Welcome to Summer with SFPL

The secret to a great summer is our very own San Francisco Public Library. With its unlimited reading options, hands-on workshops and classes and all kinds of fun and FREE events—the Library is the launchpad for your summer adventures and the place to realize your future dreams.

Each year, the Library’s exceptional all-ages summer learning program, Summer Stride, dazzles with inspiring programs, from crafts to author talks, musical performances and trips to our local parks. In addition to the fun stuff, the Library has a trove of programs and resources to help you gain computer skills, learn a new language, better manage your personal finances, prepare for a career change or start your small business. No matter what your goals are, whether they be relaxing in the sun with a page-turner or taking your first steps towards a new business. No matter what your goals are, whether they be relaxing in the sun with a page-turner or taking your first steps towards a new business.

Make San Francisco Public Library your number one destination this summer. Wishing everyone a great one!

Mayor London N. Breed

Free Books for Kids

Attention book-loving babies, children, tweens and teens! Visit your local library during the summer and choose a free book to keep. The Library continues to encourage a love of reading for all San Francisco youth by providing them with the gift of a specially selected book, chosen by our librarians.

Summer Stride Is Back!

Hey SF: Get ready, get set, STRIDE! It’s time for San Francisco’s biggest summer reading and learning challenge for all ages. From June 1—Sept. 1, complete Summer Stride to earn an irresistibly READ-er friendly tote bag by illustrator Sendy Santamaria!

New this year: there are TWO ways to finish the Summer Stride challenge!

1. The classic way: Track 20 hours of Library activity by reading; coming to Library programs or streaming films, music or audiobooks through one of our platforms.
2. The new way: Complete the bingo challenge in the 2024 Adult + Teen Summer Stride Guide.

Find out more about Summer Stride on pgs. 4–7.

Secrets of the Cal Academy with Total SF

San Francisco Chronicle Culture Critic Peter Hartlaub joins the California Academy of Sciences head librarian Rebekah Kim to share the most surprising, strange and inspiring Cal Academy photos and stories from their archives, including San Francisco’s action hero botanist, the aquarium’s “Ocean’s 11”-style hunt for a live shark and the real history behind Monarch the Bear—a centerpiece for the museum’s latest exhibit, *California: State of Nature*.

**Secrets of the Cal Academy** – June 6, 6 p.m., Main Library, Hormel LGBTQIA Center, 3rd Floor

**Authentic Selves** – June 9, 2 p.m., Main Library, Hormel LGBTQIA Center, 3rd Floor

**Through a Butch Looking Glass with Shelby Cohen** – June 6, 6 p.m., Main Library, Hormel LGBTQIA Center, 3rd Floor

**Authentic Selves** – June 9, 2 p.m., Main Library, Hormel LGBTQIA Center, 3rd Floor

**Therese Rodriguez** – June 13, 5:30 p.m., Main Library, Hormel LGBTQIA Center, 3rd Floor

**Sinister Wisdom Poetry Jam** – June 13, 6 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room, Lower Level

June Open Houses

Celebrate the launch of Summer Stride with a day of fun at the Portola Branch Open House. Mingle with the creatures of Tree Frog Treks and learn how to ride a bicycle with My Bike Skills. Create a custom Portola Branch tote with GoGo Craft, while supplies last. Enjoy the musical stylings of Marika Christine, an artist featured on Bay Beats. Sign up for Summer Stride, make a button, spin the prize wheel and explore STEM with the Techmobile. Celebrate your local branch library at Eureka Valley’s Open House. Make a button, win a bingo prize, enjoy a tasty snack, select a free book to take home and much more!

Excelsior Branch invites you in to listen to live music, watch a magic show, make a refreshing drink on our smoothie bike and connect with library resources and the Excelsior community. Look for the Librotero book giveaway cart, a button-making station and a guest book in which you can commemorate your attendance.

Celebrate the Chinatown Branch Library’s 103rd anniversary, 1921 to 2024. Join us for exciting performances by the San Francisco Guzheng Music Society and Heather Magic. Craft with us, take home a free book and more.

**Portola Open House** – June 8, 1–5 p.m.
**Eureka Valley Open House** – June 8, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
**Excelsior Open House** – June 12, 1–5 p.m.
**Chinatown Open House** – June 15, 2–4 p.m.

