

AT THE LIBRARY

Events and Happenings at San Francisco Public Library

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Holiday Train

The *ho ho ho... holiday* train makes its triumphant return to San Francisco Public Library this holiday season. Every year, from late November to early January, the interactive train chugs around a track outside the Main Library's Fisher Children's Center on the 2nd Floor. This year's train was graciously designed and built by the incredible railroad aficionados from the Carquinez Model Railroad Society, who want to encourage a love of model railroading for future generations.

Holiday Train – Main Library, Children's Center, 2nd Floor



Kwanzaa

Celebrate Kwanzaa, which begins Dec. 26, with the Library in partnership with

The Village Project for a commemoration of the fifth principal in the 7-day, African American holiday, *Nia*, whose purpose states: "To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community to restore our people to their traditional greatness." Enjoy entertainment, food and fun for the whole family.

Kwanzaa Celebration – Dec. 30, 2 p.m., Main Library, Atrium and Latino/Hispanic Community Room, Lower Level



Kids: STEM Fun During Winter Break

Giant Math Winder – Calculations create a

winding path of equations from one side of the gameboard to the other. **Origami** – Learn the art of Japanese paper folding. **LEGO Free Play** – Build anything your imagination can dream up with LEGO. **Fairy Land Tea Party** – Have a cuppa tea with a side of STEM activities. See the children's calendar on page 6 for dates and locations.

Art, Craft, Knitting and More for Adults

Unleash your creative spirit. See the adult calendar on page 3 for crafty programs.

New Project by Artist-in-Residence tanea lunsford lynx

we were here is an interactive creative investigation of the Black American presence in San Francisco in the late 1800s and early 1900s, particularly at the occurrence of the 1906 earthquake. This exhibit is grounded in an archival experience and recollection of a larger-than-life story told by Aurelious Alberga (1884-1988) about his experience and survival of the earthquake and fires.

The exhibit highlights available sources at San Francisco Public Library, including oral history audio clips and printed transcripts along with archival photos of 1906 post-earthquake San Francisco, curated by tanea lunsford lynx (2022 SFPL/SFAC Artist-in-Residence). The exhibit celebrates the historical presence of Black San Francisco and ponders a present where the stories of our elders have been built into the reconstruction of the City, awaiting reclamation.

lynx is a writer, educator, abolitionist and fourth generation Black San Franciscan on both sides. She leads the Spoken Arts Department at Ruth Asawa School of the Arts and teaches Social Justice and Ethnic Studies classes at City College of San Francisco. In 2022, lynx was one of four inaugural artists-in-residence at the Library, a program administered by the San Francisco Arts Commission with funding from the Library.

we were here – Dec. 14–Feb. 14, Main Library, 3rd Floor Lobby

Opening Reception – Jan. 11, 5–7 p.m., Main Library, African American Center



1906 View from Ferry Tower

Branch Open House Festivities

Two branches host their Open Houses this December. On Dec. 2, from 12–4 p.m., Bernal Heights Library is proud to present its Winter Open House festivities with the Bernal Heights Jazz Quintet. The quintet has been a staple of the Branch for many years and is a testament to the Bernal Heights neighborhood, which gives so much life and character to the Library on top of the hill. In honor of the community, not only will they have music, but also crafts, origami and face-painting.



Bernal Heights Jazz Quintet. Photo: Susan West

On Dec. 9 from 12–3 p.m., Mission Branch starts a new winter tradition of celebration in their temporary location. Mission's Open House features several crafts that could make great gifts, including jewelry and notebook-making. They will also have a mini photo booth so families and individuals can take winter portraits.

Hope to see you all there!

Bernal Heights Branch – Dec. 2, 12–4 p.m.

Mission Branch – Dec. 9, 12–3 p.m.

Reflecting a Community in Print Screen-printing Workshop

Join us for a hands-on screen-printing workshop in conjunction with the exhibition *Mission Gráfica: Reflecting a Community in Print*. Led by local artists Alexandra Blum, Calixto Robles and Jos Sances, all with ties to the storied print studio at the Mission Cultural Center, this workshop invites the public to learn about the materials and process of screen-printing and pull prints of original artworks created by the artists to take home. Working with themes from the exhibition, one of the artworks reflects issues affecting women and the struggle for international solidarity. One print per person, per theme.

Reflecting a Community in Print Screen-printing Workshop – Dec. 9, 2 p.m.
Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Community Room, Lower Level



Jos Sances, *Art Against Apartheid*. Screenprint 1985.

T(w)een Winter Read, Dec. 1 to Jan. 10

It's time for hot chocolate and marshmallows in steaming mugs; hanging out with friends and reading all the things. Most excitingly, it's time for T(w)een Winter Read, the best tween and teen winter reading program in the Bay Area.

Here's how to join:

• Register at a participating SFPL location to receive a giveaway book and pick up your reading logs. Alternatively, register on Beanstack if you'd like to keep track of your reading via the app.

- Complete five hours of reading, listening, crafting or exploring a Library and track your progress in a reading log.
- Turn in your reading log at any Library for a chance to win again.
- Follow @themixatsfpl on Instagram for pop-up prize raffles and book giveaways throughout the season.

Visit themixatsfpl.org/teen-winter-reading for participating locations, rules, prize information and recommended reads. And see our teen calendar for fun events such as Cookie Decorating!

