

AT THE LIBRARY

Events and Happenings at San Francisco Public Library

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One City One Book Is Coming!

San Francisco's favorite all-city read is back this spring. We're thrilled to announce our 2024 selection, *The Chinese Groove* by Kathryn Ma.

Open House Parties

The Western Addition Branch Open House is on Feb. 3. The event features short stories with a librarian from 1:30–2:15 p.m.; Six Roses, a local jazz favorite, performance at 3:30 p.m. and arts and crafts with the Museum of Craft and Design. We'll also host a meet and greet with community partners, Western Addition Family Resource Center and Home Match. Visit the Branch for free books, free treats and free fun!

Bayview Branch is having their Open House on Feb. 24. Get ready to celebrate with us as we cheer for the 11th anniversary of our Branch! We have a fun-filled day that'll have everyone grinning from ear to ear. For all the exciting details, check out our website and get ready to celebrate.



Western Addition Branch Open House – Feb. 3, 1–5 p.m.

Bayview Branch Open House – Feb. 24, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.



L to R: SETI X, Kippy Marks

Drumbeats, Heartbeats: Communities as One

The Library is thrilled to host the second annual Drumbeats, Heartbeats: Communities as One, a celebration of Black History Month and the Lunar New Year, in partnership with the San Francisco Human Rights Commission. This year's event features a variety of music and spoken word performances, including special appearances by violinist Kippy Marks and a performance by the internationally acclaimed rapper SETI X.

Drumbeats, Heartbeats – Feb. 13, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Q & A with Kenneth Green, Jr.

Toward a Black Aesthetic: Kenneth P. Green, Sr.'s Photography of the 1960s and 70s was lovingly co-curated by the artist's son, Kenneth Green, Jr. He shared insight about his father's legacy with African American Center Manager Shawna Sherman.



Girls at Ocean Beach
Photo: Kenneth P. Green, Sr.

What inspired you to share your father's photographs in this exhibit?

The [Oakland] Tribune gifted me all his images back in the late 90s and I put it in a tin shed in my grandmother's backyard. With the pain of my father's passing, I put away his images because of the grief. It was something I had to return to when I was able. Once I started inquiring—that was probably around 2011—I had a friend, a UC Berkeley alumnus, and asked if he could hook me up with a professor on campus. I understood deep down in my heart that his photographs were something of value, but I needed other people to prove it to me.

What do you know of your father's photographic philosophy?

There was never a time he didn't have his camera. My father's philosophy: "Shoot from the gut and be honest with your intentions." During a time when Black people were challenging white philosophy, teachings and laws, he was very intentional, capturing Black excellence through women, fashion, entertainment and style in these images.

What can visitors expect to see when they come to the exhibit?

My dad really wanted to show a different side of what is portrayed about Black women in the news. The media didn't do well in how they documented the community. Visitors will see the real essence of community members and leaders, just natural people in their natural state.

Toward a Black Aesthetic: Kenneth P. Green Sr.'s Photographs of the 1960s and 70s – On view through April 21, Main Library, Jewett Gallery, Lower Level and African American Center, 3rd Floor

On the Rooftop Author Margaret Wilkerson Sexton in Conversation

Don't miss an evening with acclaimed author Margaret Wilkerson Sexton in conversation with renowned librarian and public historian Dorothy Lazard, hosted at the historic African American Arts & Cultural Complex.

The award-winning Sexton is an influential figure in contemporary literature. Her latest novel, *On the Rooftop*, set in the Fillmore District in the 1950s, is a story about a mother's dreams for her daughters that blends ambition and familial bonds.

Lazard shares insights from her memoir, *What You Don't Know Will Make a Whole New World*. Raised in the Bay Area during the tumultuous 60s and 70s, Lazard's narrative embodies resilience, curiosity and an unyielding hunger for knowledge.



L to R: Margaret Wilkerson Sexton (Photo: Smeeta Mahanti), Dorothy Lazard

Margaret Wilkerson Sexton in Conversation – Feb. 27, doors open at 6:30 p.m., event starts at 7 p.m., African American Art & Cultural Complex, Buriel Clay Theater, 762 Fulton Street

Pride In Panels: SF Queer Comics Festival



Celebrate the remarkable vitality of the San Francisco Bay Area queer comics scene in a groundbreaking, inaugural gathering. Experience diverse panel discussions, maker workshops and an exhibition hall of over 100 LGBTQIA+ cartoonists. See full schedule details: on.sfpl.org/PIP2023.

No Straight Lines Film Screening and Panel – Feb. 17, 2–4:30 p.m., Main Library, Hormel LGBTQIA Center, 3rd Floor

Exhibitor Hall – Feb. 18, 12–5 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Rooms, Lower Level

Panels – Feb. 18, 12–5 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Workshops – Feb. 18, 1–5 p.m., Main Library, Hormel LGBTQIA Center, 3rd Floor

Coming Up:

March 1
Author Grace Lin
Main Library,
Koret Auditorium

March 2
Night of Ideas
Main Library

March 10
Ezra Jack Keats
Bookmaking Project
Contemporary
Jewish Museum


Open House Celebrations
March 16: Golden Gate
Valley Branch
March 23: Sunset Branch




Look for the red, white and blue!
Official SF ballot drop boxes are located at 21 SFPL locations. Be sure to put your ballot in the box marked with the American flag that says "OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP BOX" (and not in our silver book return bins!).


Events, Collections and Services

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Armchair Travel with *National Geographic*

In need of inspiration for your next vacation? Want to explore the world and learn various cultures but don't want to spend hours sitting in a car or a plane? If so, the Library cordially invites you to join us in an amazing adventure around the world via the award-winning *National Geographic* magazine. Your library card is your ticket to a deep dive into topics such travel, animals, history, environment, people and cultures and science and technology. The article "The King of Mustang Will See You Now" opens a window to a world that has been off limit to foreigners until now. "Unlikely Refugees" takes us to a sanctuary in Jordan for wild animals that survived war zones. You can also learn how a pigment formulated in Egypt 5,250 years ago for pharaohs can possibly help with current forensics. You can access the magazine and much more on our website sfpl.org under Articles and Databases.