Coming Up:

Throughout July

Everybody’s Climate Event Series

Various Library locations and Virtual

**July 6**

Library Day

The New Farm, 110 Cargo Way

**July 20**

The San Francisco Rock Project

Potrero Branch

**July 27**

Why I Ride, Low and Slow Lowrider Party

Main Library, Fulton St.
Events, Collections, and Services

Bay Beats Rocks the Koret

Get loud with the Library on Saturday, June 1, with a daytime rock concert featuring the innovative bands Surplus 1980 and Dizzy Twin.

Led by Moa Stiaano, Surplus 1980 is a whip-smart musical collective, which fuses a muscular attack with experimental out-jazz and progressive rock. Next onstage is Dizzy Twin, a netherworld of weird, witchy and danceable vibes, according to band members Mia d’Bruzzi (Frightwig) and Paul Simmons.

Listen to both artists at baybeats.sfpl.org and see a list of upcoming Bay Beats shows.

Rock the Koret – June 1, 1 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Bay Beats Playlist: Summer Edition

Get your ears and feet moving with these summer-ready tracks!

This Time Next Year... The Seagulls
San Francisco garage rockers The Seagulls deliver the punk energy and bluesy swagger on “Hold On” and “Big, Bad, Beautiful World.” Get ready to dance.

Arythymatic Expression, Retropolitan
Retropolitan fuses synthwave and trip-hop with the allure of South Asian melodies on “To Love, XXXO” and “Heart Beats” (featuring Madhu Soodnarajan).

Camuri, Bululú
Bululú offers a dynamic repertoire of Latin music deeply rooted in Venezuelan and Caribbean influences on the festive “El Tropicario” and “Fiesta del Calipso.”

Emerge, Chris von Sneidern
Veteran Bay Area singer-songwriter Chris von Sneidern showcases his distinctive brand of power pop on “Fight” and “Grow Up and Start Having Fun.”

Promises I Kept, Al Harper
Alamedan Al Harper combines her fresh Kate Bush–Balkenfield instincts with bright pop-rock intentions on “Hey You, What’s New” and “Charade, Charade.”

SFUSD–SFPL Reading Lists

Here’s a sneak peek at some of the great books on this year’s San Francisco Unified School District & SFPL recommended summer reading lists.

PREK–2ND GRADE

Yenebi’s Drive to School
by Sendy Santamaría
Yenebi as she makes the hours-long daily car ride to school in the US from Mexico. (Summer Stride 2024 illustrator!)

Fox Has a Problem
by Corey R. Tabor
Fox tries to solve a problem and now all the forest animals have a bigger problem with Fox.

How to Bird
by Rasha Hamid
Birdwatching is fun for kids! In the city? Yes! Everyone can learn how to be a birder.

3RD–5TH GRADE

Saving H’mon
by Trang Nguyen
Chang and his young conservationist is back, this time helping to save a 60-year-old elephant from human cruelty.

Search for a Giant Squid
by Amy Seto Forester
Pick your submersible, pilot and dive site as you choose your own adventure on the hunt for a giant squid.

Montgomery and the Case of the Golden Key
by Tracy Occomy Crowder
Monty finds a skeleton key in his neighbor’s garden and meets some interesting people trying to solve the mystery.

6TH–8TH GRADE

Malcolm Kid and the Perfect Song
by Austin Paramore
Malcolm must perform the perfect song to free the soul of an old musician trapped in a strange keyboard.

Parachute Kids
by Betty C. Tang
How can Feng Li reach for the American Dream when she’s only ten and left in California without her parents?

Barely Floating
by Liliam Rivera
Nat joins the synchronized swim team in secret because her parents don’t want her to, but she proves them wrong.

Ghost Roast
by Shannelle Gibb
Chele’s dad hunts ghosts, but she can see them. What happens when she falls for a spirit that he’s hunting?

9TH–12TH GRADE

Rez Ball
by Byron Graves
The action-packed basketball story of one Ojibwe Reservation high school team’s championship season.

Forever Is Now
by Mariama J. Lockington
Set in nearby Oakland, this novel-in-verse beautifully conveys a young activist’s anxiety, struggle and tender new love.

Collections Corner:
International Gay Lesbian Human Rights Commission San Francisco Office Records

Anyone researching the fight for international human rights will want to visit the San Francisco History Center to use the newly processed IGLHRC Records. Pronounced “eagle-hirk” (it’s a mouthful!) the acronym stands for the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. IGLHRC’s mission is advancing human rights for everyone, everywhere—and to end discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. The bulk of the records contain resource materials organized by country or region and cover the date range 1990–2002. The sizable collection contains case files, correspondence, reports, publications documenting IGLHRC’s efforts towards providing asylum, legal assistance and awareness of human rights abuses in countries around the world. In 2008, IGLHRC closed their San Francisco office, and the collection is comprised of the archival records from the closed office. In 2015, IGLHRC officially changed their name to OutRight Action International. Explore the archives at the San Francisco History Center, Main Library, 6th Floor or visit on.sfpl.org/sf-history.

