

# AT THE LIBRARY

Events and Happenings at San Francisco Public Library

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## April Open Houses

Come on down to Visitacion Valley Branch's bodacious open house on April 27! Look forward to a Kizomba dance class, chair yoga, a martial arts demo and a Church of Clown performance. There will be a free play area, book giveaways and refreshments.

Presidio also welcomes everyone in this month. Enjoy an afternoon of festivities and fun for all ages. Featuring Giant Bubbles Play Stations activity for children and families and a live musical performance by Purring Engines, Sara Corrigan and Kevin Franke, a musical duo from San Francisco at 3 p.m. They released their debut album in 2023. Enjoy other fun activities, including button making and a free books giveaway (while supplies last).



**Presidio Open House** – April 2, 1 p.m.

**Visitacion Valley Open House** – April 27, 1 p.m.

## Announcing SFPL's BIPOC KidLit Fest



L to R:  
Natasha Tripplett,  
Aida Salazar,  
Lisa Moore Ramee

Join authors Natasha Tripplett, Aida Salazar, Lisa Moore Ramee and more at the SFPL BIPOC KidLit Fest, featuring the 28th Annual Effie Lee Morris Author Talk. This celebration of diverse authors, designed for budding readers, emphasizes the joy of diverse narratives and promises to be an afternoon of inspiration, representation and the transformative magic of literature.

The keynote speaker is award-winning author Christina Soontornvat. Soontornvat, author of more than 20 children's books, explores ideas of "following your dreams" in her works, such as *The Tryout*, *Ramble Shamble Children* and *A Wish in the Dark*. Don't miss this celebration crafted for young minds, including a book signing and free copies of Soontornvat's works for attending youth, while supplies last.

**BIPOC KidLit Festival: Follow Your Dreams** – April 6, 12– 4 p.m. Main Library, Lower Level



Celebrate Children and Books at Día de los Niños/ Día de los Libros

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros is back, celebrating 25 years of children, books and literacy! Laugh, dance and be inspired during performances throughout the day and take home free books and activities provided by the Library and our community partners. We hope to see you there with a day filled with joy for the entire family!

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros has been a beloved free literacy celebration since 1999. Día was started in 1996 by author Pat Mora with support from Reforma and the Association for Library Service to Children. For more details on Día San Francisco, the organizing team and resources, visit [diasf.org](http://diasf.org).

**Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros** – April 28, 11 a.m., Parque Niños Unidos, 3090 23rd St. (at Folsom)

## One City One Book: Together, We Read

This spring, join San Francisco's biggest book club! Check out the novel *The Chinese Groove* by Kathryn Ma at your local library. This "splendidly endearing" novel (*People*) was named a *Washington Post* Best Book of the Year. In May, come to the headliner event. Ma will be in conversation with Natalie Baszile, author of *Queen Sugar* and *We Are Each Other's Harvest: Celebrating African American Farmers, Land, and Legacy*.

**About the Book** Kathryn Ma's *The Chinese Groove* follows the journey of 18-year-old Shelley, who leaves his home in China's Yunnan Province to seek a brighter future in the United States. Encountering familial fractures and unmet expectations upon his arrival, Shelley navigates the complexities of immigrant life in present-day San Francisco.

**About the Author** Kathryn Ma is the author of the widely praised novel *The Year She Left Us*, which was named a *New York Times* Editors' Choice and an NPR "Great Read" of the year. Her short story collection, *All That Work and Still No Boys*, won the Iowa Short Fiction Award and was named a *San Francisco Chronicle* Notable Book and a *Los Angeles Times* Discoveries Book. She is also a recipient of the David Nathan Meyerson Prize for Fiction and has twice been named a San Francisco Public Library Laureate.

See [sfpl.org/onecityonebook](http://sfpl.org/onecityonebook) for more information.



Kathryn Ma Photo: Andria Lo

**Kathryn Ma in Conversation with Natalie Baszile** – May 4, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

**Book Clubs: Discuss *The Chinese Groove* with your community.**

April 13, 11 a.m., Main Library, Chinese Center, 3rd Floor

April 20, 11 a.m., Ortega Branch

April 23, 7 p.m., Virtual Library

April 24, 6:30 p.m., Mission Bay Branch

April 28, 2 p.m., Marina Branch

April 28, 2 p.m., Portola Branch

May 15, 6 p.m., West Portal Branch

June 8, 4 p.m., Merced Branch

## I Love Tenderloin Week at the Library

Don't miss the inaugural Tenderloin Branch Open House on April 27, which will activate every floor of the Main Library for I Love Tenderloin Week. The event features a resource fair with the Main Library's community partners, an Arabic story hour followed by arts and crafts, a streaming music listening party and more.

Additionally, the Business, Science and Technology Center leads a Small Business Boogie offsite with founder Teddy Kramer highlighting Tenderloin small businesses on April 23.

### I ♥ TENDERLOIN

I Love Tenderloin Week (April 21–27) is a fun and engaging week of community building. Tenderloin advocates will showcase the rich restaurant and bar scene, spotlight small businesses and cultural destinations and celebrate the positive attributes of this diverse and eclectic neighborhood. The community seeks to share firsthand what many people who live, work and run small businesses in the Tenderloin know: that the neighborhood is a destination full of opportunity.

**Small Business Boogie** – April 23, 5:30 p.m. Meet at 826 Valencia located at 180 Golden Gate Avenue. From there we will visit Outta Sight Pizza, Shovels Bar and a few more businesses we love.

**Tenderloin Branch Open House** – April 27, 10:30-5:30 p.m., Main Library

**Resource Fair** – 2 p.m., Atrium; **Arabic Story Hour** – 2 p.m., Children's Center, 2nd Floor

**Streaming Music Listening Party** – 3 p.m., The Bridge, Learning Studio, 5th Floor

## National Financial Capability Month

National Financial Capability Month is the perfect time to take control of your financial life. The Business, Science and Technology Department, in partnership with finance experts, provides presentations on a variety of topics, ranging from the basics of saving, financial planning and cash flow management, to investing, insurance sub-limits, retirement and estate planning. We'll even cover the psychology of spending and how to be a sophisticated consumer.

Access financial literacy coaching through our partners at Smart Money Coaching and Advisors Give Back. Smart Money Coaching offers free, confidential, basic financial guidance. Coaches are fluent in Spanish, Cantonese and Mandarin with additional translation services available.

Advisors Give Back offers a pro bono CFP® to create a financial plan and achieve your goals. Available in English and Spanish.

Whether you're wondering where to start or ready to take your financial planning to the next level, we've got you covered!

**Financial Capability Month** – April 1–30, Main Library, Business, Science & Technology Department, 4th Floor. See website for event details: [on.sfpl.org/fcm24](http://on.sfpl.org/fcm24)

**Financial Capability Month**

### Coming Up:

**May 4**  
**One City One Book**  
**Author Event: Kathryn Ma and Natalie Baszile**  
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

**May 4**  
**Bay Beats Battle of the Bands Performance**  
SFMOMA, 151 3rd St.

**May 4**  
**Free Comic Book Day**  
All locations

**May 6–10**  
**Small Business Week**  
Main Library

**May 12–18**  
**Tech Week**  
Main Library



# Events, Collections and Services

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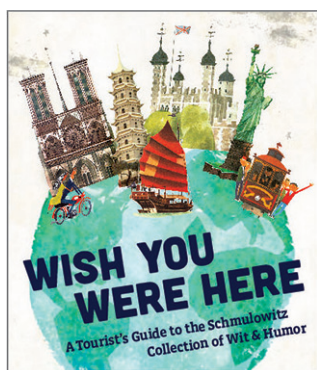
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## Wish You Were Here! A Tourist's Guide to the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor



**B**on Voyage! Let's go on bookish adventures far and wide through the pages of the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor. Join us for an armchair trip around the world as we visit unfamiliar and exotic sights; get lost in translation; take guided tours with favorite children's books and of course, visit our favorite destination—San Francisco!

The Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor was founded by San Francisco attorney, book collector and humanitarian Nat Schmulowitz (1889-1966) on April Fool's Day, 1947. Schmulowitz's joy of travel and love affair with world humor began in 1926 with his grand tour of Europe.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the Library's Art, Music & Recreation Department presents themed film screenings during the month of April. All films are shown at 12 p.m. in the Main Library's Koret Auditorium.

April 4: *City Slickers*; April 11: *The Darjeeling Limited*; April 18: *Last Holiday* (held in Latino/Hispanic Mtg. Room); April 25: *Little Miss Sunshine*.

**Wish You Were Here! A Tourist's Guide to the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor** – April 1–May 31, Main Library, Skylight Gallery, 6th Floor

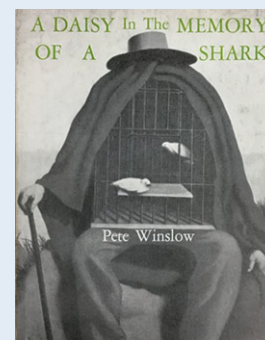
## New Arabic Music on Hoopla

If you love the music of Southwest Asia and North Africa, you'll love the e-audio on Hoopla Digital. Library cardholders get free, instant access to thousands of albums from across the SWANA region. There are icons like Fairuz, Kadim Al-Sahir and Nawal El Kuwaitia, Sudanese golden age legend Abdel Aziz El Mubarak and "the Frank Sinatra of Lebanon," Wadhi El Safi.

You'll also find the Algerian-French rapper Soolking, Lebanese hit singers Abeer Nehme and Nancy Ajram and Egyptian superstars Amr Diab and Tamer Hosny. Hoopla offers dozens of genres, from Egyptian dreamy indie band Alan-K to pop *Arab Idol* winner Mohammed Assaf of Palestine, plus psychedelic rock, dabke and a whole lot of romantic crooners. For genre fusion, try Iraqi-Hungarian maestro Omar Bashir, Algerian-French rock/folk singer Rachid Taha or Iraqi-Israeli singer Dudu Tassa's album of Arab love songs in collaboration with Radiohead's Jonny Greenwood. Download the free Hoopla Digital app or visit [hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com) to get listening.



## Collections Corner: Celebrate National Poetry Month



**T**he Book Arts & Special Collection Center is

fortunate to hold the papers of San Francisco poet Pete Winslow (1934-1972).

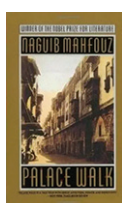
Associated with the Beat Generation and inspired by poets such

as Allen Ginsberg and Philip Lamantia, Winslow turned to surrealism, producing several books of poetry including the posthumously published *A Daisy in the Memory of a Shark* (City Lights, Pocket Poet Series, 31; 1973). The Pete Winslow Papers (BASC 8) consists of correspondence, notes, manuscripts, periodicals in which his poetry appears; Winslow's own published works as well as those who influenced his poetry; photographs and audio recordings. Winslow's poetry readings (1958-1965) were recorded on reel-to-reel tapes, which have been digitized to compact discs and are available to the public. Early appearances by stand-up comedian Mort Sahl, musicians Country Joe McDonald and Robbie Basho were discovered by librarians, adding even more color to the life of the poet.

## SWANA Books, Movies and Music

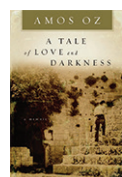
### CLASSICS

[on.sfppl.org/SWANA24Classics](http://on.sfppl.org/SWANA24Classics)



#### **Palace Walk** by Najib Mahfuz

The first of a social realism trilogy exploring the lives of three generations of lower middle-class families across several decades following WWI and the transition from traditional to modern life, with its moral uncertainties.



#### **A Tale of Love and Darkness** by Amos Oz

This book, considered one of the Israeli luminary's best, is a non-linear memoir of his family roots, his coming-of-age and his mother's mental illness.



#### **Woman at Point Zero** by Nawal El Sa'dawi

Egyptian physician and writer Nawal El Sa'dawi was a leading feminist of the Arab world, with many books critical of forms of societal oppression. This book tells the story of a peasant woman who is coerced by men into a life of prostitution.

### MOVIES AND MUSIC

[on.sfppl.org/SWANA24AudioVisual](http://on.sfppl.org/SWANA24AudioVisual)



#### **Beautiful City**

In Islamic Iran, how much is a woman worth in comparison with a man, and who pays the difference? This film is a tale of vengeance, labyrinthine judicial procedure and the concept of "blood money."



#### **Polite Society**

Ria Khan believes she must save her older sister Lena from her impending marriage. She enlists her friend's help to attempt the most ambitious of all wedding heists in the name of independence and sisterhood.



#### **Fremont**

Afghan refugee Donya works for a Chinese fortune cookie factory. Formerly a translator for the U.S. military, she struggles to put her life back in order. In a moment of sudden revelation, she decides to send out a special message in a cookie. Set in the Bay Area.

### TEEN

[on.sfppl.org/SWANA24Teen](http://on.sfppl.org/SWANA24Teen)



#### **Free Radicals** by Lila Riesen

16-year-old Mafi Shahin moonlights as the vigilante called Ghost, who seeks revenge on behalf of students in the form of harmless but effective pranks. Keeping her identity a secret means she must constantly lie to her friends and family, but when this threatens to expose family secrets and jeopardize relatives in Afghanistan, she must decide if it's time to own up to the truth.



#### **The Light at the Bottom of the World** by London Shah

In 2009, global flooding forces civilization underwater. Leyla lives alone with her father in what was formerly London and makes ends meet as a sub racer. When her father is unjustly arrested, she sets out to win the prestigious London Submersible Marathon to gain his freedom. But when things don't go as planned, she must try to rescue him herself.

### ART BOOKS

[on.sfppl.org/SWANA24Art](http://on.sfppl.org/SWANA24Art)



#### **Modern Art in the Arab World**

This collection is presented chronologically to assist readers in navigating its broad geographic and historical scope, exploring various nation-states and diasporas, with some accompanying essays printed in English for the first time.



#### **Beyond the Nile: Egypt and the Classical World**

This book spans 2500 years from the Bronze Age to the late Roman Empire.



#### **Etel Adnan**

This is the first book to present a full account of Adnan's life as a Lebanese-American poet and visual artist.

### KIDS BOOKS

[on.sfppl.org/SWANA24Kids](http://on.sfppl.org/SWANA24Kids)



#### **Mama Shamsi at the Bazaar** by Mojdeh Hassani

The story of a child who finds comfort and imaginative play under the safety of her grandmother's chador while on a shopping trip to the crowded market in Tehran.



#### **Homeland** by Hannah Moushabeck

Three sisters visit their father's birthplace of Palestine through his beautiful bedtime stories, bringing to life the sights, sounds and scents of his homeland.