TeenTechSF Hackathon

San Francisco Public Library is thrilled to host the TeenTechSF Hackathon, drawing tech-savvy teens from across the Bay Area for an engaging weekend of coding challenges. Participants delve into a coding competition, acquiring new skills and expanding their technological knowledge. Esteemed speakers and mentors from major tech companies share their experiences and insights. Lunch, t-shirts and stickers provided. For ages 12–18.

TeenTechSF serves as an interactive tech community fostering innovation, collaboration and creation among teens. With a global reach, it has united 2,000 teens across five continents, featuring more than 100 tech leaders from renowned companies like Apple and Zynga. Workshops cover diverse topics such as design thinking, coding, app development, robotics, 3-D printing, entrepreneurship, professional networking, tech careers and global tech trends. For further information on TeenTechSF, visit teentechsf.org.



innovate
collaborate
create

TeenTechSF Hackathon – Feb. 2, 10 a.m., Feb. 4, 12 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Make a Miniature Art Gallery

"The ability to create a little world of my own is what I truly love about being a miniaturist." – Tammie Knight



When Tammie Knight was nine, a museum exhibit ignited her passion for the miniature world. Today, her expertise and artistry are on display in museums, galleries and libraries throughout the Bay Area and beyond. Join Knight to create miniature art galleries celebrating Black history makers, past and present. Reservations required: call (415) 355-5717.



Tammie Knight

Workshop: Miniature Art Galleries featuring Black History Makers – Feb. 17, Anza Branch, 11 a.m.

Print Your Own Valentine

Happy Valentine's Day! The Book Arts & Special Collections Center presents our 12th Annual Valentine Printing Event. Experience hands-on letterpress printing on the Library's 1909 Albion hand press and take home a broadside keepsake. We will print an image from our own collection, with assistance from the American Printing History Association's NorCal Chapter. Everyone is invited, but keepsakes are limited to the first 100 guests.

The Marjorie G. and Carl W. Stern Book Arts & Special Collections Center is home to the Robert Grabhorn Collection on the History of Printing & the Development of the Book, the Richard Harrison Collection of Calligraphy & Lettering, the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor, the George M. Fox Collection of Early Children's Books and the Little Maga/Zine Collection. Learn more at sfpl.org/bookarts, or visit us seven days a week, no appointment necessary. Contact Book Arts & Special Collections at (415) 557-4560.

Valentine's Day Broadside Printing Event – Feb. 3, 2–4 p.m., Main Library, Book Arts & Special Collections, 6th Floor



Valentine Youth Program Roundup



Valentine Phone Charm

Create your own beaded charms to accessorize your phone or create a charm for your special someone. **Feb. 10, 12 p.m., West Portal Branch**

Make a Duct Tape Rose

Craft one for you or a friend. For ages 12–18. **Feb. 10, 2 p.m., Main Library, The Mix, 2nd Floor**

Lovebug Bookmarks

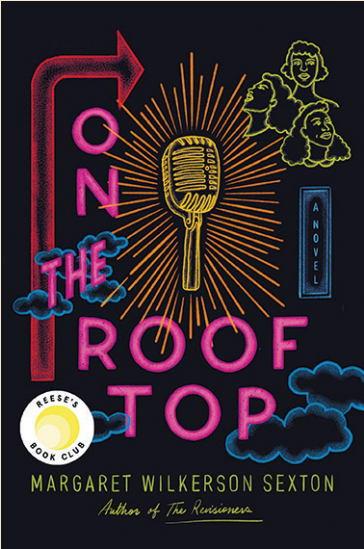
Make a cute bookmark to gift or to keep. For ages 6 and older. **Feb. 13, 4 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch**

Valentine's Day Felt Fortune Cookies

Design and create a fortune cookie with a message inside for yourself, a loved one or a friend. For ages 11–18. Space limited. Reservations required: (415) 355-2810. **Feb. 13, 4:30 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch**

Valentine's Treat Bags

Sew one and fill it with sweet treats. For children ages 7 and older. **Feb. 14, 2 p.m., Sunset Branch**



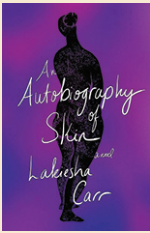
ON THE SAME PAGE

JANUARY–FEBRUARY
Selection

Margaret Wilkerson
Sexton's
On the Rooftop

– On the Same Page Readalikes –

An Autobiography of Skin by Lakiesha Carr



The narrative traces the intertwined journeys of three generations of Black women in east Texas—Jeanette coping with grief

through gambling, Maya battling postpartum depression amid societal turmoil and Ketinah using her ability to see spirits to confront a haunting ghost and support her family.



Memphis by Tara M. Stringfellow

In 1995, 10-year-old Joan, escaping from an abusive father, relocates to her mother's

Memphis childhood home. Joan grapples with resurfacing memories, uncovering family secrets that reveal the women's resilience across generations.



The Two Lives of Sara by Catherine Adel West

In 1960s Memphis, Sara King, a new mother fleeing

Chicago, finds refuge with Mama Sugar, her friend's aunt. Working at a local boarding house, she softens, finds love, but tragedy prompts her to rebuild emotional walls and leave the supportive community behind.



Last Summer on State Street by Toya Wolfe

In Chicago's Robert Taylor Homes, which are slated for demolition,

FeFe Stevens faces the end of her childhood summer playing with friends. The arrival of newcomer Tonya disrupts their dynamic, exposing the harsh realities of the crumbling neighborhood and her friends' struggles.

Browse more Readalike books: sfpl.org/on-the-same-page

Related Events

Book Club: *On the Rooftop* – Feb. 21, 7 p.m., Virtual Library

Author Talk: Margaret Wilkerson Sexton in Conversation – Feb. 27, 7 p.m., African American Art & Culture Complex, 762 Fulton St., San Francisco
In partnership with the African American Art & Culture Complex.

