their own relationship with plants is my greatest joy.

**SFPL:** Tell us about the equity work happening within these organizations.

**JC:** The Gardens of Golden Gate Park have a mission: “Connecting People to Plants, the Planet and Each Other.” Reflected in all aspects, from the books we circulate in our horticultural library to our educational programs, our core values center around justice, equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging in public gardens. At Fog City Gardener, we partner with organizations such as Sisterhood Garden/The Chinese Progressive Association and SFPL to deliver the joy of gardening and environmental education to intergenerational communities across SF. We believe that everyone should have inspiration and access to gardening and homesteading.

**Herb Sachets** – Sept. 16, 2 p.m., Visitacion Valley

**Herbal and Flower Bath Salts** – Sept. 16, 11:30 a.m., Western Addition

**Dregs One History of the Bay: SF Graffiti History**

Dregs One, the versatile artist, rapper and record label owner, delves into the rich history of San Francisco graffiti on his podcast, History of the Bay. Celebrated for his extensive knowledge of Bay Area rap, he shares stories about renowned local graffiti artists and their impact on the region. With nearly eight million views on his projects, Dregs has become an influential figure in San Francisco and beyond. This event, in partnership with the Letterform Archive, features the exhibition Subscription to Mischief, exploring 1990s graffiti zines and their role in launching creative careers and forming a close-knit community through snail mail. Connect and immerse yourself in this vibrant culture.

**Dregs One** – Sept. 2, 3 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

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**Tell Us We Were Here**

Embrace the story and aroma of San Francisco through a special tour of the city with Fog City Gardener. Jamie Chan, director of programs & partnerships at Gardens of Golden Gate Park, will lead us on an informative and engaging experience, highlighting the rich history of San Francisco’s graffiti culture. This event will take place at various locations throughout the city, providing a unique and immersive experience for all participants. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn about the vibrant history of San Francisco’s graffiti scene and enjoy the beautiful cityscape. Register now to secure your spot!
¡VIVA! Roundup: Youth

Crafts
Learn how to make colorful cut tissue paper banners. Papel picado is a traditional Mexican decoration displayed during celebrations such as Día de los Muertos.

Papel Picado – Sept. 10, 2 p.m., Park Branch; Sept. 17, 2 p.m., West Portal Branch; Sept. 20, 3 p.m., Sunset Branch

Make a brilliantly colored quetzal, the beautiful national bird of Guatemala and a symbol of liberty. For ages 5–7.

Quetzal Bird Craft – Sept. 21, 4 p.m., North Beach Branch

Create your own screen prints and learn the historical significance of the craft with Calixto Robles and other artists from the Mission Cultural Center.

Screenprinting with Mission Cultural Center – Sept. 19, 4 p.m., Noe Valley Branch

Games
Learn about the wooden cup, kero (from the Andean Quechua), widely used by the Incas. Design your own pair of keros, as they often were made in pairs to share, and be reciprocal in gatherings. Aprende sobre el vaso de madera, kero (del quechua andino), ampliamente utilizado por los Incas.

Inca kero, cup, vaso – Sept. 21, 4 p.m., Mission Branch

Learn how to make reusable mini piñata party poppers with edible surprises inside. For children ages 8 and older.

Latin American Piñata Party Poppers – Sept. 20, 3:30 p.m., Ingleside

Celebrate Latinx Heritage: sfpl.org/viva

¡VIVA! Roundup: Adults

Thursday at Noon Film Series at the Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Stand and Deliver – Jaime Escalante inspired dropout-prone students to learn calculus in this incredible high school teacher’s story. Stars Edward James Olmos, Estelle Harris and Mark Phealan. Sept. 7


The Infiltrators – Dreamers purposely detain themselves to infiltrate a for-profit detention center. Directed by Cristina Ibarra and Alex Rivera. Sept. 21

La Mission – In a tough neighborhood, a single-parent ex-con faces a personal challenge when his son comes out as gay. Stars Benjamin Bratt, Alex Hernandez and Christopher Borgzinner. Sept. 28

Introduction to Hispanic Herbalism
Charles Garcia of the California School of Traditional Hispanic Herbalism presents a brief history of Hispanic herbalism in California. He focuses on Curanderismo, a powerful therapeutic tradition blending European, Asian and native flora.

Sept. 9, 11 a.m., Presidio Branch

Poesía en Fulton
Join us for Poesía en Fulton St., a lunchtime event in the City. Explore the book sale, farmer’s market, and ¡VIVA! kickoff at the Library. Curated by Josiah Luis Alderete. Featured readers include Alan Chazaro, Sara Borjas and soledad con carne.