#### **Loujain Dreams of Sunflowers** by Uma Mishra-Newbery and Lina al-Hathloul

In this colorful real-life story based on Saudi activist Loujain Alhathloul, a little girl dreams of flying in a country where women and girls are not allowed to. With a lot of determination and some help from her parents, her dream finally becomes a reality.



# POVERTY, BY AMERICA

MATTHEW DESMOND  
PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR OF *EVICTED*

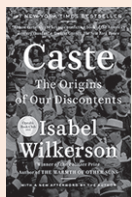
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Selection

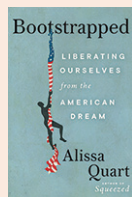
Matthew Desmond's  
*Poverty, by America*

## On the Same Page Readalikes

These books passionately and thoughtfully explore the persistence of poverty in America, addressing issues such as income inequality, societal impact and the growing celebrityhood of the rich while belittling public assistance programs for the working class.



**Caste**  
by Isabel Wilkerson  
The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Warmth of Other Suns* explores historical caste systems and their impact on everyday American lives, examining rigid hierarchies based on human rankings, religious views, heritage and stigma.



**Bootstrapped: Liberating Ourselves from the American Dream**  
by Alissa Quart

An acclaimed journalist examines the American obsession with self-reliance and how it has led to inequality, self-blame and shifted the responsibility for survival onto the backs of ordinary people.



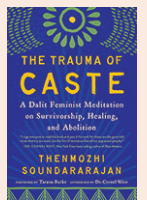
**Live to See the Day: Coming of Age in American Poverty**  
by Nikhil Goyal

Three children struggle to survive in the poorest neighborhood of the poorest city in America.



**The Sum of Us**  
by Heather McGhee

A powerful new exploration about the self-destructive bargain of white supremacy and its rising cost to all of us—including white people—from one of today's most insightful and influential thinkers.



**The Trauma of Caste**  
by Thenmozhi Soundararajan

Ties discrimination toward the Dalit in South Asia to the experiences of Black, Indigenous, Latinx, femme and Queer communities in the United States, examining caste from a feminist, abolitionist and Dalit Buddhist perspective.

Find more titles: [on.sfpl.org/MarchApril24RA](https://on.sfpl.org/MarchApril24RA)

# SWANA Programs

SWANA honors the diverse cultures, traditions and histories of Southwest Asian and North African heritage. Enjoy a diverse array of free workshops, performances, author talks, book recommendations and more for all ages at [sfpl.org/swana](https://sfpl.org/swana).



## YOUTH & ALL-AGES PROGRAMMING

**The Sounds of SWANA Heritage with Sirvan Manhoobi and Cina Dibay** – Feel the power of classical Iranian, Arabic and Kurdish music performed on traditional instruments. April 4, 5 p.m., Western Addition Branch

**Persian Cooking with Arezoo Fakouri** – Learn about Persian cooking and flavors with Bay Area chef Arezoo Fakouri. For ages 8 and up. Space is limited. Reservations required: (415) 355-5600. April 10, 3:30 p.m., Richmond Branch

**Belly Dancing with Nicole Maria** – Learn about the art of belly dance. Watch a performance and learn some dance moves with Nicole Maria. For children and their families. April 6, 2 p.m., West Portal Branch; April 28, 3 p.m., Mission Bay Branch

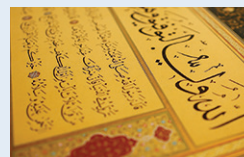
**Henna Garden Workshop** – Renda Dabit with Henna Garden Events shares the history and culture of henna. For ages 8–18. Space limited. Reservations required: (415) 355-2810 (starting March 16). April 20, Bernal Heights Branch

## ADULT

**Spice Fusion** – Journey into the flavors of spice and how to incorporate into your dishes. Each participant will take home a spice blend. April 13, 3 p.m., Glen Park Branch

## Islamic Calligraphy

– Explore the artistry of Pablo Casado's Arabic calligraphy, ignited by passion and nurtured through dedicated practice. April 23, 3:30 p.m., Presidio Branch; April 23, 6 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Community Room



**Queer Armenian Voices in Drag, Poetry and Sapphic RomCom** – An electrifying celebration of SWANA, Armenian and queer culture with performances by drag king VERA!, poetry by Hrayr Varaz and a glimpse into the world of award-winning writer Taleen Voskuni. April 25, 6 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch

**Your Stories Matter with Niloufar Talebi** – Discover the power of your own stories in this interactive workshop, designed for anyone eager to turn their experiences into impactful narratives. April 27, 3 p.m., Excelsior Branch

## FILMS

**Jemaa El Fna** – In Marrakesh's historic square, by day, it hosts diverse performers; by night, mystical brotherhoods and musicians create an otherworldly atmosphere. April 4, 3 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch



**The Dissident** – *Washington Post* journalist Jamal Khashoggi, critical of Saudi Arabia, vanished after entering the Istanbul consulate in 2018, exposing a global cover-up. April 12, 1:30 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

**Anatolian Leopard** – In Turkey's oldest zoo, a zookeeper and a neglected staff member form an unlikely bond, hiding the death of an Anatolian leopard to thwart privatization. Their efforts lead to absurd chaos. April 29, 1 p.m., Glen Park Branch

# Environmental Justice with PODER

Through their Urban Campesinx program at the Excelsior District Hummingbird Farm, PODER (People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights) organizes with immigrant and working class communities of color to create community-led and environmentally just solutions for community needs.



In this family-friendly program, Professor of Sustainability and Environmental Justice Antonio Roman-Alcalá hosts a dialogue with PODER activists across generations. A craft to create a "seed-love" will follow the discussion.

This program will be in Spanish and English and there will be interpretation provided.

**Pueblote: Public Land in People's Hands with PODER** – April 20, 1 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room, Lower Level

# More Than a Song: APIA Singers

The APIA Biography Project launches its 11th annual AANHPI Heritage Month celebration at the Main Library with a kickoff event by honoring APIA (Asian Pacific Islander American) singers past and present, local and international. Through illustrated displays, games, craft activities and live music, learn about how they fought for social justice in their actions and/or lyrics in the music scene. Throughout May, access videos and activities online at [apiabiography.sfsu.edu](https://apiabiography.sfsu.edu). View "Wall of Fame" exhibits at the Children's Center and the Chinese Center and participate in a scavenger hunt. The first 50 children ages 12 and under get a free prize bag!

**APIA Kick-Off Event** – April 28, 12 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room, Lower Level

# Climate Action Programs

In recognition of the increasing severity of the effects of climate change, the Library has curated a list of books and resources, that will inspire patrons of all ages to take action for a safer, greener and more sustainable future. Visit [sfpl.org/climate-action](https://sfpl.org/climate-action).

