

# AT THE LIBRARY

Events and Happenings at San Francisco Public Library

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## First Person Celebration

**Honor and celebrate Indigenous culture** during November, National Native American Heritage Month, as we live, learn and play on the traditional homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone. SFPL has wonderful programs in store from film screenings, arts and crafts and more.

## American Indian Film Festival

**S**an Francisco Public Library is proud to host the 48th annual American Indian Film Festival (AIFF) from November 4–8. This five-day event is a celebration of Native American and Canada's First Nations cultures through the power of film.

Since its establishment in 1975, the mission of the AIFF has always been to promote cultural exchange and understanding. The festival showcases films made by, for and about Indigenous storytellers, but it is open to audiences from all backgrounds. Filmmakers participating in AIFF aim to inform, educate, enlighten and entertain viewers with their diverse narratives.

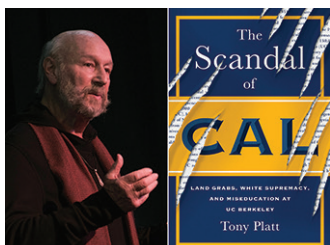
Under the leadership of Mytia Zavala, the director of the American Indian Film Institute, AIFF48 promises to be an exceptional experience. Zavala continues the important work initiated by her late father, Michael Smith, who founded the festival. With her passion and dedication, Zavala is excited to bring AIFF back to San Francisco and provide a platform for Indigenous voices to be heard.

For those interested in attending AIFF48, the film schedule and further information can be found on the festival's official website, [aifsf.com](http://aifsf.com).

## Adult Author Roundup

### Exploring Hidden Histories and Local Literature at San Francisco Public Library

The Library invites you to embark on a journey of discovery this November as it hosts a series of events that shed light on hidden histories and celebrate local literature. From thought-provoking author discussions to poetry readings and music lectures, there's something for everyone in this month's lineup.



#### Author Tony Platt in Conversation

Platt discusses his latest work, *The Scandal of Cal: Land Grabs, White Supremacy, and Miseducation*.

In this gripping exposé, Platt unveils the unsettling history of the University of California, Berkeley, affectionately known as 'Cal.' His work delves into the University's past, exposing its involvement in grave desecration, hoarding Indigenous remains and racist eugenics. Platt will be in conversation with educator and author Milton Reynolds. Nov. 1, 6 p.m., Main Library, Saroyan Gallery, 6th Floor



#### A Sense of Place—Bay Area in Fiction and Poetry

This discussion features authors Beverly Parayno, Toni Miroseovich, Norman Zelaya and Josiah Luis Alderete, who will share their perspectives on how the Bay Area influences their work, illuminating the complex lives of their characters. Nov. 4, 2 p.m., Main Library, African American Center, 3rd Floor

#### Author Alec Scott, *Oldest San Francisco*



Scott shares tales of the institutions and symbols that have made our city notable. Hear stories about a gold miner's sourdough starter, the world's first blue jeans and the oldest rainbow flag. Nov. 18, 11 a.m., Main Library, Saroyan Gallery, 6th Floor

#### The Presidio Poetry Series

A showcase of local poets, writers and musicians. Jessica Loos and Neeli Cherkovski read from their works of contemporary poetry. Nov. 18, 2 p.m., Presidio Branch



#### Pioneering the Bossa Nova

Jazz writer and performer Loren Means lectures on the music and influence of jazz trumpeter and composer Dizzy Gillespie (1917-1993), regarded as one of the founders of the bebop movement in jazz in the 1940s. Nov. 25, 3 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch



#### Author: John King, *Portal: San Francisco's Ferry Building and the Reinvention of American Cities*

Two-time Pulitzer finalist, John King explores the story of American urban design through San Francisco's iconic Ferry Building. Nov. 29, 6 p.m., Main Library, Saroyan Gallery, 6th Floor

## Bay Beats is Live

Bay Beats, the Library's new local music streaming platform, is now live and features albums by more than 100 independent musicians from right here in our own backyard.

Artists from the nine Bay Area counties submitted their original music for consideration through an open call. SFPL staff and Bay Area music influencers ("Community Jurors" who have strong ties to the diverse Bay Area music communities) reviewed the submissions and selected the finalists. The result is a diverse mix of music representing a variety of genres and styles. Anyone looking to delve into the vibrant local independent music scene can stream music on Bay Beats, while SFPL card holders can download albums or individual tracks. Bay Beats partnered with Amoeba, an independent music store, to make [baybeats.sfpl.org](http://baybeats.sfpl.org) a vital part of the local music community.

We celebrated the launch of Bay Beats on October 28 with a concert on the Fulton Street steps at the Main Library, featuring performances by Bay Beats artists. If you missed it, don't worry—we plan to host more events and concerts featuring the musicians. And if you're a musician, look out for when we open submissions again next year.

### Coming Up:

**Dec. 2**  
Bernal Heights Branch  
Open House

**Dec. 9**  
Mission Branch  
Open House

**Dec. 12**  
Screenprinting with Mission Gráfica  
Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Room



# Events, Collections and Services

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## Resources for Veterans

The Bridge at Main is a literacy and learning center located on the 5th floor of SFPL's Main Library. The Bridge teaches technology classes, manages an adult and youth literacy program, provides one-on-one tutoring for adult English language learners who live in San Francisco, offers an accredited online high school diploma program and provides information and assistance for the veteran community.

Recently, Natalie Enright, an Adult Learning Differences Librarian, visited veterans at The Veterans Curation Program (VCP) in San Mateo to provide an overview of SFPL resources and relevant archeological databases for their research. The VCP is a five-month initiative that offers veterans who want to increase their access to the mainstream job market employment, vocational training and technical skills. VCP participants are trained to be laboratory technicians to assist the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with the maintenance and cataloging of its at-risk archaeological collections, which were excavated during the construction of the country's many reservoirs and water control systems.

Visit The Bridge on the 5th floor of the Main Library, call (415) 557-4388, or email [bridgeevent@sfpl.org](mailto:bridgeevent@sfpl.org) to access veteran-related information. To learn more about the VCP visit: [veteranscurationprogram.org](http://veteranscurationprogram.org).



Willie Mays Becomes Highest Paid Player in Giant History. Left to right: Edward Howden of the Council for Civic Unity; Howden's son, Jonathan (in arms); unknown child; Willie Mays; Jefferson Beaver, president of the San Francisco-Oakland Urban League; and Marghuerite Mays. Photo by E.F. Joseph, published in Sun-Reporter, Jan. 11, 1958, Edward Howden Papers (SFH 731).

## American Indian Database Resources You Should Know About

Part of my duties with the Library's Environmental Center is to build our collection of books focused on Indigenous ecological knowledge and the lives of California and Bay Area Indigenous People. I'd like to point out two of SFPL's digital resources you can use to do research related to American Indian history and contemporary issues.

**Ethnic News Watch** is one of our full-text article databases housing pieces from newspapers, magazines and journals published by ethnic, minority and Native presses. Two good publications you can read on here are *News from Native California* as well as *American Indian Quarterly*.

SFPL also has access to **JSTOR**, which is very strong on academic content, but you don't have to be a college or graduate student to appreciate the analysis and ideas in these articles. JSTOR offers access to 10 specific journals on American Indian Studies, which you can find by looking at categories in the Advanced Search. One good article to read from Yurok/Hupa/Oneida professor Kaitlin Reed is "We Are a Part of the Land and the Land Is Us" from the *Humboldt Journal of Social Relations*.