Calling all campers and summer-time explorers!

This summer, the bookmobile makes weekly stops at four City rec centers and parks. We invite you to climb onboard, check stuff out and play in the park! From June 10 to Aug. 15, find the SummerMobile at

• Thursdays, 9:30–11:30 a.m., Stern Grove Dog Park
• Wednesdays, 9:30–11:30 a.m., Crocker–Amazon Clubhouse
• Thursdays, 9:30–11:30 a.m., Stern Grove Dog Park

Did you know that with your SFPL library card, you can get free passes to the Bay Area’s best museums and cultural attractions—including the California Academy of Sciences? Visit sfpl.org/discover-and-go for details!
YELL Presents

Teens

The Mix at SFPL
M ain Library, 2nd F (SFPL’s creative space for teens, ages 12–18.
3 Saturday
Pablito for The Mix Birthday, 2–3 p.m.
6 Thursday
Sewing Certification, 4–5 p.m.
8 Saturday
Sun Prints, 2–4 p.m.
10 Monday
Circuit Design Space, 2–3:30 p.m.
11 Tuesday
Creative Literature, 2–4 p.m.
12 Wednesday
Writers Club, 4–5 p.m.
13 Thursday
Reading, Sewing Basics, 4–5 p.m.
14, 26 Fridays
Queer & Trans Social Hour, 4:30–5:30 p.m.
15 Saturday
Karaoke, 4–5 p.m.
18 Tuesday
The Mix Birthday Party, 3–7 p.m.
20 Thursday
Paper Airplanes, 3–4 p.m.
23 Sunday
Super Smash Bros., 3–5 p.m.
26 Wednesday
Snack Trials, 4–5 p.m.
27 Thursday
Writers Club, 4–5 p.m.
30 Sunday
Food+Science, 4–5 p.m.

Teens at the Branches

1, 8, 12, 29 Saturdays
Gardening
Merced, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
1 Sunday
Art Club Arena, 2–3:30 p.m.
4 Tuesday
Pom Pom Making
North Beach, 2:30–3:30 p.m.
20 Thursday
Jeweled Coasters
North Beach, 2–3 p.m.
27 Thursday
Muni Discovery Day
Merced, 5–6 p.m.
28 Friday
Muni Discovery Day
Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Travel Light With eBooks

Diving into a good read while on summer vacation is a wonderful feeling. But carrying physical books can be draining. Imagine reading all the same great content, but sidestepping the sore shoulders, overstuffed suitcases and sand between pages! If this sounds appealing, check out SFPL’s eBooks and eAudiobooks.

-eBooks can be read online from a computer screen or from one of SFPL’s free mobile apps that you download to your tablet or smartphone. Simply log in with your library barcode and pin number to find your next read. And get this—you don’t even need an internet connection to enjoy them once they’re downloaded.

-eBooks and eAudiobooks can be downloaded to your device and read or listened to anywhere!

SFPL offers a variety of choices, and in multiple languages too. Check out Libby if you’d like eBooks (including Kindle Books) and eAudiobooks for adults, children and teens in English, Spanish, Chinese and Russian.

Look into Boundless for popular eBooks and eAudiobooks for adults, children and teens in English and Spanish. Explore Hoopla to get eBooks, audiobooks, comics, graphic novels and videos.

Check out sfpl.org/books-and-media/ebook-collectons today!

New Film Series Celebrates SF

Cinephiles and SF history fans, rejoice. Join the Library every Tuesday evening in June for our new series: Cinematic San Francisco. Host, historian and SF luminary Jim Van Buskirk shares more about the program series in his own words.

I have been fascinated by the Bay Area’s robust history with the movies ever since visiting soon after Flower Drum Song (1962) was set here. Co-authoring Celluloid San Francisco, I learned that motion pictures were invented here in 1878 by Each & Muni, photographing a galloping horse for Leland Stanford. And that Phil T. Farnsworth invented television in a lab at Green and Sansome in 1927. Over the years, a multitude of movies and television shows have been shot and/or set in the Bay Area. These educational, entertaining and engaging programs, each of which stand alone, depict the City’s cinematic importance using carefully curated sequences. Watch the devastating 1906 earthquake and fire depicted by Hollywood. The destruction of the Golden Gate Bridge by a plethora of natural disasters and dastardly monsters and the reciprocal relationship between Alcatraz Island as federal prison and popular tourist attraction.

