One City One Book Is Here

**Kathryn Ma** discusses her book *The Chinese Groove*, the story of 18-year-old Shelly’s journey from China’s Yunnan Province to San Francisco, where he confronts family discord, cultural adaptation and personal aspirations, relying on the notion of the “Chinese groove” to navigate his new reality. Come to the One City One Book showcase event on May 4, when Ma in conversation with Natalie Baszile, author of *Queen Sugar* and *We Are Each Other’s Harvest: Celebrating African American Farmers, Land, and Legacy*. 

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

**Kathryn Ma in Conversation at the Branches** – June 1, 11 a.m., Ortega Branch and June 8, 3 p.m., Chinatown Branch

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Ralph Chessé: A San Francisco Century

One of the second floor of the iconic Coit Tower, there’s a modest mural by Ralph Chessé, a prolific but little-known San Francisco artist. The mural is his most visible and enduring legacy, but Chessé was a true Renaissance man. SFPL has partnered with curator Glen Helfand and the Chessé family to bring to the public the untold story of a pioneering artist's deep connection to San Francisco through a diverse range of artwork.

Born in 1900 in New Orleans, Chessé spent the bulk of his life in the Bay Area, and his artistic endeavors —painting, sculpture and notably, marionette production and performance—reflect numerous touchstones of the Bay Area’s cultural and social life, from the WPA to theater, television and rock and roll. Until his passing in 1991, his life was fueled by creative endeavors as he explored different styles of art and even theatrical pursuits. His expressive, exquisitely carved puppets enlivened everything from Shakespeare’s tragedies to the teachings of animal kingdom educator Brother Buzz, in a beloved children’s show that ran from 1953 to 1969 on mainstream television and was syndicated nationally. On view at the Main Library, Ralph Chessé: A San Francisco Century offers an overview of the artist’s work, including rare puppets, paintings, woodcuts, photographs and documents that highlight his unique and under-recognized place in the City’s history.

**Ralph Chessé: A San Francisco Century** – May 16–Aug. 18, Main Library, Jewett Gallery, Lower Level

**Related Programs:**

- **Opening Reception** – May 18, 2 p.m., Main Library, Jewett Gallery, Lower Level
- **Puppet Making Workshop with Ramon Abad** – July 20, 11 a.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Room, Lower Level
- **Free Coit Tower Mural Visits** – Aug. 16, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Coit Tower, 1 Telegraph Hill Blvd.

Image at left: Ralph Chessé with Brother Buzz puppet, (year unknown).

Courtesy of the Chessé family

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Bay Beats Artists Play Live

You’ve heard them on Bay Beats—baybeats.sfpl.org—now see some of your favorite artists perform. Enjoy live music under the nautilus. On May 1, Patrick Galvin performs solo violin, playing music from baroque to contemporary classical. On May 29, Transient (David Molina) features traditional and invented instruments processed via electronics, creating atmospheric soundscapes. An exciting and eclectic lineup of six Bay Beats bands perform and compete for votes and prizes: Jill Rogers and Crying Time, Bululu, The Seagulls, Afterthought & The Top Chefs, Al Harper and Cardboard People. This all-day show is the main event at the opening of SFMOMA's Art of Noise exhibit.

And to kick off June, art-rock out to two genre-bending groups. Surplus 1980 fuses experimental out-jazz and progressive rock. Dizzy Twin explores a netherworld of weird, witchy and danceable vibes.

**Bay Beats Battle of the Bands at SFMOMA** – May 4, 11 a.m.–5 p.m., SFMOMA 151 3rd St., Free Community Day

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

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**Coming Up:**

- **June-August Summer Stride**
  - All Library locations
- **June 1 Library Day**
  - Golden Bridges School, 203 Cotter St.
- **June 3 Bilingual Story Hour**
  - with Sandy Santamaria Garfield Square Playground, Treat Ave. and 26th St.
- **June 9 Authentic Selves**
  - Main Library, LGBT/ Queer Center
- **Throughout June**
  - Cinematic San Francisco Film Series
  - Main Library, Koret Auditorium

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**May Open Houses**

Enjoy live music, food, activities and a visit from local firefighters in their fire truck at Richmond’s open house. Neighborhood organizations and merchants will be here to share information. Children and adults are invited to come dressed as a favorite Star Wars character: May the Fourth be with you! Free comic book giveaway while supplies last.