More Than a Month

sfpl.org/more-than-a-month

Programs for Adults

Kemi Ashing-Giwa: The Sistah Sci Fi Series



Ashing-Giwa discusses her debut novel, *The Splinter in the Sky*, a diverse space opera.

Feb. 1, 6 p.m., Main Library, African American Center, 3rd Floor

Urban Farming and the Microgreen Revolution!

Unlock the secrets of cultivating superfoods, presented by Isaiah Powell of Dragonspunk.

Feb. 6, 4 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch
Feb. 21, 3 p.m., Marina Branch
Feb. 24, 3 p.m., Ocean View Branch

tanea lunsford lynx in Conversation with Albert Broussard

A discussion about the early African American presence in San Francisco.
Feb. 7, 6 p.m., Virtual Library

Faheem Majeed's *Freedom's Stand*, a Sculpture of Black Newspapers

Unpack artist Faheem Majeed's sculpture to learn about the significance of the African American press.
Feb. 16, 11 a.m., Virtual Library

Parris Lane Live

PBS Emmy-nominated artist unveils *ABELLA: A Voice for the Voiceless* audiobook—a compelling tale of resilience and history.
Feb. 17, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Black Voices in American Opera

SF Opera's educational content curator Cole Thomason Redus presents an historical and musical survey of Black voices in American opera.
Feb. 20, 7 p.m., Virtual Library

Programs for Youth

Crochet Jam

Learn to hand crochet and create an art piece during our crochet jam. A crochet jam is a public, art-making event focused on relaxation and human connection, invented by local artist Ramekon O'Arwisters.
Feb. 17, 3:30 p.m., Western Addition Branch

Music Is First!

Listen to the talents of Bryan Dyer and Zareen Poonen Levien as they share their love of music. Music Is First! creates equity and access to music education for all children and communities. For ages 4–12 and their families.
Feb. 24, 11 a.m., Parkside Branch

Coumba Diouf, *The African Princess*

Embark on a journey to the most ancient civilization in the world. in a playful interactive experience. Discover a fascinating culture through singing, dancing, role playing and joyful times. For children ages 5 and older.
Feb. 24, 11 a.m., Main Library, Children's Center, 2nd Floor

Unique Derique

Learn about the history and art of Hambone and its evolution from Africa to modern North America. Unique Derique is the Clown Prince of Fools who brings on the fun with comedy, Hambone body drums and juggling.
Feb. 25, 3 p.m., West Portal Branch
Feb. 28, 3:45 p.m., Chinatown Branch
Feb. 28, 5:30 p.m., Park Branch



Snack Trials

Taste different snacks from Black-owned businesses and pick your favorite. For ages 12–18.
Feb. 28, 4 p.m., Main Library, The Mix, 2nd Floor

Lunar New Year Roundup

Programs for Adults

Writers for Writers: A Lunar New Year Celebration

We partner with the Diasporic Vietnamese Artists Network (DVAN) for an extraordinary evening of literary talent with readings by Truong Tran, Damon Potter and members of DVAN.
Feb. 15, 6 p.m., Main Library, Saroyan Area, 6th Floor

Book Giveaway

Kick-start your Year of the Dragon reading adventure with the Chinatown Branch Library. Don't miss the opportunity to grab a free book at each of our Chinese New Year programs throughout February. Experience the richness of Chinese culture through our special Lunar New Year program series and enhance your reading experience with a complimentary book in hand.

Programs for Youth

Red Envelope Creations

Learn how to make an artistic craft with "lucky" Chinese red envelopes with Maria Fong. Space limited. Reservations required: (415) 355-2848.
Feb. 4, 2 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

Lunar New Year Celebration

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with food, drinks and crafts with your Noe Valley neighbors.
Feb. 11, 2 p.m., Noe Valley Branch

Paper Dragon Puppet

Use construction paper to make a dragon head hand puppet. For ages 10 and older. Space limited. Reservations required. (415) 355-2888.
Feb. 20, 3:30 p.m., Chinatown Branch

Lunar New Year with San Francisco High School of the Arts

Students take center stage during this celebration, which includes live performances, dance, theater and art exhibits. Participate in art activities, Chinese riddles and games with prizes and surprises galore.
Feb. 24, 1 p.m., Main Library, Lower Level

Year of the Dragon Painting

Paint ceramic dragons. Add a pop of paint, some embellishments and presto! You'll have a new friend that's more lucky than ferocious.
Feb. 25, 2 p.m., Bayview Branch



February 2024 Event Calendar

Adults

1 Thursday

Film: *Dark Passage*
Main, Koret, 12–2 p.m.

Traditional Chinese dessert
Fa Gao Richmond, 2–3 p.m.*

Self-Defense
Marina, 3–4 p.m.*

Author: Kemi Ashing-Giwa
Main, African American Ctr - 3rd Fl, 6–7:30 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Thursdays
Tai Chi for Fall Prevention & Arthritis North Beach, 1–2 p.m.*

Disability & Aging Services Drop-in Sunset, 1–3 p.m.

Wild Goose Qigong
Presidio, 2–3 p.m.

1, 15, 29 Thursdays
Chess Club Glen Park, 4–6 p.m.

2 Friday

Writing "Fortune" for Lunar New Year /迎春寫福贈揮春
Chinatown, 1:30–3 p.m.

SF Film Noir Locations
Virtual, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Red Envelope Crafts
Sunset, 2–3:30 p.m.*

Film: *Shanghai Triad*
Excelsior, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

2, 16 Fridays
Knitting Anza, 3:30–5 p.m.

3 Saturday

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

3D Printing Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 1–2:30 p.m.*

Grow Orchids
Noe Valley, 1–2:30 p.m.

Story of Cliff House's Totem Pole Anza, 2–3 p.m.

Flying Angels Chinese Dance Co. Presidio, 2–3 p.m.

Red Envelope Craft
Ortega, 2–3:30 p.m.

Create Your Childhood Story
West Portal, 2–3:30 p.m.