## YOUTH

### Youth Earth Day Art Show

– Create Earth Day-themed art and return it by April 18 to join the Earth Day Art Show. For children ages 3 and older. April 20, 10 a.m., Marina Branch

**Earth Day Wind-Powered Car** – Design and build a toy car powered by the wind in this fun engineering project! For children ages 6 and older. April 21, 2 p.m., Merced Branch

**Love Letters to Mother Earth** – Write a love letter to Mother Earth and share an action step you'll take to show your love for her every day. April 22, 4 p.m., Noe Valley Branch



## ADULT

**A Sensuous Earth Day Stroll & Poetry Affair** – Annie Sprinkle and Beth Stephens invite you to their 3rd annual Ecosex Earth Day celebration. Step into a world where nature's allure meets poetic expression. April 21, 1 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch (meet outside on the Moultrie side)

**Identify Plants and More With iNaturalist** – Walk around Glen Park as we learn how to use the iNaturalist app on your smartphone or library-provided tablets. April 25, 2 p.m., Glen Park Branch

**Fix-it Clinic and Clothing Repair** – Repair clothing at this hands-on program sponsored by SF Environment and SCRAP. Bring one item; materials provided, paired with a repair coach. April 28, 2 p.m., Potrero Branch



# April 2024 Event Calendar

## 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

### Skylight Gallery, Main Library, 6th Floor

#### *Wish You Were Here! A Tourist's Guide to the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor*

Take a bookish adventure far and wide through the pages of the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor. The collection was founded by San Francisco attorney, book collector and humanitarian Nat Schmulowitz (1889-1966) on April Fool's Day, 1947. Nat's joy of travel and love affair with world humor began in 1926 with his grand tour of Europe. April 1–May 31

### Other Exhibits, Main Library

*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). Ongoing, African American Center, 3rd Floor

## Adults

### 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Mondays

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

### Beginning Tai-Chi

Anza, 11:30 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

### 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays

Fit for Life North Beach, 1–2 p.m.

ESL Convo Club Virtual, 3–4 p.m.

**The Opera In You: Write Your Story** Noe Valley, 3–5 p.m.\*

### 3 Wednesday

#### Book Exchange

Golden Gate Valley, 1–2 p.m.

Felt Crafts Noe Valley, 4–5 p.m.

SWANA Heritage Snack Trials Anza, 6–7 p.m.

### 3, 10, 17, 24 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.

### 3, 17 Wednesdays

Yoga Ingleside, 6–7 p.m.\*

### 4 Thursday

#### Film: *City Slickers*

Main, Koret, 12–2 p.m.

Film: *Jemaa El Fna: Morocco's Rendezvous of the Dead* Golden Gate Valley, 3–4 p.m.

### Tour the Library

Richmond, 4–5:30 p.m.\*

### Film: *Harold and Maude*

Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl, 6–7 p.m.

### 4, 11, 18, 25 Thursdays

Breath Meditation/Gentle Yoga Richmond, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Tai Chi (Fall Prevention/Arthritis) North Beach, 12:30–1:30 p.m.\*

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

### Wild Goose Qigong

Presidio, 2–3 p.m.

Community Resources Drop-In Anza, 2–5 p.m.

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

### 4, 18 Thursdays

Chess Glen Park, 4–6 p.m.

### 5 Friday

#### Film: *Clara Sola*

Excelsior, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

### 5, 19 Fridays

#### Watercolor

Bernal Heights, 1–5 p.m.

Knitting Anza, 3:30–5 p.m.

### 6 Saturday

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

### Healthy Homes

Ortega, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

### Hot Siva Aerobics

Visitation Valley, 11–11:45 a.m.

### Home Coffee Roasting

Western Addition, 1–2 p.m.

Solar Oven Cooking Anza, 12:30–2:30 p.m.

Author: Sara Calvosa Olson, *Chimi Nu'am* Golden Gate Valley, 2–3 p.m.

Presidio Poetry Society Presidio, 2–3:30 p.m.

### 6, 13, 20, 27 Saturdays

#### The Opera in You: Write Your Story

Golden Gate Valley, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.\* Sunset, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.\*

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

Wild Goose Qigong Marina, 9–10 a.m.

### 6, 20 Saturdays

#### Knitting

Sunset, 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

**The Opera In You: Write Your Story** Visitation Valley, 3:30–5:30 p.m.\*

### 7 Sunday

Instrument/Songbook Swap Glen Park, 1–2 p.m.

Ramadan Wood Craft Bayview, 2–3:30 p.m.

Karaoke Glen Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

BAKLA! Queer Filipinx Poets Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2–3:30 p.m.

Container Vegetable Garden Mission Bay, 2–3:30 p.m.

### 8 Monday

Chair Yoga Ortega, 1–2 p.m.

### 8, 22 Mondays

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

### 9 Tuesday

歡唱華語金曲 / Chinese Pop Karaoke Chinatown, 1:30–3:30 p.m.\*

### Refuse Refuse

Richmond, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Emergency Readiness Main, Lat/Hispanic Mtg Rm, 5–6 p.m.

Author: Alvina Chamberland Eureka Valley, 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.

### 9, 23 Tuesdays

Knitting Glen Park, 1–2:30 p.m.

### 10 Wednesday

Genealogy Group Virtual, 1–3 p.m.

Film: *Our Man in Havana* Golden Gate Valley, 3–5 p.m.

Film: *The Beatles and India* Glen Park, 6–7:30 p.m.

### 11 Thursday

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

Film: *Darjeeling Unlimited* Main, Koret, 12–2 p.m.

### Craft Club

West Portal, 5:45–7:15 p.m.\*

French Conversation Excelsior, 5–6 p.m.

The Butch Legacy: Remembering Clark Henley Main, Koret, 6–7:30 p.m.

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

### 12 Friday

Film: *The Dissident* Main, Koret, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Mobile MakeArt Mission, 2–4 p.m.

### Film: *Arab Blues*

Noe Valley, 2–4 p.m.

Karaoke Excelsior, 4–5:30 p.m.

### 12, 26 Fridays

Watercolor Glen Park, 1:30–5:30 p.m.

Chinese Tablet/Smartphone (Older Adults 60+) Sunset, 1–2:30 p.m.

### 13 Saturday

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

Plant Swap Ortega, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Westside Affordable Housing Richmond, 1–2 p.m.

Vinyl Leather Key Fobs Visitation Valley, 2:30–4 p.m.

Great Blue Herons of GG Park Sunset, 2–3:30 p.m.

Sashiko Mending Marina, 2–4 p.m.\*

Spice Fusion Glen Park, 3–4 p.m.

### 13, 27 Saturdays

Gentle Yoga Mission Bay, 10–11 a.m.

### 14 Sunday

Poetry: Monica Mody & Sophia Naz Main, Lat/Hispanic Mtg Rm, 1–2:30 p.m.

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

Author: Yan Geling Main, Koret, Koret Lobby, 2–4 p.m.

Paper Marbling Mission Bay, 2–4 p.m.\*

Mini Succulents Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.\*

### 15 Monday

Film: *Love and Taxes* Glen Park, 1–2:30 p.m.

### 16 Tuesday

Spoken Artists: Nairobi Barnes Glen Park, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

SF Urban Film Fest Main, Lower Level, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Rogue Recovery Park, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

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

### 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays

The Opera In You: Write Your Story Bernal Heights, 4:30–6:30 p.m.\*

### 17 Wednesday

Film: *Dim Sum: A Little Bit of Heart* Chinatown, 2–4 p.m.

Rubber Stamp Making Mission Bay, 5:30–7 p.m.\*

SF Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Virtual, 5–6 p.m.

Film: *Twister* Park, 5–7 p.m.

### 18 Thursday

Interviewing Essentials Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

Film: *Last Holiday* Main, Lat/Hispanic Mtg Rm, 12–2 p.m.

Emergency Preparedness Chinatown, 3–5 p.m.

William Blake's "Songs of Innocence and of Experience" Main, Lat/Hispanic Mtg Rm, 6–7:30 p.m.