Sept. 13, 12 p.m., Main Library, Fulton St. steps

Sea of Time by Author and Artist T Edward Bak
Bak presents Sea of Time, a visionary tone poem exploring indigenous ecological traditions and G.W. Steller’s expeditions. Bak, a Colorado native with mixed Anglo and Mexican-American xicanx roots, is a Portland-based cartoonist, comics educator and pop-culture enthusiast.

Sept. 16, 2 p.m., Main Library
Sept. 19, 6:15 p.m., North Beach

Author Talk
Jaime Cortez, reading from Gordo and Norman Zelaya, reading from Gente, Folks, team up to bring an afternoon of laughter and camaraderie. Both will be in conversation with each other after the reading to talk about their experience as Latinx writers.

Sept. 30, 3 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch

Music
Sing and sign along with Donna in English and Spanish while Jazzin accompanies on guitar.

Canta Conmigo – Sept. 12, 11:15 a.m., Noe Valley Branch

Mariela’s Music Time is an exciting, energetic and interactive bilingual performance in Spanish and English filled with rhythms and multicultural sounds, along with with the rich traditions of the Bay Area. For children 5 and younger and their families.

Mariela’s Music Time – Sept. 28, 11 a.m., Presidio Branch

Faith in Blackness
A captivating documentary exploring Afro-Latine spirituality, weaving diverse faith traditions with profound personal reflections.

Sept. 17, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Illyanna Maisonet, Diasporican: A Puerto Rican Cookbook
Author and chef Illyanna Maisonet discusses her award-winning cookbook, the recipes, the stories and the process of cookbook writing. There will be Puerto Rican-inspired snacks.

Space limited. Reservations required:

Sept. 22, 4 p.m., Excelsior Branch, (415) 355-2868
Oct. 7, 2 p.m., Ocean View Branch, (415) 355-5615

Fiesta Paper Flower Bouquet
Craft vibrant paper flower bouquets using tissue or crepe paper. Ideal for parties, weddings and celebrations. Space limited. Reservations required:

(415) 355-5660

(starting Sept. 1) Sept. 23, 2 p.m., Portola Branch

Mexican Weaving
Weave on a loom with The Mexican Museum. Space limited. Reservations required:

(415) 355-5707

Sept. 27, 5 p.m., Noe Valley Branch

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### Adults

**5 Friday**  
**Film:** El Techo/On the Roof  
**Lecture:** 6–7:30 p.m.

**5 Saturday**  
**Knitting:** Anza, 3:30–5 p.m.

**5 Saturday**  
**Knitting:** No Valley, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**5 Sunday**  
**Map Coasters:** Ingleside, 2–3 p.m.