Cinematic San Francisco – Tuesdays in June, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Teen Event Calendar
**Summer Stride 2024**

**All About Sendy, Our Summer Stride Artist**

Sendy Santamaria is an illustrator and author from San Diego based in San Pablo, California. She grew up along both sides of the border between San Diego and Tijuana. Her debut picture book, *Yenebi’s Drive to School*, highlights her commute from Tijuana to San Diego to go to school every weekday. She is inspired by migration, perseverance, pigeons and love.

Meet, mingle and make art with Santamaria during her Summer Stride events at the Library this summer. You will find her art in MUNI buses, outside transit shelters and, of course, at every Library location. Follow her on Instagram @quepasomijoo.

**Events with Sendy Santamaria**

Explore the City with Santamaria, Summer Stride 2024 author-illustrator, as she appears in events near you.

**Friends of the Library Block Party and Book Sale** – June 1, 11 a.m., Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, 1630 17th St.

**Bilingual Story Hour with Bookmobile’s Swing into Stories Program** – June 4, 9:30 a.m., Garfield Square Playground, Treat Ave. and 26th St.


**NPS Shuttle Fieldtrip** – Aug. 10, 11 a.m., NPS Shuttle from Excelsior Branch to Presidio Tunnel Tops, Field Station, 603 Mason St. Reservation required.

**SFMOMA Family Day** – July 14, 10:30 a.m.; Aug. 11, 10:30 a.m. San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA), 151 3rd St.

**Exhibit of Sendy Santamaria’s Work** – June–Sept. 8, Main Library, 2nd Floor Mezzanine

**Library Days** – Explore outdoors and nature with the Library.

- **June 1, 11 a.m., Golden Bridges School, Hawk Creek Farm, 203 Cotter St.**
- **July 6, 11 a.m., The New Farm, 10 Cargo Way**
- **July 27, 11 a.m., San Francisco Botanical Gardens, Great Meadow, 1199 9th Ave.**

**Kristy Oshiro** – Feel the thunderous sounds of taiko drums as Oshiro combines Japanese language, culture and history into an exciting experience.

- **June 13, 11 a.m., Richmond Branch; 1 p.m., Sunset Branch**
- **June 15, 11 a.m., Western Addition Branch; 1 p.m., Main Library, Children’s Center, 2nd Floor**
- **July 13, 2 p.m., Little Footprints Preschool, 308 Randolph St. (Ocean View Branch program)**
- **July 20, 1 p.m., Glen Park Branch; 3 p.m., Excelsior Branch**
- **Aug. 10, 11 a.m., West Portal Branch; 2 p.m., Portola Branch**
- **Aug. 17, 10:30 a.m., Parkside Branch; 2 p.m., Ortega Branch**

**Unique Derique** – Let the laughter lift you up on this hippity-hop, non-stop flight as Unique Derique’s blend of classic physical comedy, circus-inspired tricks and playful percussion touches your funny bone.

- **June 15, 1 p.m., Mission Bay Branch; 3 p.m., Potrero Branch**
- **June 18, 1 p.m., Ortega Branch; 3 p.m., Merced Branch**
- **June 29, 11 a.m., Ingleside Branch; 1 p.m., Glen Park Branch**
- **July 16, 11 a.m., Visitacion Valley Branch; 1 p.m., Portola Branch**
- **July 27, 3 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch**
- **Aug. 1, 1 p.m., Marina Branch; 3 p.m., North Beach Branch**
- **Aug. 10, 1 p.m., Excelsior Branch**

**The Ohlone Sisters** – Carla Marie and Desiree Munoz are tribal members of the Costanoan Rumsen Carmel tribe and will share songs, storytelling, regalia, language and special relationships from Ohlone culture.