### 19 Friday

Tablets/Smartphones for Older Adults 60+ Sunset, 1–2:30 p.m.\*

No-Sew Zipper Case Chinatown, 2–3 p.m.\*

### 20 Saturday

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

Plant Swap Sunset, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Decolonized Kitchen Ocean View, 1–2 p.m.

Financial Education Richmond, 2–3 p.m.

Author: Arturo Villarreal Merced, 2–3:30 p.m.

Long Term Care Planning/Планирование Richmond, 2–3:30 p.m.

Sashiko Mending Sunset, 2–3:30 p.m.\*

Victorian Alliance Noe Valley, 4–5:30 p.m.\*

### 21 Sunday

Earth Day Stroll & Poetry Affair Bernal Heights, 1–3 p.m.

Films: *The Poetry Deal, The Life and Times of Allen Ginsberg* Main, Lat/Hispanic Mtg Rm, 1–3:15 p.m.

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

Film: *Peace by Chocolate* Portola, 2–3:30 p.m.

Beatles Singalong Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl, 3–4 p.m.

### 22 Monday

Love Letters to Mother Earth Noe Valley, 4–5 p.m.

### 23 Tuesday

Less Sugar, Sweeter Life/低糖飲食活得健康 Chinatown, 2–3 p.m.\*

Mugwort Cake Main, Lat/Hispanic Mtg Rm, 2–4 p.m.

Westside Affordable Housing Richmond, 2–4:30 p.m.\*

## Book Clubs

One City One Book Kathryn Ma's *The Chinese Groove*

4/20: Ortega, 11 a.m.–12 p.m. 4/23: Virtual, 7–8 p.m. 4/24: Mission Bay, 6:30–7:30 p.m. 4/28: Portola, 2–3 p.m. 4/28: Marina, 2–3:30 p.m.

### 3 Wednesday

ASL Book Club Virtual, 5–7 p.m.

### 3, 17 Wednesdays

Silent Book Club Richmond, 3–5 p.m.

### 4 Thursday

Allen Ginsberg's *Howl* Virtual, 6–7:30 p.m.

### 7 Sunday

Suzette Mayr's *The Sleeping Car Porter* Eureka Valley, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Pressed Flower Art Sunset, 4–5:30 p.m.\*

### 24 Wednesday

Film: *The Private Affairs of Bel Ami* Golden Gate Valley, 3–5 p.m.

Cooking Matters Eureka Valley, 4–5 p.m.\*

Tips for a Long & Healthy Life Presidio, 4–5 p.m.\*

Bel Canto Flutes Park, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

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

Recovery Summit Main, Koret, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

### 25 Thursday

Film: *Little Miss Sunshine* Main, Koret, 12–2 p.m.

Identify Plants Glen Park, 2–4 p.m.

Film: *Palace of the Winds* Golden Gate Valley, 3–4 p.m.

Streaming Video Party Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 3–4 p.m.

Queer Armenian Voices Eureka Valley, 6–7:30 p.m.

Bay Area Poets Read Main, Lat/Hispanic Mtg Rm, 6–7:30 p.m.

### 9 Tuesday

Colleen Cambridge's, *Mastering the Art of French Murder* Presidio, 3–4 p.m.

### 10 Wednesday

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

### 16 Tuesday

Alejandro Zambra's *Mis documentos* Noe Valley, 6–7:30 p.m.

### 17 Wednesday

Orhan Pamuk's *The Red-haired Woman* Golden Gate Valley, 2–2:45 p.m.

Olga Tokarczuk's *Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead* Noe Valley, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Elif Shafak's *10 Minutes 38 Seconds in This Strange World* West Portal, 6–7 p.m.

### 18 Thursday

Literate Goat Potrero, 6–7:30 p.m.

### 26 Friday

Therapy Pets Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

### 27 Saturday

Succulents Merced, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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

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

Create Your Family Folklore West Portal, 2–3:30 p.m.

Streaming Music Party Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 3–4 p.m.

Your Stories Matter Excelsior, 3–4:30 p.m.

### 28 Sunday

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

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

Poetry: 44 Years of Vital Verse Main, Lat/Hispanic Mtg Rm, 4–5 p.m.

### 29 Monday

Film: *Anatolian Leopard* Glen Park, 1–2:45 p.m.

# National Poetry Month

## PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

### Miniature Poetry Book

Use origami folding techniques to create a homemade accordion book. Fill the book with written or found poetry and artwork. Space limited. Reservations required: (415) 355-5615.  
**April 4, 3:30 p.m., Ocean View Branch**

### Blackout Poetry

Create blackout poetry, a form of found poetry in which the poet discovers a poem within already written materials, such as a page from a book or a newspaper article. Find the poem hidden on the page using an array of art supplies.  
**April 8, 2 p.m., Bayview Branch; April 15, 4 p.m., Portola Branch; April 28, 2 p.m., Anza Branch**

### Poetry Zines

Create a poetry zine using prompts, fragments of existing poems and collage materials. Learn about the history of zines and express yourself with a one-of-a-kind creation.  
**April 9, 4 p.m., Visitation Valley Branch**

### Nairobi Barnes, Oakland Youth Poet Laureate

Nairobi Barnes has written about voting rights, discrimination against Black women, Black hair and how it defines her culture. Barnes will be joined by students of the Spoken Arts program at Ruth Asawa School of the Arts.  
**April 16, 4:30 p.m., Glen Park Branch**

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

### Poetry Reading with Neeli Cherkovski, Sarah Menefee and Ron Myers

The Presidio Poetry Series featuring local poets.  
**April 6, 2 p.m., Presidio Branch**

### BAKLA!: An Afternoon with Queer Filipinx Poets

Filipinx poets antmen pimentel mendoza (she/he/they), Christian Aldana (she/they/siya) and Keana Aguila Labra (they/she) in conversation about queer lineage, chosen family and gender euphoria. Along with their own performances, they will guide the audience through generative writing prompts and spirited discussion to revel in the joy of being queer. **April 7, 2 p.m., Main Library, Hormel Center, 3rd Floor**

### Kim Shuck's Poem Jam Celebrates *Poetry Flash* at 50

San Francisco Poet Laureate emerita Kim Shuck invites Joyce Jenkins and *Poetry Flash* writers to celebrate this renowned literary magazine's 50th anniversary and its mission of building community through literature.  
**April 11, 6 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room, Lower Level**

### Roots and Resonance: Poetry Reading by Monica Mody and Sophia Naz

A reading by two South Asian diasporic poets whose poetry takes on/seeks to retell the histories and memories of the sacred and the profane, the oral and the experimental, the liminal and the subliminal, India and Pakistan.  
**April 14, 1 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room, Lower Level**

### William Blake's *Songs of Innocence and of Experience*

Author Morton Paley presents on poet William Blake's illustrated *Songs of Innocence and of Experience*. **April 18, 6 p.m. Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room, Lower Level**

## Tech Time

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

### 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays

**Basic Tech Drop-In**  
1-2:30 p.m.

### 3 Wednesday

**Tech Savy at 60+**  
Richmond, 1:30-2:15 p.m.\*

### 5 Friday

**Drop-In Tech Support for Older Adults**  
Richmond, 1:30-3 p.m.

**Clases de competencia digital** Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 12-2:30 p.m.\*

### 6 Saturday

**Build Your Rhymes**  
North Beach, 2:30-4 p.m.

### 6, 13, 20, 27 Saturdays

**Tech Help**  
West Portal, 12-4 p.m.

### 7, 14, 21, 28 Sundays

**Tech Help**  
Sunset, 1-4 p.m.

### 8 Monday

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

### 10 Wednesday

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

### 13 Saturday

**Digital Spring Clean**  
11 a.m.-12 p.m.

### eBook Drop-In

Main, Atrium, 3-4:30 p.m.