Join Merced Branch for a child’s scavenger hunt, a tiny art show, button making, light refreshments, community representative tabling and visits from the Museum of Craft and Design as well as the SFPL, Techmobile. Featuring performances by the Flying Angels Chinese Dance Company and Nevada Bret Jensen.

Meet Glen Park Branch Library staff and enjoy a great afternoon of festivities, food and fun for all ages, including the debut of the Glen Park Tiny Art Show! Our open house features The Museum of Craft and Design Mobile MakeArt Van. In addition, enjoy a Drag Story Hour with Panda Dulce, create your own letterpress print with Arion Press and listen to a musical performance by the Glen Park Duo.

Join West Portal Branch Library’s annual Open House for fun activities including button making and book giveaways. Activities include face painting with Fog City Faces, a music performance by Corner Laughters and balloon twisting with Magic Bubbles and Balloons.

The Potrero Branch Library hosts an open house and the opening reception for the 63rd Annual Potrero Hill Artists’ Exhibition. Join us after hours for live music, light refreshments, art projects for children and the chance to meet your local artists featured in this year’s installation.

**Richmond Open House** – May 4, 1–5 p.m.

**Merced Open House** – May 11, 1–5 p.m.

**Glen Park Open House** – May 15, 1–5 p.m.

**West Portal Open House** – May 25, 1–3 p.m.

**Potrero Open House** – May 25, 6–9 p.m.
Small Business Week 2024

Are you an aspiring entrepreneur or current small business owner? In addition to the events hosted by the Library’s Small Business Center, you have online access to many eResources with your library card. Plan Builder makes writing your business plan a snap. Fill out your information at its prompts, at your own pace, and in the end you have a business plan that is ready to share with loan officers, grant funders or investors. See examples of completed business plans at Entrepreneurship (Gale Business).

To identify new customers, use Reference Solutions and Mergent Intellect to find full-text copies of books like Marketing Fundamentals and “Financial Modeling for Small Businesses.”

Finally, utilize the Nolo Legal Information Reference Center to find out where they are and reach out to them through direct marketing.

Grow your skills by logging into Udemy and take small business-related classes such as “Marketing for Small Businesses.”

To learn how to identify new customers and market to them, use a Reference Solutions platform called Mergent Intellect. You can also find full-text copies of books like Marketing Fundamentals and “Financial Modeling for Small Businesses.”

Discover Your Roots at Our Genealogy Conference

Take an enlightening journey into your family’s past. Join the Library for an all-day Genealogical and Family History Research Conference, tailored for both beginners and novice researchers. Discover how to tap into billions of records, including U.S. census data, historical newspapers, obituaries, government archives, city directories and captivating photo collections. Learn the art of repairing, preserving and digitizing your family’s history book, cherished photos, records and personal letters. Don’t miss this opportunity to delve into the past and create a bridge to your family’s future. Mark your calendar, and we’ll see you there!

Genealogical and Family History Research Conference – May 22, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Koret Auditorium, Main Library, Lower Level

AANHPI 2024: Books, Movies and Music

Visit sfpl.org/aanahpi

Books for Kids
Hi’aka and Pana‘ewa: A Hawaiian Graphic Legend by Gabrielle Ahulii
The Outkast by Tracy Badua
The Truth About Dragons by Julie Leung
My Incredible India by Jasbinder Bilan

Teen Books
The Last Bloodcurder by Vanessa Le
Into the Sunken City by Dinesh Thiru
Gorgeous Gruuses Faces by Linda Cheng
Catfish Rolling by Clara Kumagai

Asian American Experimental Writing
Dictée by Theresa Hak Kyung Cha
I Love Artists: New and Selected Poems by Mei-mei Bensusenbrugge
Still Dirty by David Lau
Foreign Bodies: Poems by Kimiko Hahn

Queer Adult Fiction
Land of Milk and Honey by C Pam Zhang
Chlorine by Jade Song
The Emperor and the Endless Palace by Justinian Huang
Afterparties by Anthony Veaas So

Movies and Music
Nam June Paik Moon Is the Oldest TV Waikiki
With A Hammer by Yaeji
Rapa Nui

Art Books
Corky Lee’s Asian America Fifty Years of Photographic Justice by Corky Lee
Nam June Paik
Godzilla Asian American Arts Network
Ruth Asawa Through Line

Collections Corner: The Secret Life of Plants

Since it’s May, and the sun is coaxing out new life, we are highlighting a few small archival collections that present San Francisco’s flowers and plants as seen through different lenses, whether aesthetic, scientific or commercial. The Ernest Clayton Collection of California Wild Flowers holds 200 original watercolor paintings in the 1940s. The Eugene A. Upton horticulture scrapbook (1869–1877) is an inventory of Upton’s flower and plant stock at his nursery on Scott Street near Turf. Our James G. Steele scrapbook holds a 19th-century collection of clippings and ephemera. Steele, a pharmacist specializing in medicinal plants, was one of the founders of the California College of Pharmacy. The John McLaren Collection includes McLaren’s daybooks for plantings on San Mateo County estates, his correspondence with clients in San Francisco, and his reference library, with classic horticulture works dating from 1803.