Coming Up:

Throughout January
More Than a Month
Various locations

Jan. 20
Open House
Ocean View Branch

Jan. 27
Open House
Ingleside Branch

Jan. 27 and 28
Queer Black Community-
Driven Archives
SF History Center and
Hornell Center

Jan. 28
Shikha Malaviya,
Anandibai Joshee:
A Life in Poems
Virtual Library

Events, Collections and Services

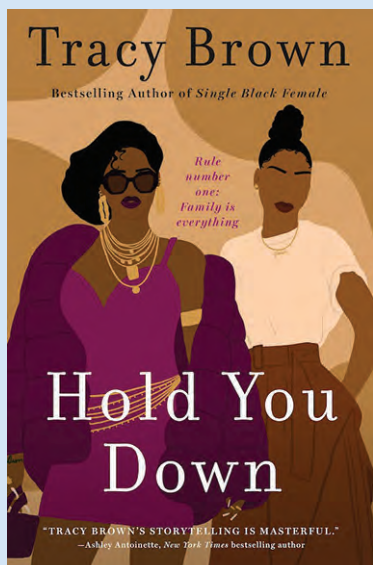
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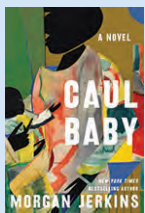


ON THE
SAME
PAGE

NOVEMBER–DECEMBER
Selection

Tracy Brown's
Hold You Down

On the Same Page: Read-Alikes



White Lines by Tracy Brown

Fleeing abuse, 16-year-old Jada falls into a tumultuous life of partying and addiction under the influence of Born, a powerful figure in her neighborhood. Jada's journey transforms from desperation to strength, culminating in a stormy romance that makes *White Lines* a poignant urban love story.

Caul Baby by Morgan Jerkins

Laila's yearning for motherhood is plagued by past pregnancy losses. In search of a solution, she seeks the Melancons, a powerful Harlem family known for their healing caul. A complex tale of family secrets, identity and revenge.

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

The Vignes twins, once inseparable, lead vastly different lives as adults due to their racial identities and choices. With one sister living openly as Black and the other passing for white, their intertwined destinies affect the next generation. Bennett's novel delves into family, race and identity, exploring the enduring impact of history on people's decisions and desires.

If you liked *Hold You Down*, see full list of read-alikes at sfpl.org/books-and-media/read/same-page-hold-you-down

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



Collections Corner:

You Have
Our Heart:
Calligraphy
by Hunter
Saxony III

Preliminary design for *Blanket III*, Richard Harrison
Collection of Calligraphy & Lettering, Book Arts & Special Collections

The Book Arts & Special Collections Center is the happy recipient of original calligraphy by San Francisco-based Hunter Saxony III, including the preliminary design for *Blanket III* and *Past & Anchor*, a remembrance of life in Rhode Island and Native American history.

A self-taught lettering artist, Hunter Saxony III brings a wealth of artistry from long sought-after experiences in the rare book rooms of libraries. His calligraphy is on display through December on the 6th Floor. The artist's work may also be seen at the Letterform Archive and Eleanor Harwood Gallery, Minnesota Street Project.

View calligraphy by Hunter Saxony III and more than 500 lettering artists in the Richard Harrison Collection of Calligraphy & Lettering, 6th Floor, Main Library. sfpl.org/bookarts

Out for Borrowing

The books in the Hormel LGBTQIA Center's reading room can now be checked out! Step right up to the shelves and borrow one, two or 20 (or more!) of the 1,000 titles by and about LGBTQIA+ people in subjects including art, history, biography, social sciences, poetry and more. Rest assured, the Hormel Center staff will continue to uphold its mission of preserving LGBTQIA+ history through the extensive in-house research collection, but the addition of books for check out means greater access to the wealth of LGBTQIA+ titles from yesterday and today.

Hormel LGBTQIA Center, Main Library, 3rd Floor



Don't Flip Out, Flipster Has DIY Holiday Gift Ideas!



Find DIY inspiration in the eMagazines platform, Flipster, which has an entire category called "Hobbies, Interests, DIY."

● Skip the party store and make your own decor with tips from *Better Homes & Gardens*. All you need are florists wire, gold spray paint, ribbons, a glue gun and pinecones, acorns and magnolia leaves from your local park paths or sidewalks.

● Try your hand at a patchwork travel pillow or "Color Me Creative" zipper pouch. *Quilter's World* provides instructions for these and other quilted gifts.

● Put a lid on it! Consider making a small keepsake box for a friend or loved one. *Fine Woodworking* has an entire issue devoted to boxes, with low-tech lids that open without hinges.

● *Crochet World's* "40 fun and fabulous projects that can be made in 12 hours or less" satisfies the time-crunched gift giver. Time-tested gifts include a crocheted tea cozy, potholder and baby blanket.

December 2023 Event Calendar

Teens

The Mix at SFPL

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

Ages 12–18.

Mix Recording Studio

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

Intro to Recording and Songwriting

• Wednesdays, 5–5:30 p.m.
• Thursdays, 5–5:30 p.m.
• Fridays, 5–5:30 p.m.

Recording Studio Orientation

• Tuesdays, 6–6:30 p.m.
• Wednesdays, 4:30–5 p.m.
• Thursdays, 4:30–5 p.m.
• Fridays, 4:30–5 p.m.
• Saturdays, 4–4:30 p.m.

Digital Music Production and Songwriting

• Tuesdays, 6:30–7 p.m.
• Wednesdays, 5–5:30 p.m.
• Saturdays, 4:30–5 p.m.

[4, 11, 18 Mondays](#)

Digital Design Studio 4–5 p.m.

[5, 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays](#)

Writer's Club 4–5 p.m

[5, 19 Tuesdays](#)

3D Printing 4–5 p.m

[7, 14, 21, 28 Thursdays](#)

Basic Sewing 4–5 p.m

Video Editing 4–5 p.m

[8, 22 Fridays](#)

Queer & Trans Social Hour
4:30–5:30 p.m.

[12 Tuesday](#)

Makerspace Showcase 4–5 p.m.

[13 Wednesday](#)

Bibilio Bistro 4–6 p.m

[20 Wednesday](#)

Herbs for Self Care 4–5 p.m

[23 Saturday](#)

Karaoke 4–5 p.m

[26 Tuesday](#)

Open Mic 5–7 p.m.