- **June 1, 11 a.m., Golden Bridges School, Hawk Creek Farm, 203 Cotter St.**
- **July 12, 2 p.m., Western Addition Branch; 4 p.m., Ingleside Branch**
- **July 13, 11 a.m., Richmond Branch; 1 p.m., Sunset Branch; 3 p.m., Potrero Branch**
- **Aug. 2, 1:30 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch; 3:30 p.m., Main Library, Children’s Center, 2nd Floor**
- **Aug. 3, 12 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch; 3 p.m., Glen Park Branch**
- **Aug. 4, 2 p.m., Noe Valley Branch**

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**Celebrate summer with your neighbors at these all-ages events for families and adults.**

**Sendy Santamaria**

Photo: Kristin Cofer

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**Summer Stride for the Community**

**Pack your School Backpack**

In *Yenebi’s Drive to School*, Yenebi and Melanie pack their backpacks for their whole day early in the morning. Yenebi packs extra things like her sketchbook and hairbrush. Besides your school supplies, what else would you pack for your whole day?
Events for Youth

Read, explore and learn this summer with a series of youth events showcasing the diverse communities of San Francisco. Our events provide an array of exciting activities and performances, perfect for spending a summer day at the Library.

Outdoor and Nature

- **Fog City Gardener** – Blas Craig Herrera and Jamie Chan, local garden and farming advocates, teach youth appreciation of their urban environment with activities and crafts. Space limited. Reservations required.
- **Succulent Planters** – June 15, 1 p.m., Sunset Branch; June 15, 3 p.m., Excelsior Branch; Aug. 10, 4 p.m., Western Addition Branch
- **Seed Balls** – July 27, 1 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch
- **Terrariums for Kids** – July 27, 3 p.m., Ortega Branch; Aug. 10, 2 p.m., Ocean View Branch

- **Tracy Hill’s Fur, Scales and Tails Animal Show** – For children and their families. Space limited. Reservations required.
  - June 7, 2 p.m., Chinatown Branch; 4 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch
  - July 16, 1 p.m., Richmond Branch; 3 p.m., Western Addition Branch; 5 p.m., Marina Branch

- **Tree Frog Treks’ Animal Ambassadors** – Meet reptiles and amphibians face-to-face and learn about the natural world around us. For children and their families. Space limited. Reservations required.
  - June 8, 2 p.m., Portola Branch
  - June 12, 4 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch
  - June 13, 3 p.m., North Beach Branch
  - June 18, 1 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch
  - June 22, 2 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch
  - July 10, 3 p.m., Mission Bay Branch
  - July 12, 2 p.m., Ocean View Branch
  - July 17, 4 p.m., Glen Park Branch
  - July 19, 2 p.m., Bayview Branch
  - July 23, 3 p.m., Merced Branch
  - Aug. 7, 4 p.m., Park Branch
  - Aug. 10, 2 p.m., Noe Valley Branch

- **GoGo Craft** – Create one-of-a-kind crafts and designs with Amelia Strader. Space limited. Reservations required.
  - Custom Tote Bags
    - June 8, 2 p.m., Portola Branch

- **Gel Plate Printing** – June 10, 11 a.m. Ocean View Branch; July 6, 11 a.m., Visitacion Valley Branch; 2 p.m., Excelsior Branch
  - July 11, 4:30 p.m., Anza Branch
  - July 23, 3 p.m., Parkside Branch

- **Clay Monsters** – June 10, 2:30 p.m., Merced Branch
  - June 28, 2 p.m., Western Addition Branch
  - July 11, 1 p.m., Richmond Branch

Music

- **The Alphabet Rockers** – Explore elements of hip hop, share moments to express and uplift affinements and get our bodies moving in celebration and joy with the music of Alphabet Rockers. For children and their families.
  - June 7, 2 p.m., Potrero Branch
  - 4:30 p.m., Noe Valley Branch
  - July 13, 2 p.m., Ingleside Branch
  - Aug. 10, 2 p.m., Ortega Branch

- **SF Rock Project** – Enjoy the sounds of a full rock band ensemble, The San Francisco Rock Project House Band. Try out the instruments and get basic instruction on available instruments from the band members. For ages 12-18 and their families.
  - July 20, 3 p.m., Potrero Branch
  - Aug. 3, 3 p.m., Main Library, The Mix at SFPL, 2nd Floor

Movement

- **Barangay Dance Company** – Learn the moves of Maculele, an African traditional dance. Build skills in rhythm, stick-patterned partner movements and drumming. For children and their families. Space limited. Reservations required
  - June 29, 1 p.m., Main Library, Children’s Ctr., 2nd Floor
  - July 27, 2 p.m., Noe Valley Branch
  - Aug. 6, 2 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch
  - Aug. 11, 2 p.m., Merced Branch
  - Aug. 14, 5 p.m., Potrero Branch
  - Aug. 15, 2 p.m., Mission Bay Branch

- **American Society of Civil Engineers** – Learn basic engineering concepts in a fun hands-on lesson with the San Francisco Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. For children ages 6 and older. Space limited.
  - July 12, 3 p.m., West Portal Branch
  - Aug. 9, 3 p.m., Main Library, Children’s Ctr., 2nd Floor

Take the STEM Challenge

Tinker, make and learn with your local librarians during Summer Stride. Join the STEM Challenge and participate in these activities at your local branch to increase collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking skills—while being engaged and having fun.

sfpl.org/kids/stem-challenge
Events for Adults

Check out some of our best and biggest events this summer.

