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Events and Happenings at San Francisco Public Library

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LeUyen Pham and Gene Luen Yang

Award-Winning Authors and Illustrators

Intertwining themes of unrequited love, fate, grief, loss and family ties mingle in *Lunar New Year Love Story*, a stellar graphic novel by award-winning author and former National Ambassador for Young People's Literature Gene Luen Yang (*American Born Chinese*) and Caldecott Honor-winning illustrator LeUyen Pham (*Bear Came Along*). The two join forces to conjure a tale of magical realism driven by romance and drama spanning intergenerational and cross-cultural family dynamics. They discuss *Lunar New Year Love Story* and host a Q&A session followed by a book signing.

Gene Luen Yang and LeUyen Pham, *Lunar New Year Love Story* – Nov. 16, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Ocean View Branch Open House

Join Ocean View Branch on Saturday, Nov. 16, for their open house, featuring face painting, the Museum of Craft and Design, the San Francisco Symphony, crafts, button-making and snacks.

Ocean View Branch Open House – Nov. 16, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Welcome to One City One Book

Back for a special edition this fall, timed with the arrival of the new *Portrait of a Phenomenal Woman* monument on Larkin Plaza, you're invited to take part in the big SF Reads title: *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou! Check out your copy now, and see all the great related events that we have for you this fall.

One City One Book Events



Lava Thomas, photo: Carolyn Fong. Mildred Howard, photo: Raymond Holbert. Cheryl Derricotte, photo: Nye' Lyn Tho.

Panel: Women in Public Art

Join artists Lava Thomas, Mildred Howard and Cheryl Derricotte for a panel discussion moderated by arts writer Sarah Hotchkiss. They'll explore women's representation in public art, addressing identity, history, activism and community in the Bay Area. – Nov. 7, 6 p.m., Koret Auditorium, Main Library, Lower Level

Panel: Black Theater

Prominent artists discuss how the 1960s Black Arts Movement revolutionized San Francisco theater, paving the way for today's Black theater. The talk accompanies the *Black Theater—Go Home!* exhibition. – Nov. 10, 2 p.m., Koret Auditorium, Main Library, Lower Level

Film: Maya Angelou and GLIDE: *Rainbow in the Clouds* Screening and Discussion

The Tenderloin Museum and SFPL present *Rainbow in the Clouds*, a documentary highlighting Dr. Maya Angelou's deep connection to GLIDE Memorial Church and its activism. – Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m., Tenderloin Museum, 398 Eddy St., San Francisco



Dr. Kim McMillon

Echoes of Maya: A Celebration of Voice and Verse

Members of the creative community, Avotcja, Tureeda Mikell, Darius Simpson, Raymond Nat Turner and historian Dorothy Lazard join in a celebration of Maya Angelou's legacy. Curated by Dr. Kim McMillon, with readings, music and reflections on Angelou's impact. – Nov. 17, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level



Hannah Simonson, Allison Cummings and Jon Rusch

Panel: (Re)discovering San Francisco: Public Art

Discussion on San Francisco's public art and community heritage preservation in a changing cultural landscape. Speakers include Hannah Simonson, Allison Cummings, Jon Rusch and Jennifer Easton. – Nov. 19, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Join Our Book Clubs in December

Dec. 3, 7 p.m., Virtual Library.
Register: on.sfpl.org/REG12-3-24
Dec. 12, 6 p.m., Merced Branch
Club de Lectura de Los Visionarios – Dec. 10, 1 p.m., Talking Books & Braille Center, 2nd Floor



I left my heart in Santa Fe, painting by Felicia Gabaldon

Honor and celebrate Indigenous culture, visit sfpl.org/firstperson.

Celebrate Native and Indigenous Cultures with the Art of Felicia Gabaldon

We are thrilled to showcase the artwork of fine art painter and muralist Felicia Gabaldon for this year's First Person: Honoring Native and Indigenous Cultures campaign. Gabaldon's paintings narrate the story of her identity as a Native American Indian with both Spanish and Mexican heritage.

Gabaldon's work draws from the imagination a mythical and mystic part of the human experience in the natural world. Through cultural, iconic and folkloric content, her work expresses the wonders of nature realized through symbols and tradition. Her paintings represent the distant reverence of self-discovery, culture and historical elements.

Gabaldon is from Santa Fe, N.M. and currently resides in Berkeley, CA.. She is a resident artist at

Faultline Artspace in Oakland, CA. Gabaldon's work can be seen in Bay Area galleries. She was one of three artists to install artwork at the Presidio Tunnel Tops as part of the Ancestral Futurism Public Art Mentorship.

Join us this month and throughout the year to honor the diversity, rich cultures, histories and storytelling traditions of Native Americans and Indigenous peoples.

Find her on Instagram at [@feliciagabaldonart](https://www.instagram.com/feliciagabaldonart).