Enjoy discovering these rich resources, and I hope to see you at the American Indian Film Festival screenings at the Library. – Gregory Hom, Program Manager of the Environmental Center



## Nonbinary Performance Festival Returns to Main Library!

The Hormel LGBTQIA Center and Diamond Wave are thrilled to partner again for the kickoff event of the 2023 THEYFRIEND Nonbinary Performance Festival, the world's first festival uplifting, centering and celebrating nonbinary performance. Founded in 2020 by Vin Seaman, THEYFRIEND creates a space for nonbinary people to connect and see their experiences and perspectives centered on stage.

The event includes a panel discussion on nonbinary identity hosted by local drag and dance artist SNJV and features performances and perspectives from "artists who express and thrive beyond the binary," according to SNJV. "Now, more than ever, it's critical that we continue to share our experiences, stories and joy—loudly and unapologetically," says Vin Seaman.

With performances by drag artist Mojo Carter, musician Joce Ryder, dancer Riy Mutakabbir and poet Zara Jamshed.

**THEYFRIEND Nonbinary Performance Festival** – Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m. Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

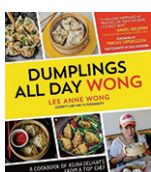
## Delicious Dumplings to Welcome Winter

Lì Dōng (立冬), which is considered the "Beginning of Winter," is a time to welcome the new season with harvest rituals and warming feasts. The most popular dish of Lì Dōng is dumplings, especially in the north of China. In Chinese, the word for dumplings is a homophone of the "meeting" of two seasons, and thus comes the tradition of eating dumplings on the day.

There are so many kinds of Chinese dumplings to love during Lì Dōng. Boiled Dumplings 水餃, Pot Stickers (Pan-Fried Dumplings) 鍋貼, Dim Sum – (Steamed Dumplings) 蒸餃 - e.g., Har Gow, Xiao Long Bao, Siu Mai, etc., Wontons – (Soup Dumplings) 湯餃 - e.g., Cantonese style雲吞, Shanghai Style餛飩 and Fujian/Taiwanese Style扁食, etc.



**Dumpling Cookbooks**  
*The Dumpling Galaxy Cookbook* by Helen You  
*Dumplings All Day Wong* by Lee Anne Wong



*Martin Yan's Chinatown Cooking* by Martin Yan  
*A World of Dumplings* by Brian Yarvin  
*First Generation* by Frankie Gaw



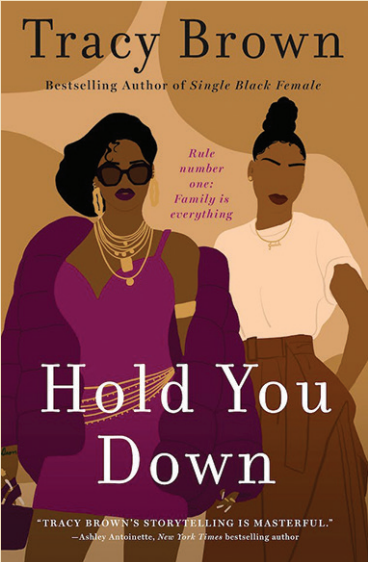
*Chinese Soul Food: A Friendly Guide for Homemade Dumplings, Stir-Fries, Soups, and More* by Xiaoqing Zhou



### Dumplings in Asian Countries:

Loc (Vietnamese Dumplings) – Bánh Bòt  
Mandu (Korean Dumplings) – 만두  
Gyoza (Japanese Potstickers) – ぎょうざ  
Momo (Nepalese Dumplings) – मःम  
Samosa (Indian Dumplings) – समोसा  
Jiaozi (Chinese Dumplings) – 餃子





## ON THE SAME PAGE

NOVEMBER–DECEMBER  
Selection

### Tracy Brown's *Hold You Down*

*Hold You Down*, by Tracy Brown, revolves around the complex lives of two African American sisters and their sons as they navigate through the challenges of family, friendship, love and personal growth in New York in the 1990s and early 2000s.

Mercy and Lenox Howard's unbreakable bond has been their constant solace. Navigating the challenging streets of Harlem, where their mother was often absent, forged a deep reliance on each other. Now, as young and intelligent mothers, they are resolute in their quest to thrive in the bustling city. All the while, they're nurturing their two sons, Deon and Judah, whose futures shine brightly before them.

When on a journey she deems promising and influential, Lenox alters not only her own life but also the trajectory of her family. The consequences of her decisions ripple through, leading cousins Deon and Judah into unfamiliar territory.



Tracy Brown

Brown's novel paints a vivid picture of the challenges faced by young people in inner-city environments, while offering a compelling exploration of relationships, self-discovery and the strength that can arise from genuine connections between family in overwhelming adversity.

Brown passed away on May 20, 2023. Her books, which are set in New York and focus on women who triumph despite adversity, have been *Essence Magazine* and *USA Today* bestsellers.

**On The Same Page Book Club** - Dec. 6, 6 p.m., Main Library, Learning Studio, 5th Floor



## NaNoWriMo

**N**ovember is National Novel Writing Month, also known as NaNoWriMo. The program celebrates more than 20 years of inspiring creative writers of all ages to write 50,000 words in just 30 days. NaNoWriMo encourages participants to take the plunge and find inspiration and encouragement in communities of writers. On the NaNoWriMo website, well-known authors provide written pep talks, offering insight into the creative process, encouraging words and practical advice. This year, NaNoWriMo is embracing the magic of fairy tales. Learn more at [nanowrimo.org](http://nanowrimo.org).

**Knock Out Your Novel!** – Gather with other NaNoWriMo writers, known as “Wrimos,” Thursdays in November, and work on your novel. The Library will provide the space, writing resources, snacks and free Wi-Fi. Each Thursday, Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 30, 6 p.m., Main Library, Strong Conference Room, 1st Floor

**Write Gripping Stories** – Professional writer Maury Zeff leads this writing workshop on how to build narrative urgency, develop three-dimensional characters and create an emotionally satisfying story for our readers and audiences. Nov. 19, 3 p.m., Main Library, Learning Studio, 5th Floor

**NaNoWriMo Writing Sessions** – Bring your notebook, a laptop or any writing project you're working on and write alongside fellow writers in a relaxing atmosphere. Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28, 4 p.m., Noe Valley Branch

Check out these recurring youth writing groups in November and throughout the year.