Explore these collections in the archives at the San Francisco History Center, 6th floor, Main Library, or visit on.sfpl.org/sf-history.
Weaving Stories, Celebrating AANHPI

Be dazzled by Weaving Stories, SFPL’s celebration of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) heritage. In music, dance, film and the written word, many narratives unfold for you to enjoy through both virtual and in-person programs at the Library.

This month and throughout the year, kids can dig into a vast array of energetic, creative programs, including author visits, visual art and crafting programs, music and dance performances and workshops. Our adult programs brim over with offerings, including author talks, book clubs, film screenings and panels on contemporary issues that impact the AANHPI community.

Visit sfpl.org/aanhsi for Weaving Stories programs, recommended reads and more.

Events for Youth

Kathak Dance with SF Kala Kendra Learn about Kathak dance, one of the eight major forms of Indian classical dance. Participate and learn a few moves from this centuries-old North Indian art form. — May 5, 2 p.m., Potrero Branch

Makahiki with the Men of Hālau Ha’A Kea o Kinohi Learn about makahiki—a time of peace, feasting, competing in sport and games, hula and storytelling. Meet members of Mele o Kea, a five-piece band with foundations in Hawaiian music. — May 11, 11 a.m., Eureka Valley Branch

Illustrators Minnie Phan and Sophie Diao Experience a read-aloud of new picture storybooks for children and participate in a drawing workshop on comics. — May 23, 2 p.m., Excelsior Branch

Chinese Yaji The Chinese custom of yaji is a special gathering to appreciate and create art. Our yaji includes an exploration of guqin music, classic games and light refreshments with tea. For children ages 7 and older. — May 31, 2 p.m., Sunset Branch

Events for Adults

Film: Lasa And Legacy: A Docuseries About Filipino American Activism and Food A not-to-miss screening of Lasa and Legacy, a captivating docuseries showcasing pivotal chapters in Filipino American history within the San Francisco Bay Area. Following the screening, engage in a panel discussion and Q&A session. — May 5, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Nancy Jooyoun Kim and Parini Shroff in Conversation New York Times bestselling author Kim and Shroff, author of the debut novel The Bandit Queens, come together to discuss their writing and the strong characters who drive the narrative of their books. — May 7, 6 p.m., Main Library, Saroyan Gallery, 6th Floor

Corky Lee’s Asian America: Fifty Years of Photographic Justice Celebrate Lee’s Asian American legacy at our book launch. Lee, renowned for capturing AANHPI communities authentically, shattered stereotypes through his lens. — May 23, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Author Curtis Chin, Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant In celebration of APA Heritage Month and Pride Month, join us in San Francisco’s vibrant Chinatown for a book talk and library pop-up featuring Chin, author of Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant. Presented in partnership with the Chinese Culture Center of San Francisco. — May 25, 6 p.m., Ross Alley

Workshop: Coloring Outside the Lines with Real Soul Katie Quan dives into the world of comics and zines through the lens of an Asian American artist and educator. Hear her speak about her biggest comic influences, her own experience in the medium and how artists are breaking barriers left and right with their spectacular work. Then, learn how to start your own comics and create your very own zine.

— May 1, 4 p.m., Glen Park Branch

May 2, 4 p.m., Excelsior Branch

May 3, 3 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

May 11, 4:30 p.m., Richmond Branch

May 15, 6 p.m., Ocean View Branch

June 22, 2 p.m., Main Library, The Bridge, 5th Floor

June 26, 6 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch

May the Fourth

More Than a Song: APIA Singers

The APIA Biography Project celebrates its 11th annual AANHPI Heritage Month with activities at the Main Library. Throughout the month of May, explore the “Wall of Fame” and related exhibits at the Children’s Center and the Chinese Center, about singers—past and present, local and international—engaged in social justice through their actions and/or lyrics in the music industry. The first 50 children ages 12 and under to complete a scavenger hunt get a prize bag! Access activities online at apiabiography.sfsu.edu.