**Presentation: Art, Activism & Equity**
Dive into SF’s arts revolution: BIPOC, Queer artists, activists and allies transformed exclusion into empowerment, reshaping funding and narratives from the 1960s to the 1990s, hosted by Jeff Jones with artist archivists Beth Stephens and Annie Sprinkle.
June 1, 3 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room, Lower Level

**San Francisco Flor y Canto Literary Festival**
Experience the heart of San Francisco’s Mission District at the three-day festival, a celebration of literature, poetry and community featuring acclaimed authors and poets from near and far.
June 21–23, 24th St. Corridor/Latino Cultural District

**SFPL + Roxie Theater**
Don’t miss our curated film screenings in the heart of the Mission. All films in Spanish/Español.
June 9, 1 p.m., Roxie Theater, 3117 16th St.

**Library Day at the New Farm**
The New Farm will be jumping with live music, dancers, new book giveaways, art and crafts and of course, goats and chickens. Plus, the Bookmobile will be there.
July 6, 11 a.m., New Farm, 10 Cargo Way

**Death, Dying and Grief, Oh My! A Series**
Embrace the conversation on death with courage and support. Join us for a series of Death Cafés, insightful presentations and book clubs focused on navigating the complexities of death, exploring your options and understanding grief. Let’s journey together towards understanding and healing.
**Death Café**
June 8, 11 a.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room, Lower Level
July 21, 2:30 p.m., Parkside Branch

**Talking About Death Won’t Kill You!**
June 29, 3 p.m., Sunset Branch
July 24, 5 p.m., Anza Branch
July 27, 11 a.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room, Lower Level
July 31, 5 p.m., Park Branch

**End of Life Choices**
Aug. 6, 6:30 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room, Lower Level

**Thursday @ Noon Film Series: Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level, 12 p.m.**

- Beetlejuice – Aug. 1
- Sometimes I Think About Dying – Aug. 8
- Death at a Funeral – Aug. 15
- Coco – Aug. 22
- Moonlight Mile – Aug. 29

**Why I Ride, Low and Slow Screening and Lowrider Party**
Join us for a day packed with music from DJs, a lowrider car show on Fulton St., a book giveaway, button-making and much more.
July 27, 12 p.m., Main Library, Fulton St. and Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

**Alcatraz Chronicles: Roy Gardner’s Escapes and Voices of Incarceration**
Discover the tale of Roy Gardner, the charismatic “Smiling Bandit” whose daring escapades made him the most hunted man on the Pacific Coast, alongside the woman who stood by him through it all, in Brian Stannard’s Alcatraz Ghost Story.
June 1, 4 p.m., North Beach Branch
July 23, 6 p.m., Richmond Branch
Aug. 7, 6:30 p.m., Ortega Branch

**Dialogue: Voices of Incarceration**
Explore the narratives of formerly incarcerated individuals who share their firsthand experiences of incarceration. The National Park Service’s Alcatraz Island Formerly Incarcerated Speaker Series aims to foster meaningful dialogue and empathy in our community.
June 15, 2 p.m., Ocean View Branch
July 13, 2 p.m., Main Library, The Bridge, 5th Floor
Aug. 17, 3 p.m., Park Branch

**NightLife + SFPL at the California Academy of Sciences**
NightLife is a weekly 21+ event held at the California Academy of Sciences, which transforms into a lively venue filled with provocative science, music, art, creatures and cocktails. Each week features a unique theme with special programs, top DJs, live music and more, and always gives guests the opportunity to explore the museum after dark.
June 6, July 11, Aug. 1, 6–10 p.m., California Academy of Sciences, 55 Music Concours Door

**SF City Guide Walking Tours**
Discover San Francisco’s rich history through captivating walking tours, from the aftermath of the 1906 earthquake to the vibrant cultures of Japantown and the Castro District. Space limited.
June 16, July 20, Aug. 1, 10 a.m., Dogpatch and Potrero Point – June 16, 1 p.m.; Gold Rush City – July 20, 10 a.m.; Japantown – July 21, 1 p.m.; San Francisco Boom and Bust – Aug. 17, 10 a.m.; Castro Village – Aug. 18, 1 p.m.