Bay Area in Fiction Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2–4 p.m.

Six Roses Jazz Western Addition, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Film: *Wattstax*
Golden Gate Valley, 3–4:45 p.m.

String Art Mandala
Ocean View, 3–5 p.m.*

3, 10, 17, 24 Saturdays
Creative Afternoon / 創意無限
周六午 Chinatown, 2:30–4 p.m.

Wild Goose Qigong
Marina, 9–10 a.m.

3, 17 Saturdays
Knitting
Sunset, 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

4 Sunday
Red Envelope Creations
Visitacion Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.*

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

5 Monday

Manifestation Art Journals
Golden Gate Valley, 3–5 p.m.*

5, 12, 26 Mondays
ESL Class Visitacion Valley, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

5, 26 Mondays

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

6 Tuesday

Tina Turner w/ Richie Unterberger Virtual, 12–1:30 p.m.

Film: *Breaking The News*
Presidio, 3–5 p.m.*

Author: Kaitlin Reed, Settler Canabis Virtual, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Tuesdays
Fit for Life North Beach, 1–2 p.m.

ESL Online Convo Club
Virtual, 3–4 p.m.

7 Wednesday

Clothing Repair Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

Self-Defense
Mission Bay, 6–7 p.m.*

tanea lunsford lynx talks with Albert Broussard Virtual, 6–7:30 p.m.

7, 14, 21, 28 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.

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

Disability & Aging Services
Main, Atrium, 1–3:30 p.m.

7, 21 Wednesdays
Yoga Ingleside, 6–7 p.m.

8 Thursday

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

Film: *The Lady from Shanghai*
Main, Koret, 12–2 p.m.

Red Envelope Craft / 利是封
手作 Chinatown, 2–3:30 p.m.*

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

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

Poem Jam Main, Latino/Hispanic Mtg Rm, 6–7:30 p.m.

9 Friday

Chinese New Year Karaoke / 卡拉OK賀新春
Chinatown, 1:30–3:30 p.m.*

Watercolor
Glen Park, 1:30–5:30 p.m.

Refuse Refuse
Richmond, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

9, 16, 23 Fridays

Chronic Pain Management
Noe Valley, 2–4 p.m.*

9, 23 Fridays

Watercolor Bernal Heights, 1–5 p.m.

10 Saturday

Film: *Chinatown Rising*
Ocean View, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Chinese Calligraphy & Chess
Visitacion Valley, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Growing Orchids
Richmond, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Kulintang Dialect
Golden Gate Valley, 2–2:45 p.m.

Yarn Wrapped Bottle Vases
Park, 3–5 p.m.*

11 Sunday

Journaling Main, Fulton Rm - 3rd Fl, 2–3 p.m.

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

Succulent Gardening
Mission Bay, 2–3:30 p.m.

African American Icons Collage Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.*

Litcraft Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl, 3–4:30 p.m.

12 Monday

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

Chair Yoga Ortega, 1–2 p.m.

Film: *Room 514*
Main, Koret, 1–3 p.m.

Karaoke Excelsior, 4–5:30 p.m.

13 Tuesday

Self-Defense
• Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 10–11 a.m.*
• Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.*

Parents' Role in Developmental Screening 父母在支持兒童發展篩檢的責任
Ocean View, 4:30–5:30 p.m.*

Film: *Anatomy of a Spingroll*
North Beach, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

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

Vinyl Appreciation
Mission, 7–8:30 p.m.

13, 27 Tuesdays

Knitting Glen Park, 1–2:30 p.m.

14 Wednesday

Organizing Critical Documents Glen Park, 1–2 p.m.

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

Genealogy Virtual, 1–3 p.m.

Craft Challenge for Pairs
Bayview, 2:30–5:30 p.m.

Love Rocks
Chinatown, 2–3:30 p.m.*

Magnificent Magnolias
Mission Bay, 3–4:30 p.m.*

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

To Self, With Love
Noe Valley, 5–6 p.m.

Film: *The Princess Bride*
Glen Park, 6–7:45 p.m.

15 Thursday

How to Act Fast w/ a Heart Attack West Portal, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Film: *The House on Telegraph Hill* Main, Koret, 12–2 p.m.

Jewelry-making
Mission, 3:30–4:30 p.m.*

Vietnamese Artists Reading
Main - 6th Floor, 6–7:30 p.m.

16 Friday

Faheem Majeed's sculpture, "Freedom's Stand"
Virtual, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Scrap Quilting
Bernal Heights, 2–4 p.m.

17 Saturday
Art featuring Black History Makers Anza, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.*

Manifestation Art Journals
Glen Park, 12–2 p.m.*
Ingleside, 3–5 p.m.*

ABELLA: Voice for the Voiceless Main, Koret, 2–3:30 p.m.

Wild Women Suffragists
Merced, 2–3:30 p.m.

Village Within a City
Noe Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

Film: *No Straight Lines: The Rise of Queer Comics* Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2–4:30 p.m.

Six Roses
Golden Gate Valley, 3–4 p.m.

Collage Art Portola, 3–4 p.m.

18 Sunday

Pride in Panels Main, Latino/Hispanic Mtg Rm, 12–5 p.m.

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

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

Author: Alvin Orloff, *Vulgarian Rhapsody* Excelsior, 2–3:30 p.m.

Marbled Paper Mirror
Mission Bay, 2–4 p.m.

20 Tuesday

Paint-By-Number
Sunset, 4–5:30 p.m.*

Rogue Recovery
Park, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

SF Amusement Parks
Virtual, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Essentials of Nutrition
Virtual, 6–7 p.m.

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

Black Voices in American Opera Virtual, 7–8:30 p.m.

21 Wednesday

Urban Farming & Micro-greens Marina, 3–5 p.m.

Film: *Something New*
Park, 5–7 p.m.

22 Thursday

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

Karaoke Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

Film: *Big Fun in the Big Town*
Ingleside, 5–6 p.m.

23 Friday

Tutorial: Streaming Videos
Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 3–4 p.m.

