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2024 ADULT + TEEN  
*SUMMER STRIDE*  
*GUIDE*

# *MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR SUMMER WITH SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY!*



Inside these pages you'll find loads of ideas for summer fun. From juicy reading lists, to author talks and artist workshops, from eResources designed to help you pick up a new skill to free film and music streaming platforms—the best things in life are free with your San Francisco Public Library card!



# THINGS TO CHECK OUT THIS SUMMER



## Vinyl is spinning hot

Get in on this retro trend—why don't you take out some of our vinyl for a spin? Visit the Audiovisual Center, located on the first floor of the Main, or one of our Vinyl Destination collections located at Marina, Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Memorial, Park, Western Addition and Mission Bay branches.



## Get to know the Bay Area's rich music scene with Bay Beats, our local music streaming platform

Albums from almost 150 top-rated solo musicians and bands in popular genres—jazz to soul, rap to rock, classical to world—are available for anyone to listen to, with or without a library card. Be sure to check out the staff-curated playlists and artists' pages for information about upcoming gigs.



## Visit more than a dozen of the Bay Area's best museums and cultural attractions for free with Discover & Go

The online platform allows SFPL cardholders to reserve passes and print tickets at home or at a neighborhood library.



## Hit the road and discover California's natural beauty

Check out a California State Parks Pass, which gives you free access to more than 200 participating state parks.







## SUMMER READS

Grab a blanket and head out to one of San Francisco's glorious parks with a great book. Our librarians have curated a diverse selection of titles to sweep you away this summer. Read them all!



Explore more curated  
booklists:



- ☐ *A High Tide Murder*  
by Emily George
- ☐ *Chipped: Writing from a Skateboarder's Lens*  
by José Vadi
- ☐ *Dead in Long Beach, California* by Venita Blackburn
- ☐ *Lessons in Chemistry*  
by Bonnie Garmus
- ☐ *Vampires of El Norte*  
by Isabel Cañas
- ☐ *Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice Elf Agin)* by Sly Stone
- ☐ *That Time I Got Drunk and Saved a Demon* by Kimberly Lemming
- ☐ *The Chinese Groove*  
by Kathryn Ma
- ☐ *The Midnight Library*  
by Matt Haig
- ☐ *The Tree Doctor*  
by Marie Mutsuki Mockett
- ☐ *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*  
by Gabrielle Zevin
- ☐ *Wandering Stars*  
by Tommy Orange
- ☐ *You Made a Fool of Death with Your Beauty*  
by Akwaeke Emezi

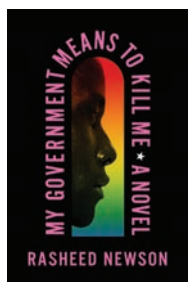




# READ IN COMMUNITY

Meet your neighbors and make new friends at one of our book clubs.

## ON THE SAME PAGE



Our On the Same Page (OTSP) Book Club is a bi-monthly citywide club that culminates in a free event featuring the selected author. This summer, read Rasheed Newson's engrossing debut novel, *My Government Means to Kill Me*.

A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK \* A NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW EDITOR'S CHOICE \* 2022 LAMBDA LITERARY PRIZE FOR GAY FICTION FINALIST

Find a Book Club near you:



## Related Events

- **OTSP Book Club**  
Wednesday, August 7  
7 p.m., Virtual Library
- **Author Talk: Rasheed Newson in Conversation with Andrew Sean Greer**  
Wednesday, August 14  
6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level
- **Check out Read This!**  
Find out the latest On the Same Page titles and events:  
[sfpl.org/read-this](https://sfpl.org/read-this).

# HOT TICKETS

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

## SFPL + Roxie Theater

Don't miss our curated film screenings in the heart of the Mission. All films in Spanish.

- *Una mujer fantástica (A Fantastic Woman)*  
Sunday, June 9, 1 p.m.
- *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*  
Sunday, July 7, 12:30 p.m.
- *Selena*  
Sunday, August 4, 1 p.m.

Roxie Theater, 3117 16th Street

## Library Day at The New Farm

The New Farm will be jumping with live music, dancers, new book giveaways, arts and crafts and of course, goats and chickens. Plus the Bookmobile will be there.