**Tween Creative Writing** – For ages 9–13. Nov. 4, 10:30 a.m., Western Addition Branch

**Writer's Club** – For ages 12–18. Nov. 7, 21 and 28, 4 p.m., Main Library, The Mix at SFPL, 2nd Floor.

**Young Writers** – For ages 10–18. Nov. 14 and 28, 4:30 p.m., Glen Park Branch

**WRITE Now!** – For ages 8–12. Nov. 20, 4 p.m., Main Library, Children's Creative Center, 2nd Floor

## First Person Programs

### FOR YOUTH

**Coil Basket Craft** – Create a coil basket made of cloth and twine inspired by the beautiful coil baskets of the Ohlone people. For ages 13 and older. Supplies limited. Reservations required: (415) 355-5666. Nov. 5, 2 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch

**Ohlone Land String Art** – Create string art of California that highlights the region that the Ohlone people traditionally and currently live in. For children ages 6 and older. Nov. 8, 3 p.m., Sunset Branch

**Beaded Corn Craft** – Create colorful corn decorations with beads and learn about how corn was a staple crop for Native Americans as one of the Three Sisters. For children and their families. Nov. 9, 4 p.m., Main Library, Children's Creative Center, 2nd Floor



**Ojo de Dios** – Craft the traditional “Ojo de Dios” or “God's Eye” out of yarn and popsicle sticks. The Ojo de Dios was first made hundreds of years ago by the Huichol people of the Sierra Madre mountains of Mexico. For ages 9 and older. Nov. 15, 3 p.m., Sunset Branch

**Quipu, knot, nudo** – Make a basic Inca quipu, where knots represent numbers, from 0 to 9. Quipus, or talking knots, were record-keeping devices for ancient Andean civilizations. *Crea un quipu Inca básico, en el que los nudos representan números del 0 al 9. Los quipus, o nudos de comunicación, eran dispositivos de registro para las antiguas civilizaciones en los Andes.* Nov. 16, 4 p.m., Mission Branch

### Activities

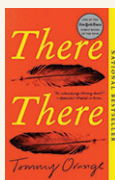
**Ohlone Game with Ranger Fatima Colindres** – Learn how to make and play the Ohlone game Staves and learn about Indigenous plants in San Francisco with Ranger Colindres. Space limited. For children and their families. Nov. 8, 12 p.m., Glen Park Branch  
Nov. 22, 3 p.m., Noe Valley Branch. Reservations required: (415) 355-5707  
Nov. 29, 3:30 p.m. Potrero Branch

**Beading with Kalarie Roanhorse** – Instructor Roanhorse, an expert in Native American beading and owner of Navajo Dream's Authentic Handmade Jewelry, teaches the basics of jewelry design and beading. Space limited. Reservations required. Nov. 21, 5 p.m., Excelsior Branch, (415) 355-2868  
Nov. 27, 4 p.m., Mission Bay Branch, (415) 355-2838  
Nov. 29, 5 p.m., Marina Branch, (415) 355-2823



### Book Clubs

**M.L. Smoker's *Thunderous*** – Talk about recent graphic novels with fellow comics fans. Our November title is *Thunderous* by M.L. Smoker. Come for a low-key discussion even if you haven't finished the book. For ages 8–12. Nov. 13, 4:30 p.m., Glen Park Branch



**Tommy Orange's *There There*** – Read and discuss this award-winning book with other teens, share snacks and take a copy of the book home with you to keep. For ages 12–18. Nov. 14, 4 p.m., Main Library, The Mix at SFPL, 2nd Floor

**Tasha Spillet's *Surviving the City*** – Talk about recent graphic novels with fellow comics fans. Come for a low-key discussion about our November title, *Surviving the City*, even if you haven't finished the book. For ages 11–14. Nov. 27, 4:30 p.m., Glen Park Branch

### FOR ADULTS

In addition to a week of the American Indian Film Fest, adults can indulge in a variety of captivating First Person events at our Main Library and branch locations. Here are some highlights of our other engaging offerings.



**Brook Thompson on Traditional Ecological Knowledge** – Thompson (Yurok and Karuk) shares her top 10 books on

Traditional Ecological Knowledge for all ages. Discover her work bridging Indigenous knowledge and water policy. Nov. 7, 5:30 p.m., Main Library, Stegner Center, 5th Floor

**News From Native California Presentation** – Explore the world of California's indigenous peoples with Terria Smith, editor of “News From Native California.” Discover their rich culture, history, and more. Nov. 14, 4 p.m., Virtual Library

**Natural Ink Making Workshop** – Get creative and make ink from natural materials like twigs and berries. Limited space. Reservations required: email [nvamgr@sfpl.org](mailto:nvamgr@sfpl.org). Nov. 27, 4 p.m., Noe Valley Branch



**Author Sara Calvosa Olson: *Chimi Nu'am: Native California Foodways for the Contemporary Kitchen*** – Join

cookbook author Sara Calvosa Olson (Karuk) on a culinary journey through Native Californian food. Explore recipes inspired by Indigenous ingredients and landscapes. Dec. 9, 3 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch



# Event Calendar: November 2023

## Adults

### 1 Wednesday

**Employment for People with Disabilities** Main, Atrium, 1–3:30 p.m.

**The Family of Man** Main, Koret, 2–4 p.m.

**Music CD Appreciation Club** Golden Gate Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

**Ohlone Way** Noe Valley, 5–6 p.m.

**Author: Tony Platt** Main, Saroyan Area - 6th Floor, 6–7:30 p.m.

### 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Wednesdays

**Tai Chi Presidio** Beginners, 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Advanced, 12:15–1 p.m.

**Meditation** Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 12–12:30 p.m.

**Beginners Tai Chi** Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

### 1, 15 Wednesdays

**Yoga with TendWell** Mission Bay, 6–7 p.m.

### 2 Thursday

**Film: *Barking Water*** Main, Koret, 12–2 p.m.

**Film: *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol 1*** Western Addition, 12–2 p.m.

**Film: N. Scott Momaday: Words from a Bear** Golden Gate Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

**Dia de los Muertos Calaveras** Western Addition, 5–6 p.m.

### 2, 9, 16, 30 Thursdays

**Breath Meditation, Gentle Yoga** Richmond, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Wild Goose Qigong** Presidio, 2–3 p.m.

**Book a Librarian** Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.\*

**Come Write In** Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl, 6–7:30 p.m.

### 2, 16, 30 Thursday

**English Conversation Club** Mission, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

### 3 Friday

**Filipino Self-Defense for Older Adults** Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

**Film: *El Abrazo de la Serpiente/ Embrace of the Serpent*** Excelsior, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

### 3, 17 Fridays

**Watercolor** Bernal Heights, 1–5 p.m.

**Knitting** Anza, 3:30–5 p.m.

### 4 Saturday

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

**Plant Swap** Ortega, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

**Hot Siva Dance** Visitacion Valley, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

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

**Thomas K. Holcomb, Introduction to Deaf Culture** Main, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Rms, 1–3 p.m.

**Authors: Nick Mott and Justin Angle, *This Is Wildfire*** Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

**The Story of the Totem Pole Outside Cliff House** Merced, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Bay Area in Fiction and Poetry** Main, African American Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2–4 p.m.

**Cannoli Making** Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

**Native American Beading** Park, 3–4:30 p.m.

**AIDS Portraits: Gallery Talk with Jeannie O'Connor** Main, History Center - 6th Fl, 4–5:45 p.m.

### 4, 18 Saturdays

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

### 4, 18, 25 Saturdays

**Creative Saturday Afternoons / 創意無窮周六午** Chinatown, 2:30–4 p.m.

**Wild Goose Qigong** Marina, 9–10 a.m.

### 5 Sunday

**Plant Swap** Bernal Heights, 1–2 p.m.

### 6, 13, 20, 27 Mondays

**ESL Class** Visitacion Valley, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

**Beginning Tai-Chi** Anza, 11:30 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

### 7 Tuesday

**Needle Felted Acorns** Presidio, 3–4 p.m.

**Brook M Thompson** Main, Environmental Ctr - 5th Fl, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

### 7, 14, 21, 28 Tuesdays

**NaNoWriMo Writing Sessions** Noe Valley, 4–5 p.m.

### 7, 14, 28 Tuesdays

**ESL Convo Club** Virtual, 3–4 p.m.

### 8 Wednesday

**SF Genealogy Grp: Dating a Photograph** Virtual, 1–3 p.m.

### Asian Pacific American Community Center Office Hours

Visitacion Valley, 1–3 p.m.