### 18 Thursday

**Floppy Copy & Old Files Rescue** 10-12 p.m.\*

### iPhone Basics/iPhone簡介

Chinatown, 2-3:30 p.m.

### 19 Friday

**Drop-in Tech Support for Older Adults**  
Ortega, 1:30-3 p.m.\*

### 20 Saturday

**Digital Navigation: Mastering the Feed**  
Golden Gate Valley, 3:30-5 p.m.

### 23 Tuesday

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

### 24 Wednesday

**Earn a Certificate in Microsoft Basics**  
4-6 p.m.

### 25 Thursday

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

## Work It (Jobs, Business, Finance)

### 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Mondays

**Meet a Smart Money Coach**  
Main, Study Rm 441, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

### 2 Tuesday

**Financial First Aid**  
Virtual, 12-1 p.m.

### 3 Wednesday

**7 Pillars to Successful Retirement** Virtual, 4-5 p.m.

### 4 Thursday

**How to Apply For a CA State Job** Virtual, 1-2:30 p.m.

### 5 Friday

**Why Invest in Stocks?**  
Virtual, 1-2 p.m.

### 5, 12, 19, 26 Fridays

**Meet with a Smart Money Coach** Main, Study Room 441, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

### 6 Saturday

**Demystifying Financial Planning** Virtual, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

### 6, 13, 20, 27 Saturdays

**Meet a Smart Money Coach** Main, Study Rm 441, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

### 9 Tuesday

**Sophisticated Consumer**  
Virtual, 12-1 p.m.

### 11 Thursday

**Small Business Office Hours**  
Virtual, 2-4 p.m.

**Avoid Scams, Fraud & Identity Theft** Virtual, 4-5 p.m.

### 16 Tuesday

**Insurance: Know Your Sub-Limits** Virtual, 4-5 p.m.

### 18 Thursday

**Smart Investing**  
Virtual, 4-5 p.m.

### 19 Friday

**Get More Out of Your Cash Flow** Virtual, 1-2 p.m.

### 20 Saturday

**Avoid Probate in CA**  
Virtual, 2-3 p.m.

### 23 Tuesday

**Psychology of Spending**  
Virtual, 2-3 p.m.

### 24 Wednesday

**Digital Marketing for Entrepreneurs** Virtual, 2-3:30 p.m.

### 25 Thursday

**Behavioral Finance**  
Virtual, 12-1 p.m.

**Planea tu Negocio con Prospera** Virtual, 5-8 p.m.

### 30 Tuesday

**Everyone Retires**  
Virtual, 2-2:30 p.m.

## Teens

### The Mix at SFPL

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

### 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays

**Writers Club** 4-5 p.m.

### 3, 10 Wednesdays

**Biblio Bistro** 4-6 p.m.

### 4, 18 Thursdays

**Sewing Basics** 4-5 p.m.

**Sewing Certification** 4-5 p.m.

### 7 Sunday

**The Art & Poetry of Etel Adnan** 3-4 p.m.

### 8 Monday

**The Mix Arcade** 1-3 p.m.

### 9 Tuesday

**Tote Bag & T-shirt Design**  
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

### 9, 23 Tuesdays

**3D Printing** 4-5 p.m.

### 10 Wednesday

**Make a Mug** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### 11 Thursday

**Intro to Procreate Animation** 4:30-6 p.m.\*

### 12 Friday

**Karaoke** 2-4 p.m.

### 12, 26 Friday

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

### 20 Saturday

**SF Rock Project** 3-4 p.m.\*

**Karaoke** 4-5 p.m.

### 24 Wednesday

**Snack Trials** 4-5 p.m.

### 28 Sunday

**Tekken 8 Tournament** 3-5 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.

**Recording and Songwriting**

• Tuesdays, 6:30-7 p.m.

• Wednesdays, 5-5:30 p.m.

• Saturdays, 4:30-5 p.m.

**Recording Studio Orientation**

• Tuesdays, 6-6:30 p.m.

• Wednesdays, 4:30-5 p.m.

• Saturdays, 4-4:30 p.m.

### Teens at the Branches

**1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Mondays**

**Lounge** Eureka Valley, 3-5 p.m.

### 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays

**Portfolio Prep** Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 5-6 p.m.\*

### 3 Wednesday

**Glow Terrariums** Western Addition, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Wax Paper Candles**  
Marina, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

### 5 Friday

**Karaoke** Potrero, 3-4 p.m.

### 6 Saturday

**Crochet** Parkside, 3-4 p.m.

### 6, 13, 27 Saturdays

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

### 7 Sunday

**Art Club** Anza, 2-3:30 p.m.

### 8 Monday

**Blackout Poetry**  
Bayview, 2-3 p.m.

**Mental Health & Self-Care**  
North Beach, 2-3 p.m.

### 9 Tuesday

**Film: The Marvels**  
Potrero, 5-7 p.m.

### 9, 16 Tuesdays

**Hand Build w/ Clay**  
Excelsior, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

### 10 Wednesday

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

**Postcard Party**  
Richmond, 4-5:30 p.m.

### 11 Thursday

**Mario Kart Tournament**  
Bayview, 1-3 p.m.

### 12 Friday

**Just Dance** Bayview, 1-3 p.m.

**Board Games** 大富翁棋盤遊戲與風險棋盤遊戲 Chinatown, 3:30-5 p.m.\*

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

### 16 Tuesday

**Coloring** North Beach, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

### Button Making

Golden Gate Valley, 4-5 p.m.

### 17 Wednesday

**Craft** Excelsior, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Teen Advisory Group**

North Beach, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Asian Snack Trials**

Sunset, 3-4 p.m.

### 19 Friday

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

### 20 Saturday

**The Art of Henna**  
Bernal Heights, 3-4:30 p.m.\*

### 23 Tuesday

**Earth Day Art & Games**  
North Beach, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

### 23 Tuesday

**Film: Inside Out**  
Potrero, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

### 24 Wednesday

**Book Club: Teen Selects**  
North Beach, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Gaming Lounge**

Bayview, 3-5 p.m.