Chinese New Year Riddle Contest / 慶元宵猜燈謎
Chinatown, 3–5 p.m.

23 Friday

Watercolor Glen Park, 8–9 a.m.

24 Saturday

Walking Tour North Beach, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.*

Plant Swap
Ortega, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Book Clubs

1 Thursday

Toni Cade Bambara, *The Salt Eaters* Virtual, 6–7:30 p.m.

4 Sunday

Carolina De Robertis, *Cantoras*
Eureka Valley, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

5 Monday

Amor Towles, *Rules of Civility*
Virtual, 4–5 p.m.

7 Wednesday

ASL Book Club Virtual, 5–7 p.m.

7, 21 Wednesdays

Silent Book Club
Richmond, 3–5 p.m.

13 Tuesday

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

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

On View

Jewett Gallery, Main Library, Lower Level

Toward a Black Aesthetic: Kenneth P. Green Sr.'s Photographs of the 1960s and 70s

The first Black staff photographer for the *Oakland Tribune* (1968–1982), Kenneth P. Green Sr. captured some of the most important social changes of the era. The exhibition focuses on Green's images of Black women, whose strength, intellect and beauty he recognized and paid homage to through his photographs. The 3rd Floor African American Center features Green's vibrant documentary photographs of San Francisco's African Liberation Day demonstration in 1972. Through April 21, also in African American Center, 3rd Floor

Other Exhibits, Main Library

AIDS Portraits by Jeannie O'Connor

This exhibition features portraits taken at four Centers for AIDS services in San Francisco, Oakland and Richmond from 1989–1995. Through March 3, SF History Center, 6th Floor and Hormel LGBTQIA Center, 3rd Floor

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 grounds into an archival experience and recollection of a larger-than-life story told by Aurelious Alberga (1884–1988). Through March 1, African American Center, 3rd 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.

24 Saturday

Self-Defense Visitacion Valley, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.*

Open House Bayview, 11–2 p.m.

Therapy Pets Excelsior, 1–2 p.m.

Lunar New Year w/ SF HSArts
Main, Koret, Latino/Hispanic Mtg Rm, 1–4 p.m.

Tai Chi
Golden Gate Valley, 2–3 p.m.

Urban Farming & Micro-greens Ocean View, 3–4 p.m.

Black Voices in American Opera Bernal Heights, 3–4:30 p.m.

25 Sunday

MUNI Is My Ride
Main, Koret, 2–3:30 p.m.

Film: *Take This Hammer*
Noe Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

26 Monday

End of Life Choices
Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

27 Tuesday

Margaret Wilkerson Sexton in Conversation Main, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

14 Wednesday

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

15 Thursday

Literate Goat
Potrero, 6–7:30 p.m.

17 Saturday

Now You See Us
Ortega, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

18 Sunday

Great Books Discussion
Anza, 12:30–2:30 p.m.

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

20 Tuesday

Tortilla Literaria
Noe Valley, 6–7:30 p.m.

21 Wednesday

Book Club
Golden Gate Valley, 2–2:45 p.m.

28 Wednesday

Film: *The Dark Corner*
Golden Gate Valley, 3–4:45 p.m.

Jewelry Making
Noe Valley, 5–6 p.m.

Dr. Tanisha Ford talks with Dr. Tiffany E. Barber
Virtual, 6–7 p.m.

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

Film: *Otomo* Glen Park, 6–7:30 p.m.

Adult Coloring
Mission Bay, 6–7:30 p.m.

29 Thursday

Film: *Letter from an Unknown Woman* Golden Gate Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

Author: Irena Smith, *The Golden Ticket* West Portal, 6:45–7:45 p.m.

Film: *The Pursuit of Happiness* Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl, 6–7 p.m.

Dr. Jacqueline Francis talks with Virginia Smyly
Virtual, 6–7 p.m.

Book Club Noe Valley, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Ulloa Reading Corner
West Portal, 6–7 p.m.

Margaret Wilkerson Sexton, *On the Rooftop*
Virtual, 7–8 p.m.

25 Sunday

Marina Readers
Marina, 2–3:30 p.m.

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

27 Tuesday

Tess Gunty, *Rabbit Hutch*
Bernal Heights, 2–4 p.m.

28 Wednesday

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

Tech Time

Programs are held at Main, Computer Training Center - 5th Floor unless otherwise noted.

1 Thursday

Basic Computer Skills
1–2:30 p.m.*

2 Friday

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

3, 10, 17, 24 Saturdays

Tech Help West Portal, 12–4 p.m.

4, 11, 18, 25 Sundays

Tech Help Sunset, 1–4 p.m.

5 Monday

eBooks & Audiobooks
Bernal Heights, 3–4 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Tuesdays

Basic Tech Drop-In 1–2:30 p.m.

7, 14, 21, 28 Wednesdays

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

9 Friday

AI-Generated Journalism
Virtual, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

10 Saturday

eBook Drop-In
Main, Atrium, 3–4:30 p.m.

12 Monday

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

14 Wednesday

Tech Savy at 60+
Richmond, 1:30–2:15 p.m.

Drop-in Tech Coaching

Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

15 Thursday

Floppy Copy & Old Files
Rescue 10 a.m.–12 p.m.*

16 Friday

Drop-In Tech Support (Older
Adults) Ortega, 1:30–3 p.m.*

Tablet/Smartphone Course

(Older Adults 60+)

Sunset, 1–2:30 p.m.*

17 Saturday

Hot Topics–QR Codes

Main, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.*

22 Thursday

eBook Drop-In

Main, Atrium, 4–5:30 p.m.

27 Tuesday

Drop-in Tech Coaching

Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

28 Wednesday

Earn a Certificate in Micro-
soft Basics 4–6 p.m.

29 Thursday

YouTube Basics/YouTube
簡介 Chinatown, 2–3:30 p.m.

Work It (Jobs,
Business, Finance)

1 Thursday

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

6 Tuesday

LinkedIn Profile Tips
Virtual, 10–11:30 a.m.