[27 Wednesday](#)

Snack Trials 4–5 p.m

Teens at the Branches

[1 Friday](#)

Friendship Bracelet 友誼手環
Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.*

Karaoke Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

[1, 8, 15 Friday](#)

Book Review
Parkside, 4–5:30 p.m.

[2 Saturday](#)

Intro to Web Development
Excelsior, 2–3 p.m.*

Decoden Hair Clip
Portola, 3–4 p.m.*

[2, 16, 23, 30 Saturdays](#)

Gardening
Merced, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

[3 Sunday](#)

Art Club Anza, 2–3:30 p.m.

[3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Sundays](#)

Chess Club
Ingleside, 2:30–4 p.m.

[5 Tuesday](#)

Bingo North Beach,
4:30–5:30 p.m.

ACT Prep
Bernal Heights, 4–6 p.m.*

Film: *Star Wars: Forces of Destiny* Potrero,
5:30–7:30 p.m.

[6 Wednesday](#)

Gaming Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Button Making
North Beach, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

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

[7 Thursday](#)

ACT Prep
Bernal Heights, 4–6 p.m.*

[8 Friday](#)

Book Review Excelsior,
4–5:30 p.m.

[9, 16 Saturdays](#)

Chess Club Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.*

[10 Sunday](#)

Film: *Tokyo Godfathers*
Park, 2–4 p.m.

[12–14 Tuesday-Thursday](#)

Finals Fury Snack-n-Study
Merced, 3–6 p.m.

Winter Read Book Giveaway
Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

[13 Wednesday](#)

Leadership Qualities Golden
Gate Valley, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

[15 Friday](#)

Hot Chocolate Jars
Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.*

[17 Sunday](#)

Punch Needle Ornament
Bayview, 2–3 p.m.*

Darn Your Own Socks

Glen Park, 2–4 p.m.

[19 Tuesday](#)

Role-Playing Game: *PerscriboMat* Glen Park, 3:45–5:45 p.m.

[19 Tuesday](#)

Film: *Black Nativity*
Potrero, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

[20 Wednesday](#)

Crafternoon
Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

[22 Friday](#)

Holiday Puzzle Games 假日益智遊戲 (為青少年冬季閱讀活動) Chinatown*, 3:30–5 p.m.

Retro Rhythm Gaming
Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

[22, 29 Fridays](#)

Book Review Parkside, 2–4 p.m.

[28 Thursday](#)

Cookie Decorating
Bernal Heights, 3:30–4:30 p.m.*

December 2023 Event Calendar



Adults

1 Friday

SF DPH on AIDS
Bayview, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Film: *The Assassin*
Excelsior, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

1, 15 Fridays

Knitting Circle Anza, 3:30–5 p.m.

1, 15, 29 Fridays

Watercolor Bernal Heights, 1–5 p.m.

2 Saturday

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

3D Print a Snowflake Ornament Main, 5th Fl, 1–2:30 p.m.*

Fix-it Clinic Clothing Repair
Ocean View, 1–3 p.m.*

Meditative Painting
Eureka Valley, 2–3 p.m.

Aurora Mandolin Orchestra
Main, Koret, 2–4 p.m.

San Francisco Forest Choir
West Portal, 2–2:45 p.m.

Making Chutney Visitacion Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.*

2, 16, 30 Saturdays

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

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Saturdays

Creative Afternoons / 創意無限周六午 Chinatown, 2:30–4 p.m.

Wild Goose Qigong
Marina, 9–10 a.m.

3 Sunday

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

Queer Collage Main, Paley Rm - 3rd Fl, 2–3:30 p.m.

Film: *Sansón and Me, Screening and Discussion*
Main, Koret, 2–4 p.m.

4, 11, 18 Mondays

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

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

4, 18 Mondays

Yoga Western Addition, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

5 Tuesday

Small-space Food Garden
Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

Discovering Nature's Bounty
Virtual, 5–6 p.m.

Author: Linda Jackson
Virtual, 6–7 p.m.

5, 12, 19 Tuesdays

ESL Convo Club Virtual, 3–4 p.m.

6 Wednesday

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

Film: *Pickup on South Street*
Golden Gate Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

Finger Knitted Ornament
Ocean View, 3–4:30 p.m.*

Meditation with Watercolors
Noe Valley, 5–6 p.m.*

Author: Chloe Sherman, *Renegades* Main, Koret, 6–7:30 p.m.

Shadow Box
Mission, 6–7:30 p.m.*

6, 13, 20, 27 Wednesdays

Tai Chi with Patrick Lau
• Presidio: Beginners, 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Advanced, 12:15–1 p.m.
• Sunset: Beginners, 2–3 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Wednesdays

Meditation Main, 5th Fl, 12–12:30 p.m.

6, 20 Wednesday

Yoga Ingleside, 6–7 p.m.

7 Thursday

Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Main, Atrium, 12:30–3 a.m.

Film: *Miracle on 34th Street*
Main, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room, 12–2 p.m.

Thurs@Noon Film Series
Main, Koret, 12–2 p.m.

Film: *Book Club The Next Chapter* Western Addition, 12–2 p.m.

Self Defense Ortega, 1–2 p.m.*

Music CD Appreciation
Golden Gate Valley, 3–4 p.m.

Film: *Portrait in Black* Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl, 6–7 p.m.

7, 14, 21, 28 Thursdays

Meditation and 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.*

8 Friday

Watercolor Glen Park, 1–5 p.m.

Emergency Preparedness
Main, Atrium, 1–3 p.m.

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

Fillm: *Sweet Smell of Success*
Noe Valley, 2–3:45 p.m.

Karaoke! Excelsior, 4–5:30 p.m.