### History of the Bay with Drop-in  
**One Main, Koret, 3–4 p.m.**

### Book Clubs  

**3 Sunday**  
**Brenda Lozano, Book Clubs**

**3 Wednesday**  
**Music CD Appreciation Club**

**4 Thursday**  
**Kraft West Portal, 9:30–11:30 a.m.**

**4 Saturday**  
**Film:** A Tube to Cuba  
**Golden Gate Valley, 3:30–4:30 p.m.**

**5 Tuesday**  
**Reader’s Club on 5th**

**6 Wednesday**  
**EEOC Book Club**

**6 Wednesday**  
**Silent Book Club Richmond, 3–3:30 p.m.**

### Tech

**3 Friday**  
**Drop-In Tech Help Richmond, 1:30–4:30 p.m.**

**3 Saturday**  
**Knopy Ocean View, 1:30–3 p.m.**

**5 Saturday**  
**Drop-In Tech Help Richmond, 1:30–4:30 p.m.**

**7 Wednesday**  
**Knopy Ocean View, 1:30–3 p.m.**

### Work It (Jobs, Business, Finance)

**10 Sunday**  
**Resume Writing and Cover Letter Virtual, 3:30–4:30 p.m.**

**12 Tuesday**  
**Job Match with SF ReServe**

**13 Wednesday**  
**Meet One-on-One with a Career Coach Virtual, 3:30–4:30 p.m.**

**13 Wednesday**  
**Meet One-on-One with a Career Coach Virtual, 4:15–5:15 p.m.**

**15 Thursday**  
**Job Match with SF ReServe Virtual, 4:15–5:15 p.m.**

### Other Exhibits, Main Library

**20 Wednesday**  
**Employment Program Senior Community Service Employment Program**

**27 Wednesday**  
**Interviewing Essentials Virtual, 1:30–4:30 p.m.**

**27 Wednesday**  
**Job Match with SF ReServe Virtual, 1:30–4:30 p.m.**

### On View

**Jewett Gallery, Main Library Lower Level**

**Mission Graffiti: Reflecting a Community in Print The San Francisco graphic arts workshop, Mission Graffiti, presents an exhibition comprised of 42 prints that reflect an enormous variety of styles, approaches and sensibilities. The artists in the show range from non-professional and emerging artists to well-known figures such as Enrique Chagoya, Carmen Lomas Garza, Mildred Howard, Jean La, Nancy Horn, Rupert Garcia and Ester Hernandez. Through Dec. 17**

**6th Floor Exhibits, Main Library**

**Translations from Here: Beadwork by Kim Shuck**

**From a technological innovation to an icon synonymous with San Francisco, our cable car system has endured for 150 years. This exhibit offers a look back at the history of the Bay Area’s cable car system. The San Francisco History Center and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Photo Archive to explore and celebrate this rich, complex history through Sept. 30, San Francisco History Center**
Children

Early Childhood
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Tuesdays
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Sundays
Playtime Potrero, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
3, 10, 27, 34 Tuesdays
Storytime at Salesforce
6, 13, 20, 27 Wednesdays
Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

3 Saturday
Toddler Water Painting
Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

7, 14 July
Virtual Reality Game
NOW: Ages 12–18.
28 Thursday
Eureka Valley – Every Wednesday, 1:30–2 p.m.
Golden Gate Valley – Every Tuesday, 11:15–11:45 a.m.
Main – 11, 18, 25 Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Merritt – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Ortega – 11, 18, 25, Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Park – Every Saturday, 11:30–12:30 p.m.
Portola – Every Tuesday, 11:45–12:15 p.m.
Sunset – 11, 18, 25, Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.

2 Saturday
Library Rangers: Chang Ing of the Seasons
Glen Park, 2–3 p.m.

5 Saturday
Little Builders and Mappa-Tiles
Golden Gate Valley, 2–4 p.m.

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

7 Thursday
LEGO Free Play
Sunset, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

10 Tuesday
Little Makers
Merrick, 11–12 a.m.

14 Thursday
Library Rangers: Chang ing of the Seasons Bayview, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

16 Saturday
Toddler Trucks and Trains
Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

18 Monday
Family Dance Party
Glen Park, 10–11 a.m.

23 Saturday
PBS Kids Day Main, Children’s Ctr. – 2nd Fl, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

28 Thursday
Mariela’s Music Time
Presidio, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

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

Teens
The Mix at SFPL
Main Library, 2nd Fl, SFPL’s creative space for teens.
NOW: Ages 12–18.
3, 8, 15, 22, 29 Friday
Made at The Mix – 6:30 to 8 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays
Virtual Reality Game
4:30–6:30 p.m.

7 Thursday
Writer’s Club 4–5 p.m.

7, 14, 21, 28, 35 Thursdays
Podcasting 4–6:30 p.m.

Sewing Basics 4–5 p.m.


Children’s Storytimes
Storytimes for Babies
Songs, rhymes and books for infants and their caregivers.
Bernal Heights – Every Wednesday, 12:30–12:30 p.m.
Chinatown – Every Thursday, 11:15–11:45 a.m.
Eureka Valley – Every Wednesday, 1:30–2 p.m.
Golden Gate Valley – Every Tuesday, 11:15–11:45 a.m.
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Portola – Every Tuesday, 11:45–12:15 p.m.
Sunset – 11, 18, 25, Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.

Storytimes for Toddlers
Books, songs, movement and more. For toddlers 16 months through age 2 and their caregivers.
Ocean View – Every Thursday, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
(Winnie & Louise Ward Rec Center, 650 Capitol Ave.)
Ortega – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Park – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Portola – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Potrero – Every Thursday, 11:15–11:45 a.m.
Presidio – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Sunset – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Western Addition – Every Tuesday, 11:15–11:30 a.m.