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**Summer Stride 2024**
Check out our calendar on pgs. 8–10 and visit sfpl.org for more Summer Stride events!
San Francisco Public Library

SUMMER STRIDE ACTIVITY TRACKER
JUNE – AUGUST 2024

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INSTRUCTIONS:
Color each square for every 20 minutes of participation (3 squares = 1 hour). All time spent reading, learning, listening and attending Library events counts. Get your summer prize when you complete 20 hours!

说明:
每参与20分钟，即可在一方块内填色（3方块 = 1小时）。所有花费在阅读、学习、聆听和参加图书馆活动的时间都应计算在内。完成20小时后即可获得暑期奖品！

INSTRUCCIONES:
Colorea un cuadrado por cada 20 minutos de participación (3 cuadros = 1 hora). Todo el tiempo dedicado a leer, aprender, escuchar y asistir a eventos de la biblioteca cuenta. ¡Obtén tu premio de verano cuando completes 20 horas!

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June 2024 Event Calendar

Adults

1 Saturday
Body Scrub/Bath Bombs (ASL, Main, Deaf Serv.Ctr - 3rd Fl, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.)
Knitting Noe Valley, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Author: Kathryn Ma
Ortega, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Bay Beats Concert
Main, Koret, 1–3 p.m.

Fix-it Clinic/Clothing Repair
Mission, 1–3 p.m.

Chair-based Yoga
Visitation Valley, 2–3 p.m.

Screenprinting w/ Calixto
Marina, 3–5 p.m.

Author: Brian Stannard,
Tina Turner Park, 3–5 p.m.

Wild Goose Qigong
周六午
Chinatown, 2:30–4 p.m.

Creative Afternoons
1, 22, 29 Saturdays
10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

North Beach, 4–5:30 p.m.

Author: Lucy Chen
Noe Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

Golden Gate Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.*

Chair-based Yoga
Mission, 1–3 p.m.

Fix-it Clinic/Clothing Repair
Main, Koret, 1–3 p.m.

Ortega, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Sunday

Knitting Noe Valley, 2-3:30 p.m.

Koresh Dance
1, 14, 28 Sundays
8 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

Arts & Culture Center, 1–3 p.m.

Potrero, 3–5:15 p.m.

Author: Kathryn Ma
Ortega, 1–2 p.m.

Tiny Art
Portola, 2–4 p.m.*

Center - 3rd Fl, 2–3:30 p.m.

Mission, 1–3 p.m.

Una mujer fantástica
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

9 Sunday

Gentle Yoga
Mission Bay, 10–11 a.m.

Movement w/ Music
Main, 3–4 p.m.

Container Gardening
Eureka Valley, 4–6 p.m.

SF Black Film Festival
Film: Prince as a Revolution
Main, 4–6 p.m.

Therapy Pets Exhibition
Park, 5–7 p.m.

21 Friday

S formations for Adults 60+
Main, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

11, 25 Tuesdays
Legal Aid: Health Care Access
Main, Learn-St, 3–5 p.m.

Macro Crime Ball
Press, 4–5 p.m.

Rogue Recovery
Park, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

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

Therapeutic Pet Paws
Glen Park, 7–8:30 p.m.

23, 30 Sundays
Bookbinding
Mission Bay, 1–3:40 p.m.*

Prin contested: Brian Bernal Heights, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Prince as a Revolution
Main, African Amer Ctr - 3rd Fl, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

26 Wednesday
Film: Coming Home Again
Main, 5–7:30 p.m.

Therapeutic Pet Paws
Glen Park, 7–8:30 p.m.

27 Thursday
Film: The Rite of Passage
Main, 6–7:30 p.m.

LGBTQA Book Swap
Main, Storm Rm - 1st Fl, 4–5 p.m.

Film: Milk
Main, Storm Rm - 1st Fl, 6–7:30 p.m.

Celebrate Mary TallMountain
Main, Lat/Hisp Mtg Rm, 6–7:15 p.m.