**Ohlone Game w/ Ranger Fatima** Richmond, 2–3 p.m.

**Film: *Wind River*** Park, 5–6:30 p.m.

**Coloring** Mission Bay, 5:30–7 p.m.

### 8, 22 Wednesdays

**Disability and Aging Services** Main, Atrium, 2:30–5 p.m.

### 8, 29 Wednesdays

**Yoga** Ingleside, 6–7 p.m.\*

### 9 Thursday

**Film: *Medicine Woman | Native American Healing*** Golden Gate Valley, 3–5 p.m.

**Craft** West Portal, 5:45–7:15 p.m.

**Poem Jam** Main, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Rms, 6–7 p.m.

### 10 Friday

**Watercolor** Glen Park, 1:30–5:30 p.m.

**Film: *Hell or High Water*** Noe Valley, 2–3:45 p.m.

### 12 Sunday

**Ukrainian Holodomor Commemorative Program** Main, Koret, 1–5 p.m.

**Swap, Board Games** Glen Park, 2–3 p.m.

**Rangoli Sand Art** Bayview, 2–3:30 p.m.

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

**Craft** Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

### 13, 27 Mondays

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

### 14 Tuesday

**Aurora on Mars** Virtual, 5–6 p.m.

**On the Page, Off the Page** Park, 6–7:30 p.m.

### 14, 28 Tuesdays

**Knitting** Glen Park, 1–2:30 p.m.

### 15 Wednesday

**SF International New Concept Film Fest** Main, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Rm A, 12–6 p.m.

**Employment Resources** Main, Atrium, 1–3:30 p.m.

**Film: *Little Women*** Ocean View, 3–6 p.m.

***I Still Love You* Poetry Reading** Western Addition, 6–7:30 p.m.

### 16 Thursday

**Film: *Black Robe*** Main, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Rms, 12–2 p.m.

**Film: *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol 2*** Western Addition, 12–1 p.m.

**Medicare 101** Richmond, 2–4 p.m.

**Native American Beading** Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 5–6:30 p.m.

### 17 Friday

**DJ Jahi** Main, Fulton St Steps, 12–1:30 p.m.

**Felt Strawberries** Chinatown, 2–2:30 p.m.

**Rubber Stamp Making** Mission Bay, 2–3:30 p.m.

### 18 Saturday

**Music & Yarn** Mission Bay, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Alec Scott, *Oldest San Francisco*** Main, Saroyan Area - 6th Floor, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

**Therapy Pets** Excelsior, 1–2 p.m.

**Pine Needle Basket Weaving** Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 12–1 p.m.

**Michael Gil Magnaye** Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2–5 p.m.

**Notebook Making** Ocean View, 2–4 p.m.

**Jessica Loos and Neeli Cherkovski** Presidio, 2–3 p.m.

### 19 Sunday

**Songwriting Circle** Glen Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Shelley Wong and Celeste Chan in Conversation** Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Write Gripping Stories** Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 3–4:30 p.m.

### 21 Tuesday

**Westside Affordable Housing Richmond & Sunset** Richmond, 1–4:30 p.m.

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

**Rogue Recovery** Park, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

### 22 Wednesday

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

**Film: *The Oath*** Glen Park, 6–7:30 p.m.

### 25 Saturday

**Dizzy Gillespie: Pioneering the Bossa Nova** Golden Gate Valley, 3–5 p.m.

### 26 Sunday

**Color Your Cares Away** Bernal Heights, 1–3 p.m.

### 27 Monday

**Natural Ink Making** Noe Valley, 4–5 p.m.\*

### 30 Thursday

**Film: Rumble: *The Indians Who Rocked The World*** Main, Koret, 12–2 p.m.

**Film: *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol 3*** Western Addition, 12–2 p.m.

**Basic Watercolor for Adults** Golden Gate Valley, 2–4 p.m.

**Film: *An Open Door*** Main, Koret, 4–6:30 p.m.

### 30 Thursday

**Berkeley Rep: David Cale's Harry Clarke** Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 6–7:15 p.m

## On View

### Jewett Gallery, Main Library, Lower Level

***Mission Gráfica: Reflecting a Community in Print***  
The San Francisco graphic arts workshop, Mission Gráfica, presents an exhibition comprised of 43 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 Marr, Nancy Hom, Rupert Garcia and Ester Hernandez. Through Dec. 17

### Other Exhibits, Main Library

#### 50 Years of Planet Drum

Explore Planet Drum's archival “Art Bundles,” comprised of individual essays, poetry, graphics and posters, each printed separately and then assembled unbound into an envelope. Planet Drum was founded in 1973 in San Francisco to provide an effective grassroots approach to ecology that emphasizes sustainability, community self-determination and regional self-reliance. There will be several rotations during the course of the exhibit, so check back to see what each new Bundle contains. Through Jan. 7, 2024, Wallace Stegner Environmental Center, 5th Floor

#### AIDS Portraits by Jeannie O'Connor

This exhibition features portraits taken by Jeannie O'Connor at four Centers for AIDS services in San Francisco, Oakland and Richmond from 1989–1995. As a guest artist for Sharon Siskin's Positive Art classes, O'Connor set up a make-shift studio and brought in a view camera with Polaroid film. Polaroid prints were passed around and enjoyed, leading to a festive communal experience for the participants and families. Through Feb. 29, 2024, SF History Center, 6th Floor and Hormel LGBTQIA Center, 3rd Floor. Artist Talk: Nov. 4, 4 p.m. Main Library, History Center, 6th Floor

***The Ink of Identity: Rereading Afghanistan*** emerged from a desire to critically engage with and disrupt prevailing narratives in San Francisco Public Library's collection of books on Afghanistan. Delving into the extensive collection, dating back to 1762, artist-in-resident Gazelle Samizay explores the complexities of Afghan identity and the impact of Western-authored literature on the understanding of Afghan history and culture, with a particular focus on Afghan American perspectives. Nov. 9–Jan. 7, 2024, Skylight Gallery, 6th Floor

### Exhibits at the Branches

#### Historic SF Posters Highlight Haight-Ashbury

This remarkable collection of Haight-Ashbury Street Fair posters, spanning from 1979–2010, captures the vibrant history and spirit of the iconic neighborhood. In April 1978, the Haight-Ashbury community, alongside Supervisor Harvey Milk, organized and hosted the inaugural Haight-Ashbury Street Fair. Pablo Heisling and Robert Leon, two of the fair's organizers, began donating posters to the Park Branch in 1979. The collection grew over the years and became an integral part of the Library's historical archive.

## Book Clubs

### 1 Wednesday

**ASL Book Club** Virtual, 5–7 p.m.

### 1, 15, 29 Wednesdays

**Silent Book Club** Richmond, 3–5 p.m.

### 2 Thursday

**N. Scott Momaday, *House Made of Dawn*** Virtual, 6–7:45 p.m.

### 5 Sunday

中文新書分享會：尋常小日子  
Richmond, 2–4 p.m.