9 Saturday

Poetic Justice Film Festival
Main, Koret, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

SF Ballet's Chair Dance & Oral History Virtual, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

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

Screen Printing with Mission Gráfica Main, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Rm, 2–5 p.m.

Folded Book Decorations
Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

Author: Five Writers
Presidio, 2–4:30 p.m.

Author: Boze Hadleigh, *Game Show Confidential*
Richmond, 2–2:30 p.m.

Author: Sara Calvosa Olson, *Chími Nu'am*
Golden Gate Valley, 3–4 p.m.

Filipino Holiday Snacks
Park, 3–5 p.m.

10 Sunday

Poetic Justice Film Festival
Main, Koret, 12–5 p.m.

Meditative Painting
Portola, 2–3 p.m.

Author: Mattilda Bernstein Sycamore with Myriam Gurba Virtual, 2–3:30 p.m.

Greeting Cards
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

Resume Writing/Cover Letter
Virtual, 3–4:30 p.m.

11 Monday

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

12 Tuesday

NEMS PACE Richmond, 2–3 p.m.

Author: Christina Gerhardt, *Sea Change* Main, Environmental Ctr - 5th Fl, 5–6:30 p.m.*

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

12, 26 Tuesdays

Knitting Glen Park, 1–2:30 p.m.

13 Wednesday

Genealogy Group
Virtual, 1–3 p.m.

APACC Office Hours
Visitacion Valley, 1–3 p.m.

Watercolor Tape Painting
Ocean View, 3–5 p.m.*

Film: *Last Christmas*
Park, 5–7 p.m.

Bel Canto Flutes
Richmond, 6–7:30 p.m.

13, 27 Wednesdays

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

Yoga Mission Bay, 6–7 p.m.

14 Thursday

Film: *A Christmas Story* Main, Latino/Hispanic Rm, 12–2 p.m.

Paper Ornaments
Ortega, 1–3 p.m.*

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

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

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

Bel Canto Flutes
Ortega, 6:45–7:45 p.m.

Kim Shuck's Poem Jam Main, Latino/Hispanic Rm, 6–7:30 p.m.

15 Friday

Body Butter Bayview, 1–2 p.m.

Felt Snowman Chinatown, 2–3:30 p.m.*

Property Taxes and Prop. 19
North Beach, 4–5 p.m.

16 Saturday

Holiday Chutneys
Ingleside, 1–2:15 p.m.*

AI and Art Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 1–3 p.m.

17 Sunday

Plant and Seed Exchange
Mission Bay, 2–4 p.m.

Holiday Sing Along Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl, 3–4 p.m.

18 Monday

Little Notebook Making
Mission Bay, 2–4 p.m.*

19 Tuesday

Card Making Noe Valley, 4–5 p.m.*

Rogue Recovery Park, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

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

20 Wednesday

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

Film: *Armored Car Robbery*
Golden Gate Valley, 3–4:15 p.m.

Film: *The Incredible Shrinking Woman* Glen Park, 6–7:30 p.m.

21 Thursday

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

Film: *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*
Western Addition, 12–2 p.m.

Film: *Red Firecracker, Green Firecracker / Pao Da Shuang Deng*
Golden Gate Valley, 3–5 p.m.

Tablets/Smartphones for Older Adults 60+ Sunset, 3–4:30 p.m.*

22 Friday

Watercolor Glen Park, 1:30–5 p.m.

24 Sunday

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

27 Wednesday

Therapy Pets Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.

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

28 Thursday

Film: *A Chistmas Carol* Main, Latino/Hispanic Rm, 12–2 p.m.

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

30 Saturday

Tai Chi for Wellness
Golden Gate Valley, 2–3 p.m.

31 Sunday

Winter-Themed Bookmarks
Bernal Heights, 1–3 p.m.

Book Clubs

3 Sunday

Jennifer Savran Kelly, *Endpapers* Eureka Valley, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

4 Monday

Joseph Conrad, *Heart of Darkness* Virtual, 12–1 a.m.

5 Tuesday

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

6 Wednesday

ASL Book Club
Virtual, 5–7 p.m.

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

Tech Time

1 Friday

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

iPad Training and device support Sunset, 1:30–4:15 p.m.*

2, 9, 16, 23 Saturdays

Tech Help
West Portal, 1:45–4 p.m.

5, 12, 19 Tuesdays

Tech Tuesdays
Bayview, 1–3 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays

Basic Tech Drop-In
Main, 5th Fl, 1–2:30 p.m.

Work It (Jobs, Business, Finance)

Programs are held virtually unless otherwise noted.

2, 16, 30 Saturdays

Meet with a Smart Money Coach Virtual, 9:30 a.m.–5:45 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. 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. 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. Through Feb. 29, 2024, SF History Center, 6th Floor and Hormel LGBTQIA Center, 3rd 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 extensive collection of books on Afghanistan, which dates 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. Through 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.

7 Thursday

Abdulrazak Gurnah, *Paradise* Virtual, 6–7:30 p.m.

9 Saturday

CLIO Russian Book Club Main, Latino/Hispanic Rm, 12–1 p.m.

12 Tuesday

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

African American Family Legacy Virtual, 6–7 p.m.

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

16 Saturday

Maggie O'Farrell, *The Marriage Portrait*
Ortega, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

6 Wednesday

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

6, 13, 20, 27 Wednesday

Ayuda De Computación En Español Main, 5th Fl, 6–7:30 p.m.

11 Monday

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

13 Wednesday

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

14 Thursday

Floppy Copy and Old Files Rescue Main, 5th Fl, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.*

7 Thursday

How to Apply For a California State Job Virtual, 1–2:30 p.m.

8 Friday

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

11 Monday

Resume Writing Essentials
Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

17 Sunday

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

19 Tuesday

Bernal Readers
Bernal Heights, 2–4 p.m.

21 Thursday

Literate Goat Potrero, 6–7 p.m.