28 Friday
Beginner Jewelry Making
Bayview, 2–3 p.m.

29 Saturday
Tiny Art Drop-in
Bayview, 2–3 p.m.

T’ai Chi for the Wellness
Golden Gate Valley, 2–3 p.m.*

Calendula Salve
Inglewood, 2–3:30 p.m.*

Film: One Fighting Irishman
Main, 2–3 p.m.

Urban Foraging
Bernal Heights, 3-4 p.m.

Talking About Death Won’t
Kill Your Fun
Bayview, 3–4 p.m.

Self-Defense
Park, 4–5 p.m.

Bilingual Book Club
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**June 2024 Event Calendar**

**Children**

**Early Childhood**

- **Saturday**
  - **Toddler Ball Pit**
    - Glen Park, 10:30–12 p.m.
  - **Big Play Date**
    - Glen Park, 3–5 p.m.
  - **Crafty Kids Club**
    - Visitacion Valley, 1:30–3 p.m.
  - **LEGO Motorcars**
    - Ingleside, 10:30–11 a.m.
  - **Alka Seltzer Rockets**
    - Portola, 3–5 p.m.
  - **Storytimes for Families**
    - Glen Park – Every Thursday, 10–10:30 a.m.
    - Excelsior – Every Friday, 11–11:30 a.m.
    - North Beach – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
    - Richmond – Every Monday, 10–10:30 a.m.
    - Marina – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
    - Portola – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
    - Potrero – Every Tuesday, 10–10:30 a.m.
    - Sunset – Every Monday, 10–10:30 a.m.

**Middle School Age**

- **Thursday**
  - **Graphic Novel: Ben Hatke, Things in the Basement**
    - Potrero, 4–5:45 p.m.
  - **LEGO Mindstorms**
    - Visitacion Valley, 11–11:30 a.m.
  - **LEGO Wbots**
    - Sunset, 2:30–3:30 p.m.
  - **LEGO Free Play**
    - Sunset, 2:30–3 p.m.
  - **LEGO Simple Machines**
    - Glen Park, 11–11:30 a.m.
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**Elementary School Age**

- **Saturday**
  - **Origami**
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  - **Perler Bead Keychains**
    - Sunset, 2–3 p.m.
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**Storytimes for Babies**

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  - **Barrow Street Storytime**
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Sara Marinelli

Marinelli grew up in Naples, Italy and lives in San Francisco. Her writing in English is published in New American Writing, Blue Mesa Review and Pummarol; her work in Italian appears in Nazione Indiana, L’Almanacco Anarchico and Il Manifesto. Marinelli also experiments with audio storytelling and is the author of the audio-dramatization “Letters to Italy.” A lecturer in Comparative Literature at the University of San Francisco and a Teaching Artist at the San Francisco Opera, she is currently working on a novel.

Sarah Matsui

Matsui is an interdisciplinary writer based in San Francisco. Her first book, Learning from Counternarratives in Teach for America, was published in 2015 by Peter Lang and featured in NPR’s Code Switch, Jacobin Magazine and Rethinking Schools Magazine’s “Our Picks for Books for Social Justice Teaching: Policy.” Her latest writing was selected as the winner of the 2021 Sewanee Review Nonfiction Contest, the 2022 Fractured Lit Contest and the 2023 Bread Loaf Katharine Bakeless Nason Award. Her poems have appeared in San Francisco’s Asian Art Museum, The Seventh Wave and Pleiades. She is currently working on her debut essay collection.

Ekene Okobi

Okobi is an interdisciplinary artist whose social practice art has been staged at the British and Brooklyn Museums, The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) and Berlin’s Gropius Bau. She has developed outreach programming for New York Theatre Workshop and the New York Public Library. She spent countless childhood hours at the old Glen Park Library branch. She is currently revising previously written plays and seeking ways to provide SF playwrights opportunities to gain public feedback on their own works in progress.

Ploi Pirapokin


Marina Hope Wilson

Wilson is the author of the chapbook, Nighttime (Cooper Dillon Books, 2024). Her work examines mortality and the body, identity, nature and place. Her poems have appeared in The Massachusetts Review, S, Bodega, Stirring and SWWIM Every Day. She won the 2023 Rash Award for her poem, “Origin.” Her poem, “Dilemma,” was recently nominated for the Best of the Net Anthology and the Best New Poets Anthology. Her experiences of death and dying inspired the creation of Nighttime, an ongoing study of conscious end of life doula/midwifery care. Wilson’s current focus is a full-length manuscript of poems. Wilson lives in San Francisco with her husband, stepdaughter and two cats and she makes her living as a speech-language therapist.
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