Felicia Gabaldon

Coming Up:

Dec. 1
SF Symphony Chamber Concert
Richmond Branch

Dec. 10
An Evening with Cafe Ohlone
Virtual Library

Dec. 15
Obi Kaufmann and Steve Wasserman
Koret Auditorium

Dec. 21
Nutcracker Oral History and Chair Dance
Latino/Hispanic Community Room



Look for the red, white and blue! Official SF ballot drop boxes are located at 20 SFPL locations. Be sure to put your ballot in the box marked with the American flag that says "OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP BOX" (and not in our silver book return bins!).

Events, Collections and Services

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facebook.com/sfpl.org

x.com/SFPublicLibrary

instagram.com/sfpubliclibrary

youtube.com/user/SanFranciscoLibrary



Write That Novel Now

November is National Novel Writing Month, also known as NaNoWriMo, inspiring creative writers of all ages to write 50,000 words in just 30 days.

FOR ADULTS

Activities

Shut Up and Write

Write quietly with adults after a brief check-in. Write for up to two hours, then stay and chat. No critiques or sharing required.

Nov. 7, 14 and 21, 6 p.m., Glen Park Branch

Come Write In

Gather with fellow writers every Tuesday in November at the Main Library.

Enjoy writing resources, refreshments and free Wi-Fi. Knock out your novel!

Nov. 5, 12, 19 and 26, 6 p.m., Stong Room, Main Library, 1st Floor

Workshops

The Art of the Literary Portrait

Create vivid characters with Constance Hale. Learn to capture physicality, inner life and yourself as a character using prompts from her book *Writing Character*. Nov. 7, 6 p.m., Learning Studio, Main Library, 5th Floor

How to Write a Memoir, Short Story and Essay

Join award-winning author Jing Li for a workshop series to refine your storytelling skills for memoir, short story and essay writing. Nov. 17, 2 p.m., Paley Room, Main Library, 3rd Floor

Write Gripping Stories

Join Maury Zeff for a National Novel Writing Month workshop on crafting narrative urgency and developing dynamic, three-dimensional characters. Nov. 24, 1 p.m., Learning Studio, Main Library, 5th Floor

FOR YOUTH

Tween Creative Writing Group

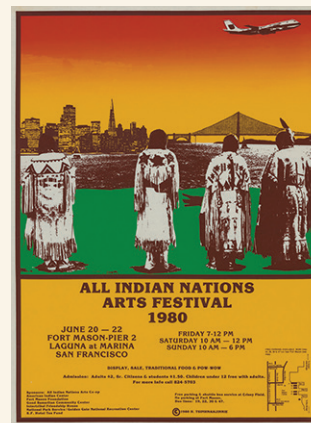
Write together on different topics, each month. Notebooks, pencils, writing prompts and snacks provided. For ages 9–13.

Nov. 2, 3 p.m., Western Addition Branch

826 Valencia Writers Club

Meet other teen writers, get creative and build strong writing skills. Led by 826 Valencia mentors. For ages 12–18. Nov. 20, 4 p.m., Main Library, The Mix at SFPL, 2nd Floor

Collections Corner: San Francisco History in Posters



All Indian Nations Arts Festival, 1980. Screenprinted by La Raza Graphic Center. San Francisco Poster Collection.

Spanning from the late 1800s to the present, the San Francisco Poster Collection contains over 1,200 printed posters, each one a snapshot of a moment in San Francisco history and culture. You will find glimpses of places and events both localized and

far-reaching from advertisements for annual neighborhood street fairs in the 1980s to calls for volunteers to harvest vegetables during the Second World War. There are posters of cultural and political events such as the San Francisco Book Festival, San Francisco Jazz Festival, Carnaval; posters promoting performances and shows, election posters and protest posters together are just the tip of the proverbial iceberg. There is something for everyone within the collection. Significant poster creators include La Raza Graphics, Mission Grafica, San Francisco Poster Brigade and San Francisco Poster Syndicate among many others.

Explore the San Francisco Poster Collection at the San Francisco History Center, 6th Floor, Main Library. sfpl.org/sfhistory.

The Legion of Honor at 100!

Since its dedication in San Francisco on Nov. 11, 1924, the Legion of Honor has welcomed locals and visitors with its world-class art collection and sweeping views of the Golden Gate. This year marks the museum's 100th anniversary as a vital part of the Bay Area's cultural community.

The Legion is planning an opening weekend extravaganza on Nov. 9, and throughout the year visitors can explore dynamic exhibitions, hear engaging stories from curators through a new free audio tour and lecture series, and become (re)acquainted with beloved collection highlights and new gallery additions. Together, let's imagine the Legion of Honor's next 100 years.

The library is helping to celebrate this momentous event with a special bookmark and book list plus virtual Legion of Honor museum docent talks starting this month.