24 Sunday

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

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

27 Wednesday

Read Together Richmond, 3–5 p.m.

Reading Circle Golden Gate Valley, 4–4:45 p.m.

15 Friday

PressReader & Flipster (eMagazines)
Virtual, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

20 Wednesday

Kanopy
Ocean View, 3–4:30 p.m.*

26 Tuesday

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

28 Thursday

Meitu App Basics/ 美圖秀秀應用簡介 Chinatown, 2–3:30 p.m.

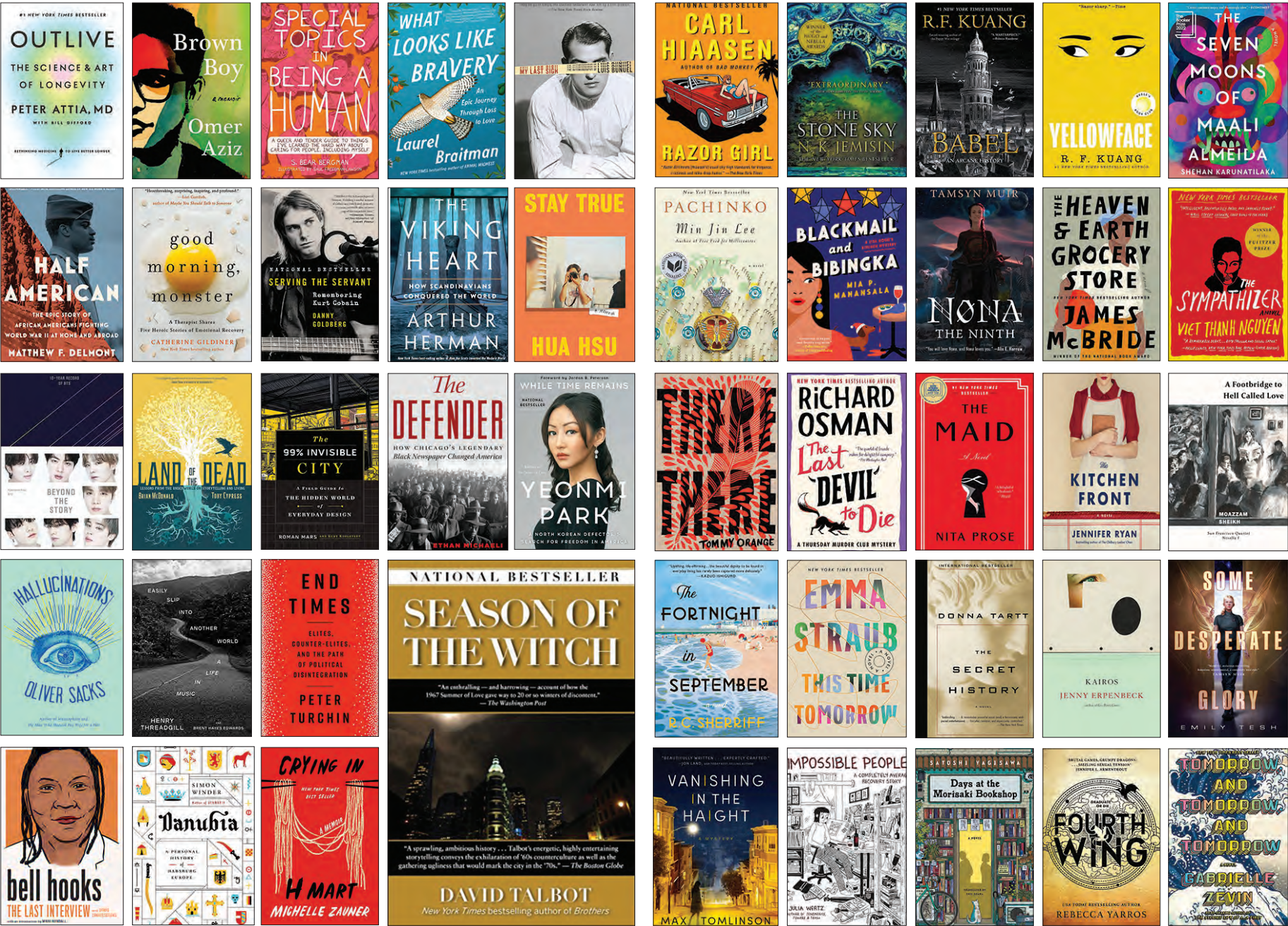
eBook Drop-In
Main, Atrium, 4–5:30 p.m.

20 Wednesday

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

SFPL Recommends

Our favorite books, movies and music.



Adult Nonfiction

- Outlive: The Science & Art of Longevity* by Peter Attia, MD

Brown Boy: A Memoir by Omer Aziz

Special Topics in Being a Human by S. Bear Bergman

What Looks Like Bravery: An Epic Journey Through Loss to Love by Laurel Braitman

My Last Sigh by Luis Bunuel

Half American: The Epic Story of African Americans Fighting World War II at Home and Abroad by Matthew F. Delmont

Good Morning, Monster: A Therapist Shares Five Heroic Stories of Emotional Recovery by Catherine Gildiner

Serving the Servant: Remembering Kurt Cobain by Danny Goldberg

The Viking Heart: How Scandinavians Conquered the World by Arthur Herman

Stay True by Hua Hsu

Beyond the Story by Myeongseok Kang and BTS

The 99% Invisible City: A Field Guide to the Hidden World of Everyday Design by Roman Mars and Kurt Kohlstedt
- Land of the Dead: Lessons from the Underworld on Storytelling and Living* by Brian McDonald

The Defender: How the Legendary Black Newspaper Changed America by Ethan Michaeli

While Time Remains: A North Korean Defector's Search for Freedom in America by Yeonmi Park