- Saturday, July 6, 11 a.m., The New Farm, 10 Cargo Way

## Why I Ride, Low and Slow Screening and Lowrider Party

Join us at the Main Library for an exciting day featuring members of the San Francisco Lowrider Council, a film screening and discussion, music from DJs, a lowrider car show, a book giveaway, button-making and much more.

- Saturday, July 27, 2 p.m., Main Library, Fulton Street Plaza



## Brian Stannard, *Alcatraz Ghost Story: Roy Gardner's Amazing Train Robberies, Escapes, and Lifelong Love*

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*.

- Saturday, June 1, 4 p.m., North Beach Branch
- Tuesday, July 23, 6 p.m., Richmond Branch
- Wednesday, August 7, 6:30 p.m., Ortega Branch

## Voices of Incarceration

Explore the narratives of formerly incarcerated individuals who share their firsthand experiences. The National Park Service’s Alcatraz Island Formerly Incarcerated Speaker Series aims to foster meaningful dialogue and empathy in our community.

- Saturday, June 15, 2 p.m., Ocean View Branch Library
- Saturday, July 13, 2 p.m., Main Library, The Bridge, 5th Floor
- Saturday, August 17, 3 p.m., Park Branch

## NightLife + SFPL

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.

- Thursdays: June 6, July 11, August 1, 6–10 p.m., California Academy of Sciences, 55 Music Concourse Drive

## Secrets of the Cal Academy with Total SF

*San Francisco Chronicle* Culture Critic Peter Hartlaub and the Academy’s Head Librarian Rebekah Kim share the most surprising, strange and inspiring photos and stories from the Academy’s archives, including an action hero botanist, the aquarium’s *Ocean’s 11*-style hunt for a live shark and the real history behind Monarch the Bear. Head to NightLife after the event.

- Thursday, June 6, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level



Check out our  
calendar for more  
event goodness:







## Exercise Your Mind, Body & Spirit

Let us help you shake off some stress and find more tranquility and joy. We offer free classes and workshops in the following wellness practices:

- Wellness & Meditation
- Yoga
- Breathwork and Chakras
- Self-defense



## Discover Your Favorite New Band with the Bay Beats Performance Series



Bay Beats, SFPL's free local music streaming platform, is launching a hot series of performances. Check them out! [on.sfpl.org/beats-shows](https://on.sfpl.org/beats-shows).

Come hear an exciting, genre-bending daytime concert with two local avant-garde rock bands, Surplus 1980 and Dizzy Twin.

- Saturday, June 1, 1 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level



## Discover Your Artistic Side

Crafts are not just for kids! Find a craft program at a branch near you.



- Printing
- Embroidery
- Natural ink dying
- Culinary arts



## Summer Stride + City Guide Walking Tours

Discover the City's rich history through captivating walking tours. Space Limited. Reservations required: (415) 557-4411 or email [anissa.malady@sfpl.org](mailto:anissa.malady@sfpl.org).

- 1906 Earthquake and Fire – Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m.
- Dogpatch and Potrero Point – Sunday, June 16, 1 p.m.
- Gold Rush City – Saturday, July 20, 10 a.m.
- Japantown – Sunday, July 21, 1 p.m.
- San Francisco Boom and Bust – Saturday, August 17, 10 a.m.
- Castro Village – Sunday, August 18, 1 p.m.







## 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

- Saturday, June 8, 11 a.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room, Lower Level
- Sunday, July 21, 2:30 p.m., Parkside Branch

### Talking About Death Won't Kill You!

- Saturday, June 29, 3 p.m., Sunset Branch
- Wednesday, July 24, 5 p.m., Anza Branch
- Saturday, July 27, 11 a.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room, Lower Level
- Wednesday, July 31, 5 p.m., Park Branch

### End of Life Choices

- Tuesday, August 6, 6:30 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room, Lower Level



# GO GREEN THIS SUMMER

## Waste Not

Before you chuck that old shirt or bike away, see if you can bring it back to life at one of our free **Fix-It Clinics**. Get assistance from sewing and bike repair professionals and breathe new life into an old friend.

See our event calendar for July and August clinics. Programs do not require advanced registration, but are first come, first served.