8 Thursday

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

13 Tuesday

Taxes–How to Stay Out of
Trouble Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

14 Wednesday

LinkedIn Tips, Part 2
Virtual, 2–3:15 p.m.

15 Thursday

Interviewing Essentials
Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

20 Tuesday

LinkedIn Beyond the Profile
Virtual, 10–11:30 a.m.

Teens

The Mix at SFPL

Main Library, 2nd Fl. SFPL's
creative space for teens,
ages 12–18.

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Thursday

Basic Sewing 4–5 p.m.

1, 15, 29 Thursday

Digital Design Studio 4–5 p.m.

3 Saturday - 4 Sunday

TeenTechSF Hackathon

Main, Koret 2/3: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
2/4: 12–5 p.m.*

Vinyl Listening Party 2–3 p.m.

6 Tuesday

Writer's Club 4–5 p.m.

7 Wednesday

Black Out Poetry 4–5 p.m.

8, 22 Thursday

Adobe Illustrator 4–5 p.m.

9, 23 Friday

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

10 Saturday

Make a Duct Tape Rose 2–3 p.m.

11 Sunday

Film: The Hate U Give 3–5:30 p.m.

13 Tuesday

Recreating the Art of Alma
Thomas 4:30–5:30 p.m.

13, 27 Tuesday

Book Club: Octavia Butler,
Parable of the Sower 4–5 p.m.

14, 28 Wednesday

Biblio Bistro 4–6 p.m.

20 Tuesday

Writer's Club 4–5 p.m.

21 Wednesday

Gee's Bend-Inspired Quilt
Collage 4–5 p.m.

24 Saturday

Karaoke 4–5 p.m.

25 Sunday

Super Smash Bros.
Tournament 3–5 p.m.

27 Tuesday

3D Printing 4–5 p.m.

Open Mic 5–7 p.m.

28 Wednesday

Snack Trials 4–5 p.m.

Mix Recording Studio

Guitar and Bass Lessons

• Tuesdays, 5:30–6 p.m.

• Wednesdays, 4–4:30 p.m.

• Saturdays, 3:30–4 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.

Teens at the Branches

2 Friday

Karaoke Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

3, 17, 24 Saturdays

Gardening Merced,
11 a.m.–12 p.m.

4 Sunday

Art Club Anza, 2–3:30 p.m.

4, 11 Sundays

ACT Prep Bernal Heights,
2–4 p.m.*

5, 12, 26 Mondays

Lounge Eureka Valley, 3–5 p.m.

6 Tuesday

Mancala 非洲寶石棋遊戲
Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.*

6, 20 Tuesday

Film: Black Panther: Wakanda
Forever, Potrero, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
2/6: Part 1, 2/20: Part 2

7 Wednesday

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

9 Friday

Book Review

Excelsior, 4–5:30 p.m.

10 Saturday

Valentine Phone Charm
West Portal, 12–1:30 p.m.

13 Tuesday

Bingo North Beach,
4:30–5:30 p.m.

Valentine's Day Felt Fortune

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

14 Wednesday

Woven Heart Craft
North Beach, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

16 Friday

Retro Rhythm Gaming
Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

20 Tuesday

Paper Dragon Head Hand
Puppet 紙龍頭手偶

Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.*

Make Your Own Lip Balm

Golden Gate Valley, 4–5 p.m.*

21 Wednesday

Craft Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

22 Thursday

Mini Block Prints
Merced, 5–6 p.m.

28 Wednesday

Gaming Lounge
Bayview, 3–4:30 p.m.

Romantic Reads for
Adults and Teens

Explore love's joys and complexities with our picks!
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The Earl's
Egyptian Heiress
by Heba Helmy

Ranya aims to reclaim
her family's business
deed from the Earl
of Warrington but
becomes enamored with the new earl,
Owen, during their journey from Egypt
to England. Duty conflicts with desire
in this Regency era romance.



Sorry, Bro
by Taleen Voskuni

To appease her
Armenian mother,
Nar participates in
a series of events in
San Francisco where,
instead of meeting a mom-approved
man, she meets Erebus, a woman
who gives her the courage to come
out as bisexual and proudly be herself
for the first time in her life.



The Art of Scandal
by Regina Black

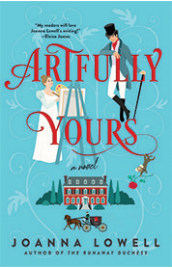
After discovering her
husband is having
an affair, Rachel
Abbott agrees to
keep playing the
ideal Black trophy
wife until after his reelection campaign
but finds it hard to keep her side of the
bargain when she falls in love with an
artist whose secrets blow everything
wide open.



To Win a Prince
by Toni Shiloh

Fashion aficionado
Iris Blakely dreams
of using her talent
to start a business
to help citizens in
impoverished areas.

But when she discovers that Ekon
Diallo will be her business consultant,
the battle between her desires and
reality begins. Can she keep her
heart and business intact despite the
challenges she faces?



Artfully Yours
by Joanna Lowell

Nina Finch, a
skilled art forger
with dreams of a
simple life baking
gooseberry tarts,
becomes entangled

with London's discerning art critic,
Alan De'Ath. Unaware of Nina's role in
the forgeries, De'Ath offers her a job,
setting the stage for a perilous dance
between love and deception. As their
connection deepens, divided loyalties
threaten to unravel their worlds,
forcing Nina and Alan to confront the
transformative power of true love.



Her Good Side
by Rebekah
Weatherspoon

Deciding to fake date
for practice, 16-year-
old Bethany Greene
and her best friend's
ex-boyfriend Jacob

Yeun find their arrangement turning
into something real, making them
wonder if their perfect match has been
in front of them all along.



When the Vibe
Is Right
by Sarah Dass

When the future
of her family's
masquerade band,
Grandeur, nears the
brink of collapse,

Tess Crawford is forced to team up
with popular social media influencer,
Brandon Richards, the bane of her
existence, in a desperate attempt to
revive the company.