Hallucinations by Oliver Sacks

Season of the Witch: Enchantment, Terror, and Deliverance in the City of Love by David Talbot

Sarah the Priestess: The First Matriarch of Genesis by Savina Teubal

Easily Slip Into Another World: A Life in Music by Henry Threadgill

End Times: Elites, Counter-Elites and the Path of Political Disintegration by Peter Turchin

bell hooks: The Last Interview and Other Conversations by bell hooks

Danubia: A Personal History of Habsburg Europe by Simon Winder

Crying in H Mart by Michelle Zauner

Adult Fiction

- Big Swiss* by Jen Beagin

Horse by Geraldine Brooks

Hold You Down by Tracy Brown

The Guest by Emma Cline

The Skin and Its Girl by Sarah Cypher

Red X by David Demchuk

Kairos by Jenny Erpenbeck

The Rabbit Hutch by Tess Gunty

The Odyssey by Homer, translated by Emily Wilson

There Is No Antimemetics Division by qntm (Sam Hughes)

Razor Girl by Carl Hiaasen

The Stone Sky by N.K. Jemisin

The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida by Shehan Karunatilaka

What We Fed to the Manticore by Talia Lakshmi Kolluri

Babel: An Arcane History by R.F. Kuang

Yellowface by R.F. Kuang

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

Blackmail and Bibingka: A Tita Rosie's Kitchen Mystery by Mia P. Manansala

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride
- Nona the Ninth* by Tamsyn Muir

My Government Means to Kill Me by Rasheed Newson

The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen

There There by Tommy Orange

The Last Devil to Die by Richard Osman

The Maid by Nita Prose

The Kitchen Front by Jennifer Ryan

A Footbridge to Hell Called Love by Moazzam Sheikh

The Fortnight in September by R.C. Sherriff

This Time Tomorrow by Emma Straub

The Secret History by Donna Tartt

The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt

Some Desperate Glory by Emily Tesh

Vanishing in the Haight by Max Tomlinson

Impossible People: A Completely Average Recovery Story by Julia Wertz

Days at the Morisaki Bookshop by Satoshi Yagisawa

Fourth Wing by Rebecca Yarros

Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin

Young Adult

- The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation* by M.T. Anderson
- Warrior Girl Unearthed* by Angeline Boulley
- Batman: Europa* by Matteo Casali and Brian Azzarello
- The Silence That Binds Us* by Joanna Ho
- Ascendance of a Bookworm* by Miya Kazuki
- Family Style: Memories of an American from Vietnam* by Thien Pham
- All My Rage* by Sabaa Tahir



Children's

- Alias Anna: A True Story of Outwitting the Nazis* by Susan Hood
- Freewater* by Amina Luqman-Dawson
- Wonder Cat Kyuu-chan* by Sasami Nitori
- You Are Life* by Bao Phi
- The Last Mapmaker* by Christina Soontornvat
- Love in the Library* by Maggie Tokuda-Hall





Movies

A Thousand and One directed by A.V. Rockwell

An Affair to Remember directed by Leo McCarey

Antonia's Line directed by Marleen Gorris

Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret directed by Kelly Fremon Craig

Asteroid City directed by Wes Anderson

At the Gate of the Ghost directed by M.L. Pundhevanop Dhewakul

Barbie directed by Greta Gerwig

Batman: Under the Red Hood directed by Brandon Vietti

Beau is Afraid directed by Ari Aster

Bottoms directed by Emma Seligman

Chan Is Missing directed by Wayne Wang

Chinatown Rising directed by Harry and Josh Chuck

Creed III directed by Michael B. Jordan

Desperately Seeking Susan directed by Susan Seidelman

Elemental directed by Peter Sohn

EO directed by Jerzy Skolimowski

Everything Everywhere All at Once directed by Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert

Fantastic Mr. Fox directed by Wes Anderson

Fremont directed by Babak Jalali

Hercules directed by Brett Ratner

How to Blow Up a Pipeline directed by Daniel Goldhaber

La La Land directed by Damien Chazelle

Luca directed by Enrico Casarosa

Mia madre directed by Nanni Moretti

Missing directed by Nicholas D. Johnson and Will Merrick

Mrs. Doubtfire directed by Chris Columbus

Nam June Paik: Moon Is the Oldest TV directed by Amanda Kim

Nope directed by Jordan Peele

Office Space directed by Mike Judge

Oppenheimer directed by Christopher Nolan

Paddington 2 directed by Paul King

Past Lives directed by Celine Song

Shortcomings directed by Randall Park

Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse directed by Joaquim Dos Santos, Kemp Powers and Justin K. Thompson

Susana directed by Luis Buñuel

Talk to Me directed by Danny and Michael Philippou

The Banshees of Inisherin directed by Martin McDonagh

The Companion directed by Pavel Giroud

The Long Goodbye directed by Robert Altman

The Makioka Sisters directed by Kon Ichikawa

The Menu directed by Mark Mylod

Theater Camp directed by Molly Gordon and Nick Lieberman

Triangle of Sadness directed by Ruben Östlund

Music

The Dream by alt-J

Big Time by Angel Olsen

Afro-Harping by Dorothy Ashby

Renaissance by Beyoncé

The Record by boygenius

The Man From Waco by Charley Crockett

Paranoïa, Angels, True Love by Christine and the Queens

Prism V by Danish String Quartet

Kind of Blue by Miles Davis

De La Soul Is Dead by De La Soul

Green Mind by Dinosaur Jr.