Celebrate Carnival

Mission Branch and the Bookmobile are returning to the Carnival parade! This year, SFPL is participating in the 2024 Carnival Parade on Sunday, May 26, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. The parade runs from 24th & Bryant Streets towards 15th Street from Mission Street. This year’s Carnival theme is “Honor Indigenous Roots.”

Carnival Parade + Bookmobile — May 26, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., SF Carnival Parade Route

Programs are in person unless listed as virtual. Register for virtual programs at sfpl.org/events.

May the Fourth Free Comic Book Day

Each year, on the first Saturday in May, the comic book industry unites to give away free comic books. In partnership with Comix Experience, the Library is handing out free comic books and graphic novels for youth, while supplies last, at all library locations during regular business hours.

Free Comic Book Day — May 4, all Library locations

Onstage This Spring at the Library

Shakespeare on Tour presents As You Like It this May at SFPL! Escape to the forest of Arden in Shakespeare’s antic comedy. This delightful one-hour abridged production features walk-on roles for audience volunteers and a short Q&A with the Shakespeare on Tour cast. Great fun for adults and youth alike.

As You Like It — May 11, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

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May 2024 Event Calendar

Adults

1 Wednesday
Patrick Galvin on Violin
Main, Atrium, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Coloring Outside the Lines
Main, Koret, 2–3:30 p.m.

1,8,15, 22 Wednesdays
Tai Chi with Patrick Lau
Beginners: 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Advanced: 12:15–1:15 p.m.
Sunset, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

1–2 Sunday
Film: Better Luck Tomorrow
Main, Koret, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

1–2 Sunday
Film: The Lighthouse
Main, Atrium, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Preserving Personal Collections
Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 3–5 p.m.

1–2 Sunday
Film: The Novelist’s Film
Main, Atrium, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Bernal Heights
1–2 Sunday
Film: Next Goal Wins
Main, Koret, 12–2 p.m.

2 Wednesday
Chili Oil Crunch Tasting
Bayview, 4–5 p.m.

2 Wednesday
Knitting
Noe Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

2,9,16, 23,30 Thursdays
Knit-a-Thon
Main, Koret, 5–7 p.m.

29 April
Gentle Y oga
Main, Koret, 9 a.m.–10 a.m.

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

29 Saturday
Tiny Art Show
Sunset, 10 am–4 pm.

29 Thursday
Tao Te Ching
Main, Koret, 7–8 p.m.

2 Saturday
Fix-it Clinic/Clothing Repair
Main, Koret, 12–1 p.m.

2,9,16, 23,30 Thursdays
Knit-a-Thon
Main, Koret, 5–7 p.m.

1 May
Film: Next Goal Wins
Main, Koret, 12–2 p.m.

1 Friday
Swimming
Excelsior, 5–6 p.m.

1 Friday
Film: Picture Bride
Golden Gate Valley, 3–4 p.m.

1 Saturday
Tao Te Ching
Main, Koret, 5–7 p.m.

1 Saturday
Film: The Zen Way of Recovery
Main, Koret, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

1 Thursday
Film: The Chinese Groove
Main, Koret, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

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Main, Koret, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

1 Friday
Film: This Is Us
Main, Koret, 6–7 p.m.

1 Friday
Film: The Zen Way of Recovery
Main, Koret, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

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Main, Koret, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

1 Friday
Film: The Zen Way of Recovery
Main, Koret, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Technology

May 11–18
Tech Week
sfpl.org/techtweek

7 Wednesday
Tech Savvy at 60+
Richmond, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Employment for People with Disabilities
Main, 11:30–1:30 p.m.

Basic Computer Skills
Series Main, Comp Ctr - 5th Fl, 1–4 p.m.

3 Friday
Drop-in Tech Support for Older Adults
Richmond, 1:30–3 p.m.

11 Saturday
eBook Drop-In
Main, Info Desk - 1st Fl, 2–4 p.m.

13 Monday
Intro to ChatGPT/Chatbot (Canvas)
Virtual, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Detecting AI-Generated Content
Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 2:30–5 p.m.