**Charmaine Wilkerson, *Black Cake*** Eureka Valley, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

### 7 Tuesday

**Reader's Club on 9th / Читательский клуб на 9-ой** Richmond, 6–7:30 p.m.

### 14 Tuesday

**Cozy Capers & Mysteries** Presidio, 3–4 p.m.

**Priya Parker, *The Art of Gathering*** Virtual, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

### 15 Wednesday

**30 year Anniversary With Cara Black** Bernal Heights, 4–6 p.m.

**Chinatown Readers** Chinatown, 5:15–7:15 p.m.

**Book Club** Noe Valley, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

### 16 Thursday

**Literate Goat** Potrero, 6–7:30 p.m.

### 18 Saturday

**Jonathan Freedland, *The Escape Artist*** Ortega, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

### 19 Sunday

**Mysteries** Eureka Valley, Virtual, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

### 26 Sunday

**Great Books Discussion** Anza, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

### Somewhere in Time historical fiction

Eureka Valley, Virtual, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

### 28 Tuesday

**Mieko Kawakami, *Heaven*** Bernal Heights, 2–4 p.m.

### 29 Wednesday

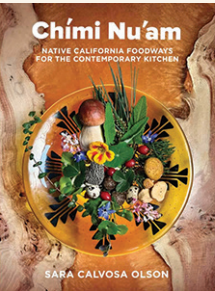
**Book Club** Mission Bay, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

**Great Books Group** Virtual, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

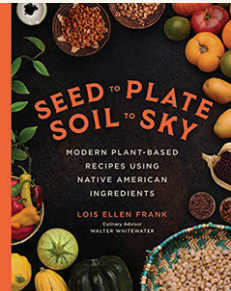


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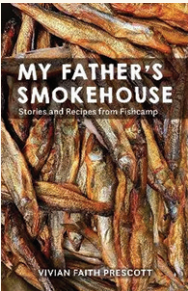
**Culinary Delights!** [sfpl.org/FirstPerson23Food](https://sfpl.org/FirstPerson23Food)



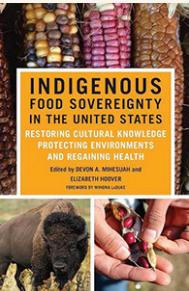
**Chimi Nu'am: Native California Foodways for the Contemporary Kitchen** by Sara Calvosa Olson



**Seed to Plate, Soil to Sky: Modern Plant-based Recipes using Native American Ingredients** by Lois Ellen Frank

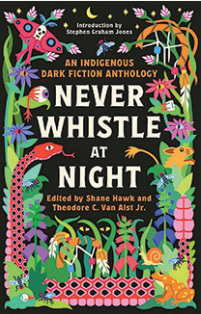


**My Father's Smokehouse: Life at Fishcamp in Southeast Alaska** by Vivian Faith Prescott

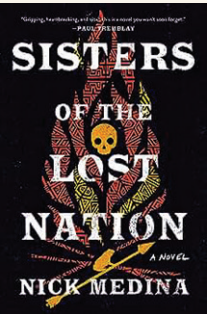


**Indigenous Food Sovereignty in the United States: Restoring Cultural Knowledge, Protecting Environments, and Regaining Health**

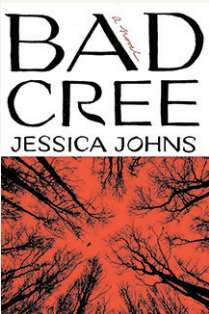
**Horror and Thrillers by Indigenous Authors** [sfpl.org/FirstPerson23Adult](https://sfpl.org/FirstPerson23Adult)



**Never Whistle at Night: An Indigenous Dark Fiction Anthology** edited by Shane Hawk and Theodore Van Alst



**Sisters of the Lost Nation** by Nick Medina



**Bad Cree: A Novel** by Jessica Johns



**To Shape a Dragon's Breath: The First Book of Nampeshiweisit** by Moniquill Blackgoose

**Kids Books** [sfpl.org/FirstPerson23Kids](https://sfpl.org/FirstPerson23Kids)



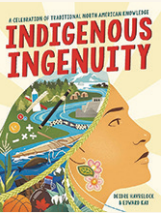
**My Powerful Hair** by Carole Lindstrom



**We Belong to the Drum** by Sandra Lamouche



**Two Tribes** by Bowen Emily Cohen



**Indigenous Ingenuity: A Celebration of Traditional North American Knowledge** by Deidre Havrelock

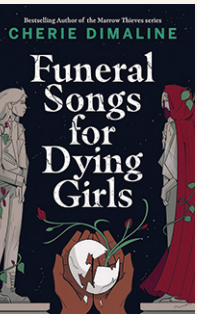


**Grandma's Tipi: A Present-day Lakota Story** by S. D. Nelson

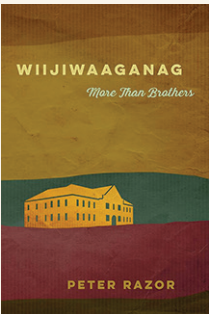
**Teen Books** [sfpl.org/FirstPerson23Teen](https://sfpl.org/FirstPerson23Teen)



**Warrior Girl Unearthed** by Angeline Boulley



**Funeral Songs for Dying Girls** by Cherie Dimaline



**Wijiwaaganag: More Than Brothers** by Peter Razor



**Harvest House** by Cynthia Leitch Smith

## Tech Time

Held in the Main Library  
5th Floor Computer Training  
Center or Learning Studio  
unless otherwise noted.

### 1 Wednesday

**Tablet/Smartphone Class for Older Adults 60+**  
Richmond, 1–2:15 p.m.

### 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Wednesdays

**Taller: Ayuda De Computación En Español** 6–7:30 p.m.

### 3 Friday

**Drop-In Tech Support for Older Adults** Richmond,  
1:30–4:30 p.m.

### 3, 10 Fridays

**Tech Exchange Digital Literacy** 12:30–2:30 p.m.

### 4, 18, 25 Saturdays

**Tech Help**  
West Portal, 1:45–4 p.m.

### 6 Monday

**Learn to Download eBooks/Audiobooks to your Devices**  
Bernal Heights, 3–4 p.m.

### 7 Tuesday

**Preserving Memory Scanning** Ortega, 12–3 p.m.

### 7, 14, 21, 28 Tuesdays

**Drop-in Tech Help** 1–2:30 p.m.

**Tech Tuesdays** Bayview, 1–3 p.m.

### 8 Wednesday

**SF Digital Connection**  
Ocean View, 12–5 p.m.

**Drop-in Tech Coaching**  
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

### 10 Friday

**Tech support for Older Adults** Anza, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

**Drop-In Tech Support for Older Adults**  
Richmond, 1:30–4 p.m.

### 13 Monday

**Drop in Tech Help**  
Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

### 16 Thursday

**Google Maps Basics** /谷歌地圖簡介 Chinatown, 2–3:30 p.m.

### 28 Tuesday

**Drop-in Tech Coaching**  
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

### 29 Wednesday

**Earn a Certificate in Micro-soft Basics** 4–5:45 p.m.

## Work It (Jobs, Business, Finance)

Programs are held virtually  
unless otherwise noted.