- **Clothing Repair – Saturday, June 1, 1 p.m., Mission Branch**
- **Clothing Repair – Tuesday, June 11, 5 p.m., Noe Valley Branch**

See more events:



## Everybody's Climate

Concerned about the future and feeling overwhelmed? This July, connect with others in addressing the climate crisis in ways that are meaningful to you, from poetry and science to practical action.

- **Electrify Your Home – Wednesday, July 10, 6 p.m.**  
Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level
- ***One Word* (2020) Film + Q&A – Sunday, July 14, 1 p.m.**  
Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room, Lower Level
- ***Dear Human at the Edge of Time: A Reading by Poets***  
Sunday, July 21, 1 p.m., Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room, Lower Level



## We're Here to Get You There

No matter where you are in your journey, we offer resources to help you achieve your dreams.

**Work it** programs and resources support job and career seekers, personal finance needs and small business owners. Programs include:

- How to get a California State job
- Resume and interviewing essentials
- Using LinkedIn for job searches
- One-on-one counseling with Smart Money Coaching and with a Certified Financial Planner™, and much more.

**Don't miss our Small Business Office Hours:**

- **Second Thursday of each month from 2–4 p.m.; June 13, July 11 and August 8**

We are also hosting a Digital Marketing Workshop in partnership with the San Francisco Small Business Development Center on **Wednesday, July 17, 2 p.m.** Both programs are virtual.

Visit the Business, Science & Technology Center on the 4th Floor of the Main Library to learn more and visit our website for our full calendar of upcoming events.

## Visit The Bridge at Main

The Bridge at Main is the print and digital learning center of SFPL, located on the 5th Floor of the Main Library. We offer computer basic classes, tech drop-in support and tutorial sessions on popular library resources.

Stop in to get a current calendar of events, see what digital or print literacy learning opportunities are in store for you and how you too can help as a volunteer tutor to support the learning goals of a person in need.



[sfpl.org/thebridge](https://sfpl.org/thebridge)



# JUST FOR TEENS

Check out this selection of awesome activities just for teens.

## Gel Plate Printing with GoGo Craft

Experiment with monoprinting on gel plates and create one-of-a-kind images and greeting cards. Space limited. Reservations required.

- Monday, June 10, 11 a.m., Ocean View Branch
- Thursday, July 11, 4:30 p.m., Anza Branch
- Tuesday, July 23, 3 p.m., Parkside Branch

## Clay Monsters with GoGo Craft

Create your own unique clay monster creation. Learn color mixing and easy hand building techniques for air dry clay. Space limited. Reservations required.

- Thursday, July 11, 1 p.m., Richmond Branch

## Letterpress Printing with Arion Press

Make your own keepsake with a tabletop letterpress and your own design with LEGO® on Provisional Press. Learn about the history of press and letterpress printing. Space limited. Reservations required.

- Wednesday, June 12, 2 p.m., Anza Branch
- Saturday, August 3, 2 p.m., Sunset Branch
- Friday, August 9, 2 p.m., Bayview Branch

## The San Francisco 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.

- Saturday, July 20, 3 p.m., Potrero Branch
- Saturday, August 3, 3 p.m., Main Library,



## The Mix

Read books, check out manga, taste test food, create digital media, produce music in the studio, learn how to sew, design with Cricut and make something with the 3D printer. For ages 12–18.

For visiting hours, visit [themixatsfpl.org](http://themixatsfpl.org).



## YELL Presents

Youth Engaged in Library Leadership (YELL) interns host community events all summer!

Visit YELL's full calendar of events: [sfpl.org/yell](http://sfpl.org/yell).





## Go See *Ralph Chessé: A San Francisco Century*

On the second floor of the iconic Coit Tower, there's a modest mural by Ralph Chessé, a prolific but little-known San Francisco artist. This is his most visible and enduring legacy, but Chessé was a true Renaissance man. The Library partnered with curator Glen Helfand and the Chessé family to tell 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 Works Progress Administration (WPA), theater, television and rock and roll. Until his passing in 1991, his life was fueled by creative endeavors, exploring different styles of art, as well as theatrical pursuits. His expressive, exquisitely carved puppets enacted everything from Shakespeare's tragedies to the animal kingdom educator Brother Buzz, the main character of a beloved children's show that ran from 1953–1969 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*** – Through August 18, 2024, Main Library, Jewett Gallery, Lower Level