Promises by Floating Points, Pharoah Sanders and the London Symphony Orchestra

Dance Fever by Florence + the Machine

Unicorn by Gunship

The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill by Lauryn Hill

Stick Season by Noah Kahan

Gag Order by Kesha

Entergalactic by Kid Cudi

Let's Start Here by Lil Yachty

In the Heights by Lin-Manuel Miranda

Ciao! The Best of Lush by Lush

The Age of Pleasure by Janelle Monáe

Run Rose Run by Dolly Parton

Anthem by Madeleine Peyroux

Guts by Olivia Rodrigo

Ineffable Joy by Ivo Perelman

Wish You Were Here by Pink Floyd

The Dark Side of the Moon by Pink Floyd

Doolittle by Pixies

The Last Stand by Sabaton

As Above, So Below by Sampa the Great

Swoon by Silversun Pickups

System of a Down by System of a Down

SOS by SZA

Thee Sacred Souls by Thee Sacred Souls

Red Moon in Venus by Kali Uchis

V by Unknown Mortal Orchestra

Dangerous: The Double Album by Morgan Wallen

Wet Leg by Wet Leg

Maps by Billy Woods and Kenny Segal

Neil Young Archives Vol. II: 1972-1976 by Neil Young

Now That's What I Call Hip-hop at 50 by Various Artists

The Greatest Folk Singers of the 'Sixties by Various Artists

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Children

Elementary School Age

1 Friday

Crafts Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 1–2 p.m.

2 Saturday

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

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

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

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Saturdays

Playtime Potrero, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Giant Math Winder
Chinatown, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

3 Sunday

LEGO Free Play
• Park, 2–3:30 p.m.
• Merced, 2–4 p.m.

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Sundays

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

5 Tuesday

Holiday Letter Writing
Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

Little Builders and Magna-Tiles Golden Gate Valley, 2–4 p.m.

6 Wednesday

Gingerbread Person Paper Bag Puppet Chinatown, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.*

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

7 Thursday

LEGO Free Play
Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

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

Bird Feeders Ingleside, 4–5 p.m.

Library Rangers: Trees
Visitacion Valley, 4–5 p.m.

9 Saturday

Winterfest Stories at Sales-force Park Main, 10–10:30 a.m.

9, 16 Saturdays

Read, Sing and Play in Italian for Preschoolers
North Beach, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

9, 23 Saturdays

Origami Hour
Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

10 Sunday

Fluffy Snow Slime Time
Merced, 2–3 p.m.

Paint the Northern Lights
Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.*

11 Monday

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

Winter Sensory Bottles
Golden Gate Valley, 4–5 p.m.

12 Tuesday

Mini Makers
Merced, 11–11:30 a.m.

14 Thursday

Library Ranger: Trees
Bayview, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Play-Doh Ocean View, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

16 Saturday

Drag Story Hour
Noe Valley, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

18 Monday

Drag Story Hour
Park, 3:30–4 p.m.

20 Wednesday

LEGO Free Play
Bayview, 3–5 p.m.

Middle School Age

2 Saturday

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

Origami Club
Bernal Heights, 2–5 p.m.

Lego Robots
Parkside, 2:30–4 p.m.*

3, 10, 17 Sundays

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

5, 12, 19 Tuesday

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

6 Wednesday

LED Ornaments
Richmond, 3–4:30 p.m.

9 Saturday

Holiday Bracelet Making
Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl 11 a.m.–12 p.m.*

Self-Defense
Ocean View, 2–3 p.m.

Wood Gingerbread House
Bayview, 2–3 p.m.

11 Monday

Discuss Deya Muniz's *The Princess and the Grilled Cheese...* Glen Park, 8–9 a.m.

12 Tuesday

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

13 Wednesday

Toilet Paper Confetti Popper
Ingleside, 3–4:30 p.m.

Scandinavian Paper Hearts
Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

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

15 Friday

Portola's Got Talent
Portola, 2:30–4 p.m.*

Chess Drop-In
West Portal, 2–3 p.m.

18 Monday

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

21 Thursday

LED paper circuits
Ingleside, 4–5 p.m.

23 Saturday

Make Wrapping Paper
Glen Park, 3–4 p.m.

27 Wednesday

New Year Vision Boards
Western Addition, 3:30–5 p.m.

29 Friday

LittleBits / LittleBits (為青少年冬季閱讀活動節目)
Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.*

21 Thursday

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

Toddler Made Wrapping Paper Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

23 Saturday

Karaoke Western Addition, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

24 Sunday

Film: *Winter Animation Assortment* Glen Park, 1:15–4:45 p.m.

Film: *Elf*
Merced, 2–3 p.m.

26 Tuesday

Big Bilder Forts
Merced, 2–4 p.m.

27 Wednesday

Makerspace
Parkside, 8–9 a.m.

28 Thursday

Drive-In Movie
Portola, 2–5 p.m.

29 Friday

Film: *Balto*
Sunset, 2–4 p.m.

Family Dance Party
Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

30 Saturday

Toddler Ball Pit
Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 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 – Every Tuesday, 11:15–11:45 a.m.
Ingleside – 5, 12, 19 Tuesdays, 1:30–2 p.m.
Main – 4, 11, 18 Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Merced – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Ortega – 4, 11, 18 Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Park – Every Saturday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Potrero – Every Tuesday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.*
Presidio – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Richmond – 4, 11, 18 Mondays, 11–11:30 a.m.*
Sunset – 4, 11, 18 Mondays, 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.*
Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m. Español/English
Eureka Valley – 5, 12 Tuesdays, 1:30–2 p.m.
Excelsior – 5, 12 Tuesdays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Glen Park – Every Tuesday and Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Ingleside – Every Sunday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.
4 Monday, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
Main – Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Merced – 4, 11, 18 Mondays, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Mission – 7, 14 Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.* Español/English
7, 14, 21 Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.* Español/English
6, 13 Wednesdays, 11–11:30 a.m. en Español
Mission Bay – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.*
Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.*
Ocean View – 19, 26 Tuesdays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Every Thu., 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m. (Minnie & Love Ward Rec Ctr, 650 Capitol Ave)
Ortega – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Park – 4, 11 Monday, 3:30–4 p.m.
Parkside – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Portola – 4, 11, 18 Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Potrero – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.*
Sunset – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Western Addition – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.