Storytimes for Preschoolers
Stories, songs, fingerplays and more for ages 3–5.
Bayview – Every Tuesday, 11:30–11:45 a.m. English/español
Now: Every Tuesday, 11:30–11:45 a.m. English/español
1 Friday, 11:30–11:45 a.m. English/español
8, 15, 22, 29 Fridays, 1:30–2 p.m. English/español
Excelsior – Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
North Beach – Every Tuesday, 11:30–11:45 a.m.
Park – Every Saturday, 11:30–11:45 a.m.
Portola – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
West Portal – Every Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Storytimes for Families
Books, songs, movement and fun for children of all ages.
Anza – Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Bernal Heights – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Chinatown – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Excelsior –Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Golden Gate Valley – Every Friday, 11:45–12:15 a.m.
Main – Every Saturday, 2–2:30 p.m.
2, 16 Saturday, 10:30–11:30 a.m. (All Services, 1st F) Everyday
13 Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m. Español/English
Marina – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Now Valley – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m & 11:15–11:30 a.m.
North Beach – Every Thursday, 10:30–11:15 a.m.
Ocean View – 10 Sunday, 3–3:30 p.m.
Parkside – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Portola – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Richmond – Every Thursday, 11:30–11:45 a.m.
Visitacion Valley – Every Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.
9 Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
West Portal – Every Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Monarch Butterfly Crafts
Ingleside, 4–5:30 p.m.

22 Friday
Steady Hall Ortega, 4–7:30 p.m.

23 Saturday
Bibliography Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Art Mindfulness
Bayview, 1–2 p.m.

24 Sunday
LEGÓ Robots Ortega, 12:30–3:30 p.m.

25 Sunday
Dia de los Muertos Altar Ortega, 4–5 p.m.

28 Thursday
VIVA! Family Dance Party Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.

Mid-Autumn Festival Craft
Portola, 3–4 p.m.

29 Friday
Family Dance Party Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

30 Saturday
Chess Club Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

30 Saturday
Día de los Muertos Altar Ortega, 4–5 p.m.

Event Calendar: September 2023

Programs are in person unless listed as virtual. Register for virtual programs at sfpl.org/events.
Our donors are the best, thank you for supporting us!

Thank you for your continuous support for Friends and San Francisco Public Library. Together, we help SFPL thrive by providing funding that ensures free access to life-changing opportunities for everyone. Donations from people like you benefit the entire community and support the extraordinary Library system that we know and love.

Find out more about our impact at friendssfpl.org

Monthly Book Sale

Sept. 8 & 9, 12–5 p.m., 1630 17th St.

Check out our Monthly Book Sales at the Friends Donation Center! You’ll find everything from children’s books to vinyl—all priced at $5 and under. If you join Friends as a member, you’ll save an additional 10% off at our bookstore at the Main Library, all our book sales and local independent bookstores. You’ll also receive our monthly eNewsletter and invitations to exclusive Friends and SFPL events.

What is Friends of the Library? An Introduction

For those who don’t know, Friends is a nonprofit organization founded in 1961 that harnesses the power of the community to build, sustain and protect an award-winning public library for San Francisco. For more than 60 years, we have done just that with the advocacy efforts and generous financial support of library users all over the city.

Collectively, Friends’ members:

- Advocate for strong, sustainable, and dedicated public funding
- Invest in the SFPL by making donations that fund library programs the city can’t cover (> $1 million annually)
- Champion library values of democracy, inclusion, and equity

How can I support my SFPL through Friends?

All you need to do is make an annual or monthly recurring donation and become a card-carrying Friend of the Library. Look for our brochures at the check-out desks at all library branches. Or, visit our website at friendssfpl.org/support.

What benefits do I get as a Friends’ member?

- Online and paper subscription to SFPL’s At the Library delivered to your home
- 10% discount at Friends Bookstore at the Main, Wednesday Step Sales, Friends’ book sales and partner independent bookstores
- Invitations to special Friends and Library events
- Friends’ monthly newsletter

What members donations fund:

More than $1 million each year funds programs and infrastructure needs for:

- Children and youth literacy and learning, including Summer Stride
- Arts and cultural programming
- Lifelong learning, career development and adult literacy
- Library excellence and innovation
- Mission and Chinatown Branch renovations
- Support for hundreds of authors, artists and performers in library programs

See all the details at friendssfpl.org/whatwefund.

What is the Friends Book Donation and Resale Program?

Friends is well known for its book program, where residents can donate their books and buy “new” used books at our bookstore at the Main, special sales, and at our online bookstores. Each year, our book donation program rescues thousands of books from ending up in landfills. Located in Potrero Hill, the Friends’ Donation Center receives donated books and media by appointment. Discounted book sales allow members of the Bay Area community to fill their at-home collections in affordable and accessible ways. The impact doesn’t stop there! Find out more at friendssfpl.org/donatebooks.

How do I learn more about Friends? Visit friendssfpl.org to explore our work, sign up for our newsletter, volunteer and become a member.

Our stacks of books for sale in our online bookstores on eBay and Amazon.
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