## Related Programs

### Puppet Making Workshops with Ramon Abad

- Saturday, July 20, 11 a.m.  
Main Library, Latino/  
Hispanic Room, Lower  
Level
- Tuesday, July 23, 3:30 p.m.  
Ingleside Branch
- Saturday, August 3, 1 p.m.  
Excelsior Branch
- Saturday, August 10, 1 p.m.  
Glen Park Branch
- Saturday, August 17, 1 p.m.  
North Beach Branch

### Free Coit Tower Mural Visits

Saturday, August 16,  
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.,  
Coit Tower, 1 Telegraph Hill  
Boulevard



Photo of Ralph Chessé with puppets.  
(Courtesy of the Chessé family.)

Coit Tower mural, *Children at Play*,  
Photo: San Francisco Arts Commission.

Still from the set of *Brother Buzz*.  
(Courtesy of the Chessé family.)

# TRAVEL WITH EBOOKS, DIGITAL MAGAZINES AND MORE

Traveling this summer? You can leave your paper books and magazines at home by taking eBooks and digital magazines on your favorite mobile device. Download them before you leave for your trip and read them anywhere in the world.

In addition to your summer fiction and nonfiction reads, **Boundless**, **Hoopla Digital** and **Libby** (Overdrive's app) offer popular and reputable travel guides from Lonely Planet, Fodor's, Culture Smart, DK Eyewitness Travel, Berlitz Pocket Guides and Moon Travel. Hiking, biking and

camping enthusiasts can travel light by loading titles from The Falcon Guides and 101 Hikes onto a smartphone. If you prefer magazines, SFPL offers travel, cooking and fashion titles in full digital color on **Flipster**, **PressReader** and **Kono** (Chinese and Japanese).

Download these for free from your app store. Please visit a librarian if you need assistance with these eResources.

## Learn How to Say "Thank You" Like the Locals

It's not too late to learn some new words or phrases to make the most of your international summer travels. Head over to [sfpl.org/elearning](http://sfpl.org/elearning) and explore the "Language Learning" section to connect to the **Mango Languages** and **Rosetta Stone** platforms with an active SFPL card and PIN and start practicing now. Both tools are excellent in their own way. Mango Languages offers an interactive set of courses with more than 70 languages. Rosetta Stone shares immersive images and audio in 30 languages. Why not try both? If time is running out, focus on keywords that will help you feel confident in interacting with others and getting around. Practice on your personal computer or download the apps to your mobile devices to continue learning even upon arrival at your destination.



Check out more  
eResources:





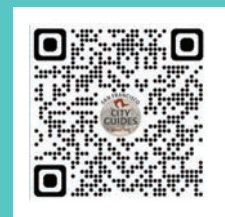
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# SUMMER STRIDE 2024

# SFPL BINGO



Complete any row (across, down, diagonal) to receive your Summer Stride finishing prize! Use the space to tell us more about what you read, watched, heard or anything else you want to share.







ATTEND A LIBRARY PROGRAM	ATTEND AN AUTHOR TALK	TRY A RECIPE FROM A LIBRARY BOOK	READ A BOOK PUBLISHED IN 2024	STREAM A FILM ON KANOPY
READ A BOOK FROM A LIBRARY DISPLAY	READ A BOOK THAT INSPIRED A MOVIE OR TV SERIES	CHOOSE A BOOK BY ITS COVER	READ A BOOK OF SHORT STORIES OR ESSAYS	READ A MAGAZINE ON FLIPSTER
VISIT AN SFPL LOCATION YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO	WATCH A MOVIE OR SERIES BASED ON A BOOK	 <p>FREE</p>	READ A BOOK SET IN THE FUTURE	TRY A NEW LANGUAGE ON MANGO OR ROSETTA STONE
READ A BOOK BY A LOCAL AUTHOR	READ A BOOK SET IN ANOTHER COUNTRY	READ A ROMANCE NOVEL	READ A BOOK SET SOMEWHERE YOU'D LIKE TO VISIT	LISTEN TO A BAY BEATS PLAYLIST
READ A BOOK IN TRANSLATION	READ A BOOK SET IN SAN FRANCISCO	READ A BOOK BY AN INDIGENOUS OR BIPOC AUTHOR	READ A BANNED OR CHALLENGED BOOK	LISTEN TO AN AUDIOBOOK