### 25 Thursday

**Earth Art** Merced, 5-6 p.m.

### 26 Friday

**Origami Flower Petals**  
再生摺紙工藝: 互鎖的花瓣 Chinatown, 3:30-5 p.m.\*

### 28 Sunday

**Patch or Embroider Your Clothes** Glen Park, 2-4 p.m.

### 30 Tuesday

**Dungeons & Dragons**  
Glen Park, 3:45-5:45 p.m.



# April 2024 Event Calendar

## Children

### Early Childhood

#### 1 Monday

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

#### 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Mondays

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

#### 4 Thursday

**It's Yoga Kids**  
Ortega, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

**Parent-Child Interactions**  
Western Addition, 11–11:45 a.m.

**LEGO & Camera Obscura**  
North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

#### 6, 13, 20, 27 Saturdays

**KODO Rubber & Wood Ball Ramps**  
Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

#### 8 Monday

**Pre-Soccer Skillbuilding**  
Glen Park, 10:30–11 a.m. & 11–11:30 a.m.\*

**Dance Party**  
Merced, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

#### 9 Tuesday

**Mini Makers**  
Merced, 11–11:30 a.m.

**LEGO** Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

**Puppy Dog Tales**  
Eureka Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

#### 13 Saturday

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

#### 15 Monday

**Dance Party** Glen Park, 10–11 a.m.

#### Little Artists

Bernal Heights, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

#### 21 Sunday

**LEGO** Glen Park, 1–4 p.m.

#### 25 Thursday

**Big Play Date**  
Richmond, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

#### 27 Saturday

**Big Play Date**  
Portola, 3–4:30 p.m.

## Family

### 1, 8 Mondays, 17 Wednesday, 25 Thursday, 12, 26 Fridays

**Tiny Art Drop-In**  
Glen Park, 1–5:30 p.m.

#### 2 Tuesday

**Open House** Presidio, 1–5 p.m.

#### 4 Thursday

**Library Rangers - Sow What?**  
Visitation Valley, 4–5 p.m.

**Sounds of SWANA**  
Western Addition, 5–5:45 p.m.

#### 6 Saturday

**Flower Collage**  
Parkside, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

**Belly Dance** West Portal, 2–3 p.m.

**Toilet Paper Roll Bunnies**  
Portola, 3–4 p.m.

#### 6, 13, 20, 27 Saturdays

**Playtime** Potrero, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

**LEGO Free Play**  
Chinatown, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

#### 7 Sunday

**Bubble Wrap Painting**  
Golden Gate Valley, 3–4 p.m.\*

### Elementary School Age

#### 1 Monday

**Pigeon's Birthday Party**  
Bernal Heights, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

#### 3 Wednesday

**LEGO** Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

#### 4 Thursday

**LEGO** Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

**Ramadan Lanterns**  
Ingleside, 4:30–5:30 p.m.\*

#### 5 Friday

**Rock the Bike Hummus**  
Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

**Paper Spinner**  
Chinatown, 3:45–4:45 p.m.\*

#### 6 Saturday

**Origami Hour**  
North Beach, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

**Craft Club** Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

**Author: Christina Soontornvat**  
Main, Koret, 2–4 p.m.

**Origami** Bernal Heights, 2–5 p.m.

**Wiggle Bots** West Portal, 8–9 a.m.

#### 7 Sunday

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

#### 7, 14, 21, 28 Sundays

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

#### 8 Monday

**Paint Like Etel Adnan**  
Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

#### 10 Wednesday

**Persian Cooking**  
Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.\*

**Scribble Bots** Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.

#### 11 Thursday

**Library Rangers—Sow What?**  
Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

#### 12 Friday

**Card Making** North Beach, 4–5 p.m.

#### 13 Saturday

**Rubber Band Engineer**  
West Portal, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

#### 13, 27 Saturdays

**Origami** Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

**LEGO Robots**  
Parkside, 2:30–4 p.m.\*

**LEGO** Presidio, 3–4 p.m.

**Intro to 3D printing**  
Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl,  
3–4:30 p.m.\*

#### 17 Wednesday

**LEGO Free Play**  
Bayview, 3–5 p.m.  
Anza, 4–5:30 p.m.

**Junior Readers**  
Marina, 6–7 p.m.

#### 18 Thursday

**DIY Greenhouse**  
Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

**LEGOS & Mechanical Hands**  
North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

#### 20 Saturday

**Clay Play**  
West Portal, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

**Make Toys from Trash**  
Glen Park, 3–4 p.m.

#### 21 Sunday

**Wind-Powered Car**  
Merced, 2–3 p.m.

**Chess Drop-In**  
West Portal, 2–4 p.m.

#### 24 Wednesday

**Marble Machine**  
Chinatown, 3:45–4:45 p.m.

#### 25 Thursday

**The Natural Presidio**  
Chinatown, 3:45–4:45 p.m.\*

#### 26 Friday

**Comics & Drawing**  
Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

#### 29 Monday

**Origami**  
Golden Gate Valley, 4–5 p.m.

### Middle School Age

#### 3 Wednesday

**Gaming** Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

#### 4 Thursday

**Mini Poetry Book**  
Ocean View, 3:30–4:30 p.m.\*

#### 14 Sunday

**Craft** West Portal, 2–3 p.m.

**Table Tennis**  
Visitation Valley, 2–4 p.m.

#### 15 Monday

**Blackout Poetry** Portola, 4–5 p.m.

#### 18 Thursday

**Library Rangers—Sow What?**  
Portola, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

#### 20 Saturday

**SF Symphony Chamber Concert**  
Ingleside, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

**Blackout Poetry Art**  
Mission Bay, 10:30–11:30 a.m.\*

**Three Sisters Planting Party**  
Main, Children's General Floor  
Area - 2nd Fl, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.\*

**Public Land- People's Hands**  
Main, Lat/Hispanic Mtg Rm, 1–3 p.m.

**HHMS Band & Choir**  
Ortega, 2–3 p.m.

**Be an Architect**  
Western Addition, 3–4:30 p.m.

#### 21 Sunday

**Kaleidoscope Craft**  
Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

#### 6 Saturday

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

#### 6, 20 Saturdays

**Chess Club** Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

#### 7, 14, 21, 28 Sundays

**Chess Club**  
Ingleside, 2:30–4 p.m.

#### 8 Monday

**Sun Spotting** Visitation Valley,  
10:30–11:30 a.m.

**Graphic Novels, (Trang  
Nguyen, Saving Sorya)**  
Glen Park, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

#### 9 Tuesday

**Decoden Keychain**  
Bayview, 1–3 p.m.\*

#### 9, 23 Tuesdays

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

#### 10 Wednesday

**Falafel**  
Ingleside, 3:30–4:45 p.m.\*

**Film: The Super Mario Bros.  
Movie** Bayview, 4–5:30 p.m.

#### 13 Saturday

**Coding for Kids**  
Bernal Heights, 2–4 p.m.\*

#### 14 Sunday

**Anime & Manga** Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

#### 15 Monday

**Blackout Poetry** Portola, 4–5 p.m.

#### 19 Friday

**Make Art** Glen Park, 3–5 p.m.

#### 20 Saturday

**Earth Day Art Show**  
Marina, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

**SWANA Snack Trials**  
Parkside, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

#### 22 Monday

**Graphic Novels (Kate  
Reed Petty, The Leak)**  
Glen Park, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

#### 28 Sunday

**Blackout Poetry** Anza, 2–3 p.m.

#### 24 Wednesday

**Page Street Lounge**  
Park, 2–4 p.m.

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

**Crayon Rubbing**  
Noe Valley, 3–4 p.m.

#### 26 Friday

**Family Dance Party**  
Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

**Make Art** Mission Bay, 3–5 p.m.

#### 27 Saturday

**Open House** Main, Atrium, Lat/  
Hispanic Mtg Rm, 10:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

**Open House**  
Visitation Valley, 1–5 p.m.

**Arabic Story Hour** Main,  
Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 2–3 p.m.

#### 28 Sunday

**More Than a Song** Main, Lat/  
Hispanic Mtg Rm, 12–3 p.m.

**The Arabic Quilt**  
Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

**Fix-it Clinic/Clothing Repair**  
Potrero, 2–4 p.m.

**Belly Dancing**  
Mission Bay, 3–4 p.m.

## Children's Storytimes

### Storytimes for Babies

Songs, rhymes and books for infants and their caregivers.

Anza – Every Saturday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

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 – Every Tuesday, 1:30–2 p.m.

Main – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Merced – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.

Mission Bay – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.\*

North Beach – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.

Ortega – Every Monday, 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.