### Monday through Friday

**Advisors Give Back**  
9 a.m.–6 p.m.

**Meet One-on-One with a Smart Money Coach**  
9:30 a.m.–5:45 p.m.

### 1 Wednesday

**Small Business Financial Literacy** Main, Koret Lobby,  
Latino/Hispanic Meeting Rms,  
9 a.m.–12 p.m.

### 2 Thursday

**How to Apply for a CA State Job** 1–2:30 p.m.

### 3 Friday

**Small Business Office Hours with an Advisor** 2–4 p.m.

### 4 Saturday

**Avoid California Probate**  
3–4 p.m.

### 7 Tuesday

**Job Search During the Holidays** 10–11:30 a.m.

### 12 Sunday

**Resume Writing and Cover Letter Workshop** 3–4:30 p.m.

### 13 Monday

**Resume Essentials** 1–2 p.m.

### 14 Tuesday

**SF Reserve First Impressions**  
3:15–4 p.m.

### 15 Wednesday

**SCSEP** 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

### 16 Thursday

**Interviewing Essentials**  
1–2 p.m.

### 21 Thursday

**Job Search Portfolios**  
10–11:30 a.m.

## Teens

### The Mix at SFPL

Main Library, 2nd Fl. SFPL's  
creative space for teens.

**NOW: Ages 12–18.**

### Mix Recording Studio

**Guitar and Bass Lessons**  
• Tuesdays, 5:30–6 p.m.  
• Wednesdays, 4–4:30 p.m.

### Recording Studio Orientation

• Tuesdays, 6–6:30 p.m.  
• Wednesdays, 4:30–5 p.m.  
• Thur. (2, 9, 16, 30), 4:30–5 p.m.

### Intro to Recording and Songwriting

• Wednesdays, 5–5:30 p.m.  
• Thur. (2, 9, 16, 30), 5–5:30 p.m.  
• Fridays (3, 10, 17), 5–5:30 p.m.

### Digital Music Production and Songwriting

• Tuesdays, 6:30–7 p.m.  
• Wednesdays, 5–5:30 p.m.  
• Sat. (4, 18, 25), 4:30–5 p.m.

### 2, 9, 16, 30 Thursdays

**Basic Sewing** 4–5 p.m.

### 4 Saturday

**First People Who Rocked Our World** 2–3 p.m.

### 6, 13, 20, 27 Mondays

**Digital Design Studio** 4–5 p.m.

**3D Printing** 4–5 p.m.

**Writer's Club** 4–5 p.m.

### 8 Wednesday

**Biblio Bistro** 4–6 p.m.

### 10 Friday

**Queer Social** 4:30–5:30 p.m.

### 14 Tuesday

**There There** 4–5 p.m.

### 22 Wednesday

**Snack Trials** 3–4 p.m.

### 25 Saturday

**Karaoke** 4–5 p.m.

### 26 Sunday

**Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros.** 3–4 p.m.

### Teens at the Branches

### 3 Friday

**Karaoke** Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

### 4 Saturday

**Intro to AI with Google Teachable Machine**  
Excelsior, 2–3 p.m.

### 4, 18, 25 Saturdays

**Gardening**  
Merced, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

### 5 Sunday

**SAT Prep** Sunset, 1–5 p.m.

**Art Club** Anza, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Coil Basket Craft**  
Golden Gate Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

### 5, 19, 26 Sundays

**Chess** Ingleside, 2:30–4 p.m.

### 7 Tuesday

**Film: Captain Marvel**  
Potrero, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

### 7, 14, 21, 28 Tuesdays

**Hangout Time**  
Visitation Valley, 4–5:30 p.m.

### 8 Wednesday

**Book Swap** 青少年圖書交換  
寫書評 Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.

### 8 Wednesday-9 Thursday

**SAT Prep** Portola, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

### 10 Friday

**Felt Moccasin Key Ring**  
毛氈鹿皮鞋鑰匙鍊  
Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.

### 10 Friday

**Book Review**  
Excelsior, 4–5:30 p.m.

### 13 Monday

**M.L. Smoker, Thunderous**  
Glen Park, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

### 14 Tuesday

**Bingo** North Beach,  
4:30–5:30 p.m.

### 15 Wednesday

**Thanksgiving Crafts & Games**  
North Beach, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

### 15 Wednesday

**Financial Aid for Teens**  
Parkside, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

### 16 Thursday

**Pumpkin Spice Mug Cakes**  
Bernal Heights, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

### 16 Thursday

**Quipu, knot, nudo**  
Mission, 4–5:30 p.m.

### 17 Friday

**Retro Rhythm Gaming**  
Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

### 18, 25 Saturday

**Book Review** Parkside,  
2–4 p.m.

### 21 Tuesday

**Two-Hour Role-Playing Game: Super Brains & Brawn**  
Glen Park, 3:45–5:45 p.m.

### 21 Tuesday

**Film: Sucker Punch**  
Potrero, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

### 21 Tuesday

**Native American Beading**  
Excelsior, 5–6 p.m.\*

### 27 Monday

**Tasha Spillett, Surviving the City** Glen Park, 4:30–5:30 p.m.



# Event Calendar: November 2023

## Family

### 3 Friday

**Board Games**  
Mission Bay, 1–4 p.m.

### 4 Saturday

**Tinker Saturday** West Portal, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

### 4 Saturday

**Shamisen Japanese Traditional Music** Western Addition, 2:30–3 p.m.

**Danza Azteca Xitlalli de San Francisco** Ortega, 3–4 p.m.

### 5 Sunday

**Board Games**  
Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

### 6 Monday

**Game Swap** Bernal Heights, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

### Button Making

Golden Gate Valley, 3–4 p.m.

### 9 Thursday

**Scratchboards and Snacks**  
Ocean View, 4–5 p.m.

### 10 Friday

**MakeArt** Potrero, 3–5 p.m.

### 12 Sunday

**Board Games** Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

**KODO Building Toys**  
Merced, 2–4 p.m.

### 14 Tuesday

**Dog Reading Circle**  
Bernal Heights, 4–4:30 p.m.

### 16 Thursday

**Nutcracker Sweets Ballet**  
Visitacion Valley, 11–11:30 a.m.

### 17 Friday

**MakeArt** North Beach, 3–5 p.m.

### 18 Saturday

**Fix-It Clinic** Ortega, 1–3 p.m.

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

**Cascada de Flores**  
Richmond, 3–4 p.m.

**Navajo Code Talkers**  
Park, 3–4:30 p.m.\*

### 19 Sunday

**Board Games**  
Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

### 25 Saturday

**Tinker Saturday**  
West Portal, 10:45–12:30 p.m.

**KODO Building Toys**  
Merced, 2–4 p.m.

### 26 Sunday

**Board Games** Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

### 27 Monday

**Nutcracker Sweets Ballet**  
Marina, 10–10:30 a.m.

### 29 Wednesday

**Nutcracker Sweet Ballet**  
Sunset, 10:30–11 a.m.

### 30 Thursday

**Ellen Klages, Out of Left Field**  
West Portal, 6:45–7:45 p.m.

## Children

### Early Childhood

#### 3 Friday

**Magna Tiles** Chinatown, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

#### 4 Saturday

**Parachute Games** Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Puppy Dog Tales** Bayview, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

**Big San Francisco Play Date**  
Bayview, 2–4 p.m.

#### 4, 18, 25 Saturdays

**Morning Playtime** Potrero, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

#### 5 Sunday

**Coloring and Crayon-Rubbing** Mission Bay, 2–3 p.m.

#### 6 Monday

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

**Fire Truck** Merced, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

#### 9 Thursday

**Painting by Number** Potrero, 2:30–5 p.m.

**Library Ranger - Birds of the Bay** Bayview, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

#### 13 Monday

**Little Artists** Bernal Heights, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

#### 14 Tuesday

**Mini Makers** Merced, 11–11:30 a.m.

#### 18 Saturday

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

**Drag Story Hour** Ocean View, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

#### 25 Saturday

**Magna-Tiles** Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

### Elementary School Age

#### 1 Wednesday

**Día de los Muertos Wreaths**  
Marina, 3–5 p.m.

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

#### 1, 8, 22, 29 Wednesdays

**Makerspace**  
Parkside, 3–4 p.m.

#### 2 Thursday

**LEGO Free Play**  
Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

**Paper helicopters and LEGO**  
North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

**Library Rangers - Birds of the Bay** Visitacion Valley, 4–5 p.m.

#### 4 Saturday

**Read for the Record** Main, Children's Floor Area - 2nd Fl, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

#### 4, 18, 25 Saturdays

**Giant Math Winder** China-town, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Origami Club** Bernal Heights, 2–5 p.m.