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

8 Wednesday
PhotoWalk in GG Park
([Chinese & English]
Main, 2–4 p.m.

10 Friday
Specialized Phone Resources
West Portal, 2–4 p.m.

12 Monday
Smartphones for Older Adults 60+
([Cantonese])
Sunset, 1–2:30 p.m.

11 Saturday
eBook Drop-In
Main, Info Desk - 1st Fl, 1–4 p.m.

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Virtual, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Detecting AI-Generated Content
Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 2:30–5 p.m.

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

5 Sunday
Zoom Basic Main, Comp Ctr - 5th Fl, 4:5–6 p.m.

14 Tuesday
Low-Cost Internet Providers
Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Computer Skills for Seniors
Virtual, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Tech Tools for Accessibility
Virtual, 12–1:30 p.m.

Curso básico de correo electrónico
Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

17 Friday
Drop-In Tech Support for Older Adults
Ortega, 3:30–6 p.m.

18 Saturday
Tech support for Seniors
Main, 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

17 Wednesday
Computer Skills for Seniors
Main, 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

16 Thursday
Use Smartphone/Tablet
An Beach, 5–6 p.m.

Preparar tu dispositivo móvil para una emergencia
Main, 5th Fl, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Learn Canvas Virtual
Main, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Internet Safety Main
Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 2:24–4:25 p.m.

Seguridad por Internet
Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 3–4 p.m.

21 Tuesday
Snack Trials
Virtual, 4:3–5 p.m.

23 Thursday
Seeing Correction, 4–5 p.m.

26 Monday
Job Match Virtual, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

5 Thursday
Community Service Employment
Virtual, 11:15–12:30 p.m.

22 Wednesday
LinkedIn: Job Search, Part 2
Virtual, 2:30–3:15 p.m.

23 Thursday
BenefiTS 2 Work Virtual
11:30–12:30 p.m.

15 Wednesday
Craft Movement
Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

23 Tuesday
Tech Refurbathon
Main, Lap/HP Mgr Rm, 3:30–6:30 p.m.

7 Friday
Square Box Origami
Main, 3–5 p.m.

21 Tuesday
RPG: Scarcers & Sellowords
Glenn Park, 3:45–4:45 p.m.

22 Wednesday
Candy Lei
Excelsior, 3:30–5 p.m.

3 Tuesday
Tajin Gaming
Bayview, 3–9 p.m.

13 Thursday
Art Class & Show
Ortega, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

3 Saturday
Bilingual Parent Group
North Beach, 10-12am.

9 Thursday
Clay Emoji Paperclip
Richmond, 4:30–5:45 p.m.

19 Wednesday
Gardening
11 a.m.

10 Thursday
Coloring North Beach,
4:30–5:30 p.m.

28 Monday
Gardening
11 a.m.

10 Tuesday
Sewing Certification
Virtual, 9–10 a.m.

8 Tuesday
Cookie Challenge
Virtual, 9:30–10 a.m.

16 Thursday
Nominating Group
North Beach, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

12 Sunday
Springtime Youth Group
[English]
Excelsior, 4–6 p.m.

12 Tuesday
Fridays for Older Seniors
San Francisco, 11:30–12:30 p.m.

13 Monday
Global History
Richmond, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

10 Tuesday
Sewing Certification
Virtual, 9–10 a.m.

16 Thursday
Nominating Group
North Beach, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

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Children

Early Childhood

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

5 Saturday
Craft Club Sunset
Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

6 Monday
Tree Frogs
Fun Day Dance Party
Children’s Ctr - 2nd Fl, 2:30–4 p.m.

14 Tuesday
Little Artists
Bernal Heights, 3–4 p.m.

30 Thursday
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

25 Saturday
Fun Day Dance Party
Portola, 4–5 p.m.

Spring Break
April 10–14

11 Saturday
Tea Party
Glen Park, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

18 Saturday
Storytimes for Toddlers
Bernal Heights, 10 a.m.–11 a.m.

22 Monday
Board Games/Puzzles
Park, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

29 Monday
Potter's Hill Artists Reception
Park, 1:30–2 p.m.

Family

2 Thursday
Library Rangers: Planeton Visitacion Valley, 4–5 p.m.

3 Friday
Book Club: Eagle Drums
West Portal, 4:45–5:45 p.m.

4 Saturday
MakoArt Pottery, 3–5 p.m.

4 Saturday
Green Sound Band
Ingleside, 12–3:30 p.m.

4, 11, 18, 25 Saturdays
Potter's Hill Artists Reception
Park, 1:30–2 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Sundays
Playtime Potomac
Park, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

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

7 Tuesday
Mini Flower Bouquet Visitacion Valley, 4–5 p.m.

8 Wednesday
Films: Moana Bayview, 3–5 p.m.

9 Thursday
Bookmaking
Ingleside, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

10 Friday
MakoArt Bernal Heights, 3–5 p.m.

11 Saturday
Collaging Patterns of Home Parkside
Bernal Heights, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

12 Sunday
Fix-it Clinic: Bike Repairs
Ortega, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

13 Monday
Chinese Poetry & Stories (Mandarin)
Excelsior, 10:30–11 a.m.

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Chinese Poetry & Stories (Mandarin)
Excelsior, 10:30–11 a.m.