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.

Western Addition – 12, 19, 26 Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.–12:15 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

Eureka Valley – Every Tuesday, 1:30–2 p.m.

Excelsior – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Glen Park – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.

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 – Every Monday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.

Mission – Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.\* 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 Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Ortega – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Park – Every Monday, 3:30–4 p.m.

Parkside – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Portola – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Potrero – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.\*

Presidio – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.

Richmond – 3 Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.\*

Sunset – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Visitation Valley – Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.

West Portal – Every Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Western Addition – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.

### Storytimes for Preschoolers

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

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

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

Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.

Excelsior – Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Mission Bay – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.

North Beach – 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays, 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.

Excelsior – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Glen Park – 3, 17 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

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Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday: 12–6 p.m.

Telephone: (415) 557-4238

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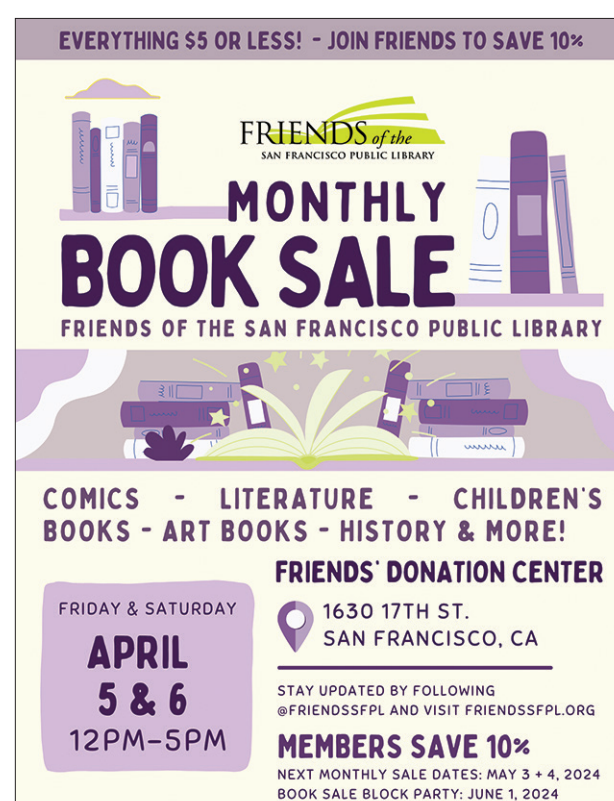


## National Library Week 2024: April 7–13



The 2024 theme for the American Library Association's National Library Week is "Ready, Set, Library!" Founded in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries of all types across the country each April. "Ready, Set, Library!" promotes the idea that in our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills and focus on what matters most.

San Francisco Public Library is a haven for our community, providing extraordinary programming for all and ensuring the enrichment of San Franciscans in every neighborhood. From children's storytimes to immigration services, from help on how to use a computer, to help on how to start a business—the number of services the Library provides is vast. We encourage you and your fellow community members to visit any of the 28 branches of the Library during National Library Week! Follow and tag @friendssfpl with a picture of you at the branch of your choice and/or with your favorite staff member.



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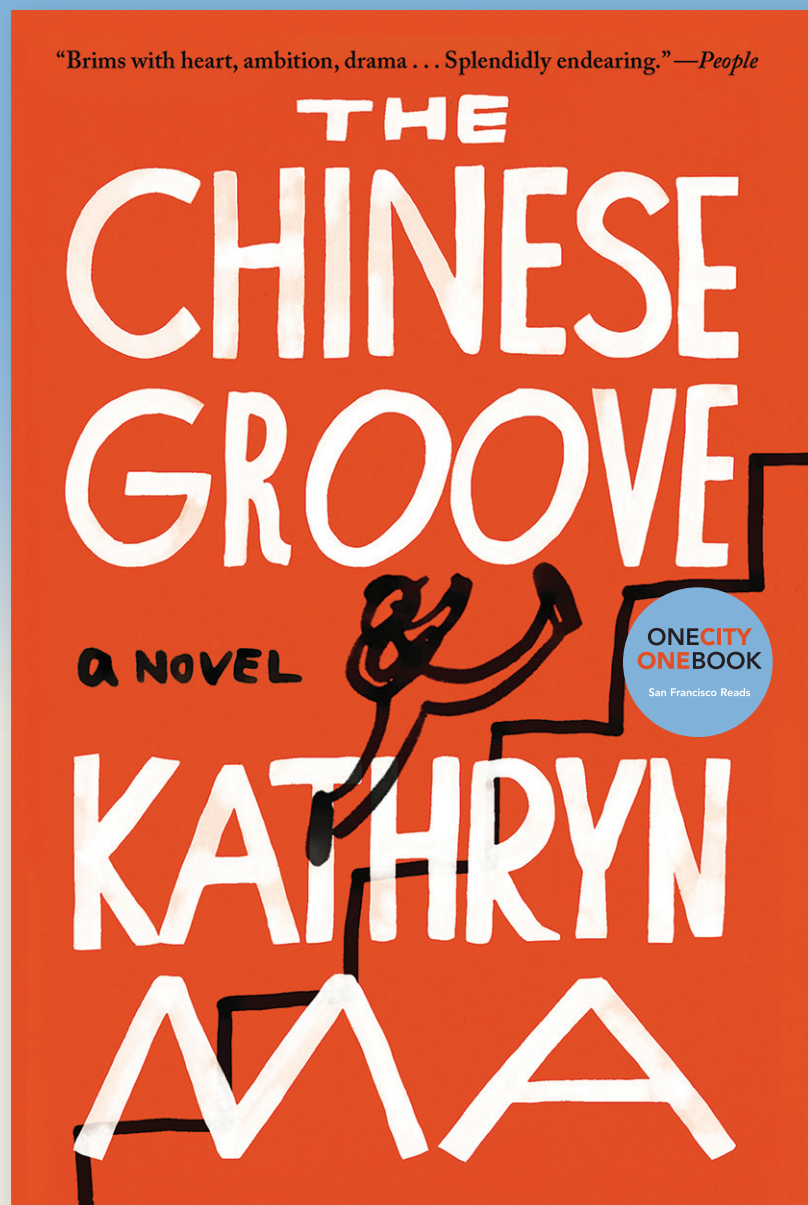
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Treasure Island  
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near Island Cove Market,  
Wednesdays, 2–6 p.m.

#### 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

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,  
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BAYVIEW/BROOKS BURTON	5075 Third St.	355-5757	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
BERNAL HEIGHTS	500 Cortland Ave.	355-2810	1–5	10–6	10–7	12–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
CHINATOWN/LAI	1135 Powell St.	355-2888	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
EUREKA VALLEY/MILK	1 José Sarria Ct. (at 16th St., near Market)	355-5616	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
EXCELSIOR	4400 Mission St.	355-2868	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
GLEN PARK	2825 Diamond St.	355-2858	1–5	10–6	10–6	12–8	10–7	1–6	10–6
GOLDEN GATE VALLEY	1801 Green St.	355-5666	1–5	10–6	10–6	11–8	12–8	1–6	10–6
INGLESIDE	1298 Ocean Ave.	355-2898	1–5	10–6	10–6	10–8	12–7	1–6	10–6
MAIN LIBRARY	100 Larkin St.	557-4400	12–6	9–6	9–8	9–8	9–8	12–6	10–6
	The Mix at SFPL	557-4404	12–6	1–6	1–8	1–8	1–8	1–6	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
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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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