Storytimes for Preschoolers

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

Bayview – 1, 8, 15, 22 Fridays, 1:30–2 p.m. Español/English
7, 14, 21 Thursdays, 11–11:30 a.m. Español/English
Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m. Español/English
Excelsior – Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
North Beach – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.*
Parkside – Every Thursday, 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 – Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Chinatown – Every Saturday, 2–2:30 p.m.
Excelsior – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Glen Park – 13, 27 Wednesday, 7–7:30 p.m.
Golden Gate Valley – 1, 8, 15, 29 Fridays, 1:15–1:45 p.m.
Main – 2, 9, 23, 30 Saturdays, 2–2:30 p.m.
Every Wed., 10–10:30 a.m. (Salesforce Park Rooftop Garden)
Every Thu, 10:30–11 a.m. English/粵語課程 (Cantonese)
Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m. Español/English
Mission Bay – 11 Monday, 11:15–11:45 a.m.
Noe Valley – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.*
Every Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.*
North Beach – Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Ocean View – Every Sunday, 3–3:30 p.m.
Portola – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
27 Wednesday, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Potrero – Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m.*
Richmond – Every Tuesday, 10–10:30 a.m.*
Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 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

Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m.–12 noon.
Storytime at 10:30 a.m.

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.)



Family

2 Saturday

Decorate a Mini Parol
West Portal, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Open House Bernal Heights, 12–4 p.m.

Hoover Jazz Band
Ortega, 2–3 p.m.

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

3 Sunday

Whimsical Paper Bouquets
Mission Bay, 3–4:30 p.m.*

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Sundays

Board Games Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

4 Monday

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

5 Tuesday

Sing-along Storytime
Noe Valley, 8–9 a.m.*

6 Wednesday

Film: *Home Alone*
Mission Bay, 5:30–7:15 p.m.

6, 13, 20 Wednesday

Makerspace Parkside, 3–4 p.m.

7 Thursday

Mason Jar Snowglobes
Ocean View, 3:30–4:30 p.m.*

8 Friday

MakeArt North Beach, 3–5 p.m.

9 Saturday

Mindful Yoga Glen Park, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Tinker West Portal, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Create Your Own Tile
Richmond, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*

René y Familia
Eureka Valley, 12–1 p.m.

Open House Mission, 1–4 p.m.

Forest Choir Holiday Concert
Western Addition, 2–3 p.m.

STEM Slime Ortega, 2–4 p.m.*

Hoover Middle School Holiday Concert West Portal, 3–4 p.m.

10 Sunday

Toy Swap Glen Park, 2–3 p.m.

Crafternoon West Portal, 2–3 p.m.*

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

Paint by Number
Potrero, 2–4:15 p.m.

12 Tuesday

SF Symphony
Main, Atrium 3–4:30 p.m.

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

Board Game and LEGO Night
Noe Valley, 6–7:30 p.m.

15 Friday

MakeArt Potrero, 3–5 p.m.

16 Saturday

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

DIY Snow Globes Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl 1–2 p.m.

Paint by Number
Potrero, 2:30–5 p.m.*

Storytime: the Great Migration Main, Children's Story Rm - 2nd Fl 2–2:30 p.m.

Scrapbook Holiday Cards
Golden Gate Valley, 2–3 p.m.

Puzzle Swap Ortega, 2–3 p.m.

Danza Azteca Xitlalli de San Francisco Visitacion Valley, 2–3 p.m.

Parol Making
Ocean View, 2–4 p.m.*

Jewelry Making
Western Addition, 2–5 p.m.

19 Tuesday

Winter Fairy Houses
Merced, 3:30–5 p.m.

Green Art for Kids
Richmond, 3–4:30 p.m.

20 Wednesday

Graham Cracker Candy Houses Marina, 3–5 p.m.

KEVA Contraptions
Presidio, 6–7 p.m.

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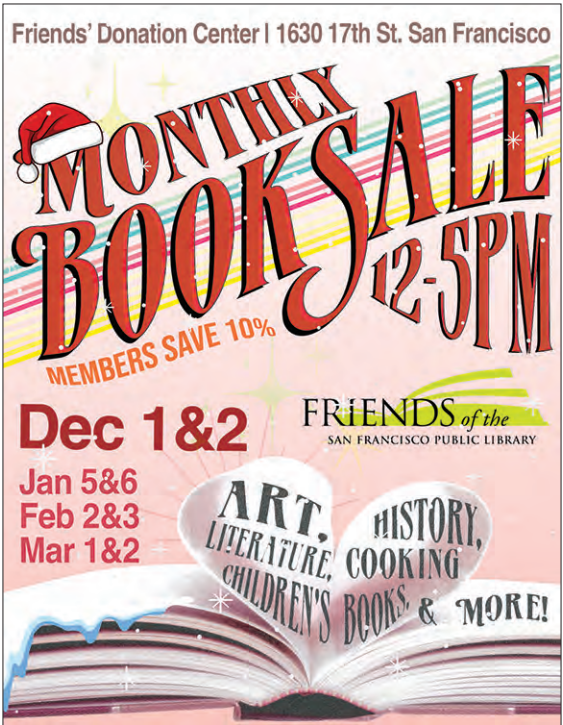


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EUREKA VALLEY/MILK	1 José Sarria Ct. (at 16th St., near Market)	355-5616	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
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MAIN LIBRARY	100 Larkin St.	557-4400	12–6	9–6	9–8	9–8	9–8	12–6	10–6
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MARINA	1890 Chestnut St.	355-2823	1–5	10–6	10–6	1–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
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ORTEGA	3223 Ortega St.	355-5700	1–5	10–6	10–6	12–8	11–8	1–6	10–6
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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
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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
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