Friday I'm in Love
by Camryn Garrett

Deciding to
throw herself
an epic coming
out party with
singing, dancing
and rainbow cake,

16-year-old Mahalia Harris finds
herself buried in a mountain of bills,
unfinished schoolwork and enough
drama that could end her party before
it even begins.



Darkhearts
by James L. Sutter

When his former
bandmate dies,
David is thrown
back into contact
with singer Chance,
forcing him to
rediscover all

the things that once made them so
close—and that tore them apart—as
he attempts to claim the celebrity he's
been denied.



Give Me a Sign
by Anna Sortino

Ready for a change,
Lilah, who suffers
from hearing
loss, becomes a
counselor at a
summer camp
for the deaf and

blind where she finds a community
and a gorgeous Deaf counselor
who volunteers to help her with her
signing, stealing her heart in the
process.

February 2024 Event Calendar

Children

Early Childhood

3 Saturday

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

3, 10, 17, 24 Saturdays

Playtime Potrero, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

5 Monday

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

7 Wednesday

Year of the Dragon Puppet
Marina, 3–5 p.m.

7, 21 Wednesdays

Playtime
Mission Bay, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.*

10 Saturday

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

12 Monday

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

13 Tuesday

Mini Makers Merced, 11–11:30 a.m.

Lego Free Play
Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

17 Saturday

Toddler Coloring
Glen Park, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

22 Thursday

Ethiopian Music & Dance
Ocean View, 3–4 p.m.*

24 Saturday

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

25 Sunday

LEGO Free Play Glen Park, 1–4 p.m.

Playtime Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

Elementary School Age

1 Thursday

LEGO Free Play
Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

STEM Pop Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

LEGOs & Spaghetti/Marsh-mallow Towers North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

Library Rangers–Water Cycle
Visitacion Valley, 4–5 p.m.

3 Saturday

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

Alma Thomas Painting
Bayview, 2–3 p.m.

3 Saturday

Craft Club Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

Origami
Bernal Heights, 2–5 p.m.

3, 10, 17, 24 Saturdays

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

4 Sunday

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

4, 11, 18, 25 Sundays

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

5, 12, 26 Mondays

Math Games & Tutoring
West Portal, 3–4:30 p.m.

6 Tuesday

Card making Merced, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

7 Wednesday

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

10 Saturday

Make Your Own Seed Balls
Glen Park, 3–4 p.m.

10, 24 Saturdays

Origami Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

12 Monday

Buttons of Love
Potrero, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

13 Tuesday

Lovebug Bookmarks
Golden Gate Valley, 4–5 p.m.

14 Wednesday

Valentine's Treat Bags
Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

15 Thursday

LEGOS/Straw Rockets
North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

16 Friday

Paper Bag Lantern
Chinatown, 3:45–4:45 p.m.*

18 Sunday

Chess Drop-In West Portal, 2–4 p.m.

21 Wednesday

Beaded Wind Chime
Chinatown, 3:45–4:45 p.m.*

LEGO Free Play Bayview, 3–5 p.m.

Junior Readers Marina, 6–7 p.m.

23 Friday

Comics & Drawing Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

24 Saturday

Everybody Cooks Rice, Manoomin Salad
• Anza, 1:30–2:45 p.m.*
• Ingleside, 10:15–11:30 a.m.*

Bryan Dyer & Zareen Levien
Parkside, 11–11:45 a.m.

LEGO Free Play
Presidio, 3–4 p.m.

25 Sunday

Boat STEM challenge
Merced, 2–3 p.m.

Slimetime Portola, 2–3 p.m.

26 Monday

Tinker Toy Builders
Golden Gate Valley, 3–5 p.m.

27 Tuesday

LEGO Race Cars Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

29 Thursday

Library Rangers-Water Cycle
Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

Middle School Age

1 Thursday

Graphic Novels, D&D Dungeon Club: Roll Call
Portola, 4–5 p.m.

4, 11, 18, 25 Sundays

Chess Club Ingleside, 2:30–4 p.m.

7 Wednesday

Gaming Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Makey Makey
Western Addition, 3–4:15 p.m.

Valentine Cards Presidio, 6–7 p.m.

11 Sunday

Anime & Manga Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

12 Monday

Graphic Novels, Leon the Extraordinary
Glen Park, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

13 Tuesday

Pop-Up Valentine's Day Cards
Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

13, 27 Tuesdays

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

26 Monday

Graphic Novels, Liesl Adams' Batter Royale
Glen Park, 8–9 a.m.

28 Wednesday

Banana Pudding
Ingleside, 3–4:15 p.m.*

Children's Storytimes

Storytimes for Babies

Songs, rhymes and books for infants and their caregivers.

Anza – 3, 24 Saturdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Bernal Heights – Every Wednesday, 12–12:30 p.m.*
Chinatown – Every Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Golden Gate Valley – Every Tuesday, 11:15–11:45 a.m.
Ingleside – Every Tuesday, 1:30–2 p.m.
Merced – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Mission Bay – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
North Beach – 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Ortega – 5, 12, 26 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 – 5, 12, 26 Mondays, 11–11:30 a.m.*
Sunset – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.
West Portal – Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Every Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.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
Excelsior – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Glen Park – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Every Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Ingleside – Every Sunday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.
8, 22, 29 Mondays, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
Main – Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Merced – 8, 22, 29 Mondays, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Mission – 11, 18, 25 Thu, 10:15–10:45 a.m.* Español/English
11, 18, 25 Thursdays, 11–11:30 a.m.* Español/English
10, 17, 24, 31 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.*
North Beach – Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Ocean View – Every Thursday, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
(Minnie & Love Ward Rec Ctr, 650 Capitol Ave)
Ortega – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Park – 5, 12, 26 Mondays, 3:30–4 p.m.
Parkside – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Portola – 5, 12, 26 Mondays, 3:30–4 p.m.
Potrero – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.*
Presidio – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Richmond – Every Tuesday, 10–10:30 a.m.*
Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.*
Sunset – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Visitacion Valley – Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
West Portal – Every Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Storytimes for Preschoolers

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

Bayview – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m. Español/English
Every Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m. Español/English
Chinatown – Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 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.