14 Tuesday
Chinese Poetry & Stories (Mandarin)
Excelsior, 10:30–11 a.m.

21 Tuesday
Three Sisters Host Party
Glen Park, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.*

28 Tuesday
MakoArt Pottery
Glen Park, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

28 Tuesday
Painted Rocks Garden
Mission Bay, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

29 Wednesday
LED Paper Circuits
Chinatown, 3:45–4:45 p.m.*

31 Friday
Chinese Yaj Sunset, 2–3:30 p.m.

Middle School Age

1 Wednesday
Teen Gaming Excelsior
3–4:30 p.m.

2 Thursday
Graphic Novel: The Magicians Potoma, 4–5 p.m.

5 Saturday
Vietnamese Coconut Pandan Waffle
Ingleside, 3:45–4:30 p.m.

6 Saturday
Anime & Manga Park
2–3:30 p.m.

10 Monday
Graphic Novel: Superman
Glen Park, 4–5:30 p.m.

17 Monday
Storytimes for Toddlers
Bernal Heights, 10 a.m.–11 a.m.

24 Monday
Potter's Hill Artists Reception
Park, 1:30–2 p.m.

31 Monday
Storytimes for Toddlers
Bernal Heights, 10 a.m.–11 a.m.

31 Monday
Chinese Stories

Bernal Heights, 10–11 a.m.

2nd Thursday
Book Club: Mother-Daughter West Portal
Bayview, 3–4:45 p.m.

3rd Friday
Family Dance Party
Potoma, 1–2 p.m.

Children's Stories

Stories for Babies

Songs, rhymes and books for infants and their caregivers.

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

Bernal Heights – Every Wednesday, 12:30–1:30 p.m.*

Chinatown – Every Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.

Eureka Valley – Every Thursday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Glen Park – Every Saturday, 10–11:30 a.m.

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Main – Every Thursday, 10–11:30 a.m.

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

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

Ortega – 2, 9, 16, 23 Thursdays, 11–11:30 a.m.

Park – Every Saturday, 11–11:30 a.m.

Potoma – Every Saturday, 11–11:30 a.m.

Sunset – Every Thursday, 10–10:30 a.m.*

Western Addition – Every Thursday, 11:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Swing into Stories

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

1st Tuesday – Garfield Playground (Treat & 26th Streets)

2nd Tuesday – Kent Playground (Golden Gate Park, by the carousel)

3rd Tuesday – Hilltop Playground (Newcomb Ave & Whitney Young Circle)

4th Sunday – Redwood Grove Playground (McLaren Park, 20 John F. Shelley Dr.)

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Exclusives: Members preview at 11 a.m., save 10% off your purchases

Happy Mother’s Day, May 12
Mother’s Day celebrates and honors the people in our lives who have nurtured us, raised us and given us unconditional love. Mothers play many roles, and “teacher” is one of the most important roles. Public libraries are teachers and nurturers too! The library gives us access to a wealth of knowledge and resources to educate ourselves and better understand the world around us. Happy Mother’s Day to all moms, maternal figures and guardians who provide love and support for their families.

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BERNAL HEIGHTS  500 Cortland Ave.  355-2810  1–5  10–6  10–7  12–8  10–6  1–6  10–6
CHINATOWN/LAVI 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.  355-5660  1–5  10–6  10–6  11–8  12–8  1–6  10–6
INGLESIDE  1292 Ocean Ave.  355-2898  1–5  10–6  10–6  10–6  10–6  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
MARINA  1890 Chestnut St.  355-2823  1–5  10–6  10–6  1–8  1–8  1–8  1–6  10–6
MERCED  355 Winston Dr.  355-2835  1–5  10–6  10–8  10–8  10–8  1–8  10–6
MISSION - Temporary Branch  1234 Valencia St.  355-2868  1–5  10–6  10–8  10–8  10–8  1–8  10–6
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