**Painting by Number**  
Potrero, 2:30–5 p.m.

#### 5 Sunday

**LEGO Motorcars**  
Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Lego Free Play** Merced, 2–4 p.m.

#### 5, 12, 19, 26 Sundays

**LEGO Free Play** Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 12–1 p.m.

**Dungeons & Dragons for Kids**  
Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 3–5 p.m.

#### 7 Tuesday

**Reading Roundtable**  
Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.

#### 8 Wednesday

**Ohlone Game with Ranger Fatima** Glen Park, 12–1 p.m.\*

**Ohlone Land String Art**  
Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

#### 9 Thursday

**Paint-by-Number**  
Potrero, 3–5:30 p.m.

**Board Game Club** Bernal Heights, 3:30–5 p.m.

#### 12 Sunday

**Crafternoon** West Portal, 2–3 p.m.\*

#### 13 Monday

**LEGO Gear Bots**  
Golden Gate Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

#### 14 Tuesday

**Nutcracker Sweets Ballet**  
Excelsior, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

**Lego Free Play**  
Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

#### 15 Wednesday

**Nutcracker Sweets Ballet**  
Bayview, 11–11:30 a.m.

**René y Familia**  
Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

**Pinecone Turkeys Craft**  
Ingleside, 3–4:30 p.m.

**LEGO Free Play** Bayview, 3–5 p.m.

**Mariela's Music Time**  
Chinatown, 3:30–4:15 p.m.

**LEGO Free Play** Presidio, 6–7 p.m.

#### 16 Thursday

**Library Rangers - Birds of the Bay**  
Portola, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

**Toilet Paper Roll Turkey**  
Chinatown, 3:45–4:45 p.m.

#### 17 Friday

**LEGO Racing Cars**  
Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

**Origami for Beginners**  
Parkside, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

**Leaf People Comics** Glen Park, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

#### 18 Saturday

**Gratitude Cards** Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 1–2 p.m.

**Pinch Pots**  
Bernal Heights, 2–3 p.m.

#### 19 Sunday

**Chess Drop-In**  
West Portal, 2–3 p.m.

#### 20 Monday

**WRITE Now!** Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 4–5 p.m.

#### 21 Tuesday

**Marble Machines**  
Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.

#### 25 Saturday

**Origami Hour** Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

#### 29 Wednesday

**Karaoke** Portola, 2–3 p.m.

#### 29 Wednesday

**Ohlone Game with Ranger Fatima** Potrero, 3:30–4:30 p.m.\*

### Middle School Age

#### 1 Wednesday

**Teen Gaming** Excelsior, 3–4:30 p.m.

#### 4 Saturday

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

#### 7, 14, 21, 28 Tuesdays

**Portfolio Prep for Tweens/Teens** Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 5–6 p.m.

#### 14, 28 Tuesdays

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

#### 15 Wednesday

**Ojo de Dios Craft**  
Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

#### 17 Friday

**Native American Dot-to-dot Puzzle Games** 美洲原住民 連連看益智遊戲 Chinatown, 4–5 p.m.

#### 18 Saturday

**Painting by Number**  
Potrero, 2:30–5 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 – 2, 9, 16, 30 Thursdays, 11–11:30 a.m.  
Eureka Valley – Every Wednesday, 1:30–2 p.m.  
Golden Gate Valley – Every Tuesday, 11:15–11:45 a.m.  
Main – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Merced – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.  
Ortega – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Park – 4, 18, 25 Saturdays, 11–11:30 a.m.  
Potrero – Every Tuesday, 1:15–2:15 p.m.\*  
Presidio – 2, 9, 16, 30 Thursdays, 10:15–10:45 a.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 – 2, 9, 16, 30 Thursdays, 10–10:30 a.m.  
Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m. English/español\*  
Eureka Valley – Every Tuesday, 1:30–2 p.m.  
Excelsior – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Glen Park – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.  
2, 9, 16, 30 Thursdays, 11–11:30 a.m.  
8, 15, 29 Wednesdays, 7–7:30 p.m. *Pajama Storytime*  
Ingleside – Every Monday, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.  
Every Sunday, 1:30–2 p.m.  
Main – Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Merced – Every Monday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.  
Mission – 2, 9, 16, 30 Thursdays, 11–11:30 a.m. English/español  
Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m. English/español  
Mission Bay – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.  
Ocean View – Every Tuesday, 11 a.m.–12 p.m. (at Branch)  
2, 9, 16, 30 Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.  
(at Minnie & Lovie Ward Rec Center, 650 Capitol Ave.)  
Ortega – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Park – Every Monday, 3:30–4 p.m.  
Parkside – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Portola – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
29 Wednesday, 6:30–7:30 p.m. *Pajama Storytime*  
Potrero – 7, 14, 28 Tuesdays, 10:30–11 a.m.\*  
Presidio – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.  
Sunset – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
Western Addition – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.

### Storytimes for Preschoolers

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

Bayview – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m. English/español  
2, 9, 16, 30 Thursdays, 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 – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.\*  
Parkside – 2, 9, 16, 30 Thursdays, 10:30–11 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, rhymes and fun for children of all ages.**

Anza – 2, 9, 16, 30 Thursdays, 10:30–11 a.m..  
Chinatown – 4, 18, 25 Saturdays, 2–2:30 p.m..  
Excelsior – 4, 18, 25 Saturdays 10:30–11 a.m..  
Golden Gate Valley – 3, 10, 17 Fridays 1:15–1:45 p.m.  
Main – 4, 18, 25 Saturday, 2–2:30 p.m.  
Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m. English/español  
2, 9, 16, 30 Thur., 10:30–11 a.m. English/(Cantonese)  
Every Wed., 10–10:30 a.m. (Salesforce Park Rooftop Garden)  
Marina – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Mission Bay – 2 Monday, 11:15–11:45 a.m.  
Noe Valley – 2, 9, 16, 30 Thur., 10:15–10:45 a.m. & 11–11:30 a.m.\*  
North Beach – 2, 9, 16, 30 Thursdays, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Ocean View – 19 Sunday, 3–4 p.m.  
Parkside – Every Sunday, 1:30–2 p.m.  
Portola – 4, 18, 25 Saturdays, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Potrero – 2, 9, 16, 30 Thursdays, 10:30–11 a.m.\*  
Visitacion Valley – Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.  
West Portal – Every Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.\*

## Swing Into Stories

A partnership with San Francisco Recreation & Parks. We bring stories and songs to our City's beloved parks. Join us for a high-energy storytime in our beautiful outdoors.

1st Tuesday – Garfield Playground (Treat & 26th Streets)  
2nd Tuesday – Koret Playground (Golden Gate Park, by the carousel)  
3rd Tuesday – Hilltop Playground (Newcomb Ave & Whitney Young Circle)  
4th Tuesday – Redwood Grove Playground (McLaren Park, 200 John F. Shelley Dr.)

