

# I Love Tenderloin

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# I Love Tenderloin Week

#### I Love Tenderloin Week (April 21-27)

- Weeklong celebrations of 20+ events welcoming residents and visitors to neighborhood. SFPL participated in the following:
  - 4/20: Eid Alfitr Tenderloin Community Celebration
  - 4/23: Small Business Boogie
  - 4/25: Larkin Street Youth Services Resource Fair
  - 4/26: Salvation Army Kroc Center Spring Family Festival
  - 4/27: "Tenderloin Branch" Open House
- Small Business Boogie: 93 attendees
- "Tenderloin Community Branch" Open House: 400 attendees



### Small Business Boogie





# **Arabic Story Hour**

- Worked closely with Tenderloin community leader and SFPL Cultural Ambassador/"Promotora" Radwa Hussein
- Story Hour presenter Asma Lahmar
- Every Story Hour followed with culturally affirming crafts
  - February: Henna
  - March: Ramadan lanterns
  - April: Watercolor calligraphy
- Between 70 and 100 people attended each Story Hour





## **Outreach to Arabic-Speaking Families**





#### "Tenderloin Branch" Open House: Resource Fair





#### **Other Open House Activities**













# Portraits of Tenderloin Residents