Storytimes for Families

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

Anza – Every Thursday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Bernal Heights – Every Saturday, 10–10:30 a.m.*
Chinatown – Every Saturday, 2–2:30 p.m.
Glen Park – 7, 21 Wednesdays, 7–7:30 p.m.
Golden Gate Valley – Every Friday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.
Main – Every Saturday, 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
Marina – 5, 12, 26 Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Mission Bay – 12 Monday, 11:15–11:45 p.m. (SPARK Social SF)
Noe Valley – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m. & 11–11:30 a.m.
Ocean View – 11 Sunday, 3–3:30 p.m.
Ortega – Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Parkside – Every Sunday, 1:30–2 p.m.
Portola – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
31 Wednesday, 6:30–7:30 p.m
Potrero – Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m.*
Western Addition – 8, 22 Thu, 11 a.m.– 11:30 a.m Japanese

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

1 Thursday

Mixed Media Grid Journal
Ocean View, 3–4:30 p.m.

2 Friday

MakeArt Potrero, 3–5 p.m.

3 Saturday

Lion Dance
Ortega, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Very First Concerts
Main, Children's Rm - 2nd Fl, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*

Open House
Western Addition, 1–5 p.m.

Broadside Printing
Main – 6th Fl, 2–4 p.m.*

Tiny Art Merced, 3–4 p.m.

3, 10 Saturdays

Chess Club Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

4 Sunday

Paper Bag Puppets
Mission Bay, 2–3:15 p.m.

Self-Defense
Ocean View, 3–4 p.m.*

4, 11, 18, 25 Sundays

Board Games Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

6 Tuesday

West African Music
Portola, 3–4 p.m.

Urban Farming & Microgreens
Visitacion Valley, 4–5:30 p.m.

8 Thursday

Lunar New Year Craft
Portola, 2–3 p.m.

Film Shorts: More Than a Month Sunset, 3–4:30 p.m.

Poetry Collage
Ingleside, 4–5 p.m.

10 Saturday

Kalimba King
• Anza, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
• Marina, 1:30–2:30 p.m.
• Visitacion Valley, 4–5 p.m.

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

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

11 Sunday

Crafternoon
West Portal, 2–3 p.m.*

Lunar New Year Celebration
Noe Valley, 2–4 p.m.

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

13 Tuesday

Film: The Wiz
Eureka Valley, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Family Board Games/LEGOs
Noe Valley, 6–7:30 p.m.

14 Wednesday

Origami Hearts Portola, 2–3 p.m.

15 Thursday

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

16 Friday

Ohlone Game w/ Ranger Fatima Glen Park, 1–2 p.m.*

MakeArt North Beach, 3–5 p.m.

17 Saturday

Watercolor Wonder Lanterns
Mission Bay, 10:30–11:30 a.m.*

Pinholes to Telescope
West Portal, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

LEGO Robots Ortega, 1–2 p.m.*

Crochet/Mancala Western Addition, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Chess Club Excelsior, 8–9 a.m.

20 Tuesday

Board Games Parkside, 4:30–6 p.m.

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

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Beyond the conventional forms of support, library lovers express their unwavering dedication by incorporating Friends into their estate planning. Many generous individuals plan for the future of SFPL by designating Friends as a beneficiary in their wills, trusts, retirement accounts and life insurance policies.

Who are these remarkable individuals making legacy gifts? Anyone informing us of their inclusion of Friends in their estate plans becomes a member of the Mary Louise Stong Society, named after one of Friends’ founders, Mary Louise Stong.

Wondering how to initiate a legacy gift? You have two options: use our FreeWill platform for a complimentary service, or reach out to us to discuss your needs and plans. Mary Louise Stong Society members also receive invitations to our annual breakfast and celebration at the Main Library—a special gathering for those committed to leaving a legacy for the SFPL.

Learn more at friendssfpl.org/stong

Library Love in February—
Share Your Library Love Story With Us

Have a special memory or a heartwarming story about the Library?
We want to hear it!

As February dawns on us, we find ourselves in the embrace of a month synonymous with love and affection. At Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, our hearts swell with gratitude as we reflect on the profound love our community shows to our revered institution.

The Library stands as more than just a repository of books; it is a sanctuary for knowledge seekers, a haven for the curious and a communal space where the love for learning unites us all. This month, we wish to celebrate the vibrant tapestry of love that envelops our Library, because shelves are not just repositories of books, but vessels of diverse stories waiting to be discovered.

Throughout February, we encourage you to share your love letters to the Library on social media, and we’ll make sure to share it on our Friends of the SFPL social media feeds. Whether it’s a childhood memory, a discovery that changed your life or simply a quiet moment spent in our reading nooks, your stories are the heartbeat of our community.

Tag @FriendsSFPL on Facebook, Instagram, X or LinkedIn and we’ll make sure to reshare your story! Thank you for making our library a place where love, in all its forms, flourishes.



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

- Amazing Fantasy ■ Bird & Beckett Books & Records ■ Bolerium ■ Books Inc. Opera Plaza ■ Books Inc. Laurel Village ■ Books Inc. Marina ■ Borderlands Books ■ Christopher's Books ■ Compass Books, Inc. ■ Dog Eared Books ■ Fabulosa Books ■ Green Apple Books ■ Green Apple Books on the Park ■ Omnivore Books on Food ■ Originals Vinyl ■

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SAVE-THE-DATE: Night of Ideas, March 2, Main Library

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SFPL Bookmobiles

Library on Wheels/
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Info: sfpl.org/bookmobile

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.,
Sat–Sun, 9 a.m.–8 p.m.



San Francisco Public Library

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Every Day!

LIBRARY LOCATIONS AND HOURS

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ANZA	550 37th Ave.	355-5717	1–5	10–6	10–8	1–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
✓ 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	10–6
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

All phone numbers are in the 415 area code.

✓ Ballot drop off locations. Please use designated boxes located outside the branch, not the book drops. Voting begins Feb. 5.



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