Bookmobiles / Mobile Outreach, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.  
Outdoor storytime from 10:30–11 a.m.

The fall season includes the sounds of tree leaves crunching beneath our feet, the sensation of sipping warm drinks and wrapping ourselves in cozy blankets with a good book. Try making a yummy treat or being creative using inspiration from the outdoors at your local library. Be sure to read through our youth events calendar to find more events this autumn.

**Pumpkin Spice Mug Cakes** – For ages 12–18. Space limited. Reservations required: (415) 355-2810. Nov. 16, 4:30 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch

**Leaf People Comics** – For children and their families. Nov. 17, 4:30 p.m.  
Glen Park Branch

**Autumn Luminaries** – For children ages 5 and older.  
Nov. 29, 2 p.m., Merced Branch



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### Friends Bookstore at the Main

Main Library, 100 Larkin St.  
Grove Street Entrance

#### Bookstore Hours:

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Friday: 12–6 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday: 12–6 p.m.

Telephone: (415) 557-4238

To donate books, go to  
[friendssfpl.org/donatebooks](https://friendssfpl.org/donatebooks)  
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### Step Sales at the Main Library

Join us every Wednesday from  
11 a.m.–3 p.m. at the Larkin St. steps  
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## Moving Forward Together

In one “fall” swoop, it’s November again! Please consider making a gift to Friends of the San Francisco Public Library this season. For more than 60 years, Friends has provided steadfast support to San Francisco Public Library and all of its 28 locations. By making a donation and joining us, you ensure that your Library has the resources to offer invaluable services to people of all ages, cultures and socio-economic backgrounds. Your donation of any size makes an impact on the essential programs that the Library provides such as literary programs, workshops for teens & kids, career and job services and more!

## Friends’ Book Program

Each year at Friends we receive nearly a million donated books, which we resell to the public through our bookstore, Step Sale and Monthly Sales! To donate books, go to [friendssfpl.org/donatebooks](https://friendssfpl.org/donatebooks) and make an appointment! Friends Bookstore is one of the only bookstores in the Tenderloin neighborhood and is a crucial resource for all residents who visit the Main Library. We are now open 7 days a week (just like all our lovely SFPL branches) and are also offering extended hours. **Friends Bookstore at the Main (100 Larkin St.)**



## Meet our Friends Bookstore Manager, Brian Ang!

“The Friends Bookstore provides high-quality, inexpensive books for the public to educate themselves and expand their horizons. Books are donated by the public, and their high quality, both in condition and content, reflects the best of our book-centric community. The Friends Bookstore supports SFPL by raising funds for programs and resources and in contributing to the Library’s inclusive and safe space for the public to create community together.” –Brian Ang

**Come say Hi to Brian** at the Friends Bookstore at the Main. Brian is an experienced bookseller and poet who is excited to work with Friends and our community of Library lovers. As a longtime bookseller at Eastwind Books of Berkeley, he can help you find just the book you’re looking for. Also, his book, *The Totality Cantos*, came out last year from Atelos. When asked what he loves most about libraries, Brian said, “I love that [the Library] provides knowledge for free for the community.”

You might notice a few changes at the store, as Brian has rearranged some sections and brought new focus to others. Look out for the local history section that has grown in popularity and the specialized sections to honor books each month. At the bookstore this November, you’ll find a special section dedicated to books exploring Indigenous life and culture. You can also catch Brian at the weekly Step Sales, every Wednesday from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Welcome, Brian! We’re so excited to work with you.



## Celebrating one year of The Pacifics!

The Pacifics is a vibrant group of young San Franciscans dedicated to spreading the word about SFPL, hosting book clubs, bringing together literary minds and showing support for our premier library system in San Francisco. Learn more about us at [friendssfpl.org/pacifics](https://friendssfpl.org/pacifics).

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

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Youth: Swing Into Stories  
9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.  
Storytime at 10:30–11 a.m.  
Garfield Playground:  
Treat & 26th St, 1st Tuesday  
Koret Playground:  
Golden Gate Park, carousel,  
2nd Tuesday  
Treasure Island  
Avenue H & 11th St.,  
near Island Cove Market,  
Wednesdays, 2–6 p.m.  
Hilltop Playground:  
Newcomb Ave. & Whitney  
Young Circle, 3rd Tuesday  
Redwood Grove Playground:  
McLaren Park, 200 John F.  
Shelley Dr., 4th Tuesday  
Yerba Buena Gardens:  
LeRoy King Carousel,  
1st Wednesday

Visit the SFPL Book Stop, our book kiosk on Treasure Island.  
Island Cove Market, 800 Avenue H, Mon–Fri, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.,  
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BAYVIEW/BROOKS BURTON	5075 Third St.	355-5757	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
BERNAL HEIGHTS	500 Cortland Ave.	355-2810	1–5	10–6	10–7	12–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
CHINATOWN/LAI	1135 Powell St.	355-2888	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
EUREKA VALLEY/MILK	1 José Sarria Ct. (at 16th St., near Market)	355-5616	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
EXCELSIOR	4400 Mission St.	355-2868	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
GLEN PARK	2825 Diamond St.	355-2858	1–5	10–6	10–6	12–8	10–7	1–6	10–6
GOLDEN GATE VALLEY	1801 Green St.	355-5666	1–5	10–6	10–6	11–8	12–8	1–6	10–6
INGLESIDE	1298 Ocean Ave.	355-2898	1–5	10–6	10–6	10–8	12–7	1–6	10–6
MAIN LIBRARY	100 Larkin St.	557-4400	12–6	9–6	9–8	9–8	9–8	12–6	10–6
	The Mix at SFPL	557-4404	12–6	1–6	1–8	1–8	1–8	1–6	12–6
MARINA	1890 Chestnut St.	355-2823	1–5	10–6	10–6	1–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
MERCED	155 Winston Dr.	355-2825	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
MISSION - Temporary Branch	1234 Valencia St.	355-2800	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
MISSION BAY	960 Fourth St.	355-2838	1–5	10–6	10–6	11–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
NOE VALLEY/BRUNN	451 Jersey St.	355-5707	1–5	11–6	10–8	12–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
NORTH BEACH	850 Columbus Ave.	355-5626	1–5	10–6	10–8	1–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
OCEAN VIEW	345 Randolph St.	355-5615	1–5	10–6	10–6	12–8	10–7	1–6	10–6
ORTEGA	3223 Ortega St.	355-5700	1–5	10–6	10–6	12–8	11–8	1–6	10–6
PARK	1833 Page St.	355-5656	1–5	11–6	10–8	12–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
PARKSIDE	1200 Taraval St.	355-5770	1–5	1–6	10–8	10–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
PORTOLA	380 Bacon St.	355-5660	1–5	10–6	10–6	12–8	10–7	1–6	10–6
POTRERO	1616 20th St.	355-2822	1–5	1–6	10–8	12–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
PRESIDIO	3150 Sacramento St.	355-2880	1–5	1–6	10–8	10–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
RICHMOND/MARKS	351 9th Ave.	355-5600	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
SUNSET	1305 18th Ave.	355-2808	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
VISITACION VALLEY	201 Leland Ave.	355-2848	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
WEST PORTAL	190 Lenox Way	355-2886	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
WESTERN ADDITION	1550 Scott St.	355-5727	1–5	10–6	10–6	12–8	10–7	1–6	10–6

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