Docent Talk: The Legion at 100 – Nov. 6, 6 p.m., Virtual Library

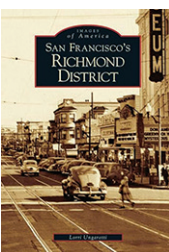
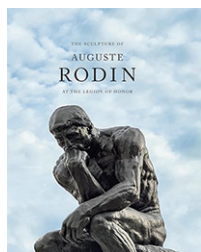
Must-reads:

The Sculpture of Auguste Rodin at the Legion of Honor by Martin Chapman

Big Alma by Bernice Scharlach

Hector the Collector by Emily Beeny

San Francisco's Richmond District by Lorri Ungaretti



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Fold3 Database

If you are researching an ancestor who was a Veteran, give Fold3 Library Edition a try. Named after the traditional practice at military funerals where a triangularly folded flag is presented to the family of the departed veteran (and with the third fold specifically being in honor and remembrance of the veteran), Fold3 contains millions of digitized historical military records from all the conflicts and wars in U.S. history. There are both official documents produced by the various military branches, such as draft registration cards, service records, muster rolls and pension files; and personal documents like war diaries, photos and letters of the men and women who have served our country. With content from the Revolutionary War onward, Fold3 Library Edition is an invaluable research resource for veterans and their families, as well as historians, genealogists, military enthusiasts, teachers and students. Find all our genealogy databases at sfpl.org/genealogy.

Esencia Latin Jazz Ensemble

Mark your calendar for this performance by Esencia Latin Jazz Ensemble, known for their lively, crowd-pleasing shows. This concert is not to be missed!

Local musician and band leader Jorge Ellington has also shared the stage with legendary performers including Celia Cruz, Tito Puente, Hector Lavoe and La Lupe. So, bring your friends and get ready to enjoy some smooth, hip-swaying jazz.

Esencia Latin Jazz Ensemble – Nov. 12, 1 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level



New Free Local Streaming Music, Now on Bay Beats

Our Bay Beats 2024 Collection is live on the Bay Beats website. We are excited to announce the addition of more than 160 new albums. Bay Beats is the library's local music streaming platform, which launched in Oct. 2023. Like the albums we brought you last year, this new batch represents the Bay Area's diverse musical genres, demographics and points of view. Anyone can stream the music, but SFPL library card holders download mp3s.

Come celebrate at our launch party on Nov. 3 at Richmond Branch, featuring the Kathy Kallick Band, Howan, Peña and Groblen.



Visit baybeats.sfpl.org.



Fall Break at the Library Participate in activities at your local library during SFUSD's fall break.

Pumpkin Cornbread Waffles
Make a kid-friendly seasonal recipe and expand your taste buds.
Nov. 23, 1 p.m., Main Library, Children's Center, 2nd Floor

Math Festival Challenge yourself with teen-created activities, such as mosaics and mapping, dominoes and cup stacking. For ages 8 and older.
Nov. 23, 2 p.m., Merced Branch

Storytelling with Kirk Waller
Waller weaves a magical storytelling with music, movement and spoken word.
Nov. 26, 3 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch

Community Gardening Participate in shared gardening tasks, connect to the outdoors and de-stress.
Nov. 30, 11 a.m., Merced Branch

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San Francisco Reads

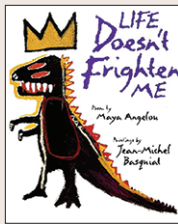
Maya Angelou-Related Recommended Reading

Books for Kids

on.sfpl.org/OCOB24ReadKids

Life Doesn't Frighten Me by Maya Angelou and Jean-Michel Basquiat

Visionary full-color artwork by Jean-Michel Basquiat accompanies a stirring poem celebrating courage, strength and fearlessness, by the famed poet and author of *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*.



Maya Angelou's Favorite Songs of All Time

on.sfpl.org/OCOB24Music

Inspired by Maya Angelou's love of music featuring jazz, soul and gospel tracks.

The Very Best of Roberta Flack

Angelou loved the classic "Killing Me Softly with His Song."

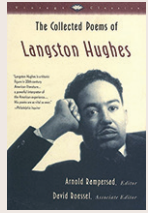
Stevie Wonder: The Definitive Collection

"I Just Called to Say I Love You" is the Angelou favorite on this collection.

Maya Angelou's Favorite Books & Influences

on.sfpl.org/OCOB24Favorites

Maya Angelou's literary DNA is shaped by the narratives, characters and styles of her favorite authors, including Anne Spencer and Kwesi Brew.



The Collected Poems of Langston Hughes

Collected Poems showcase the poet's rhythmic style and commitment to celebrating and confronting Black life in America.



Love Works by Janice Mirikitani

A collection of poems exploring love, resilience and community with a direct, passionate voice rooted in cultural heritage.

A Maya Angelou-Inspired Journey Through the History of SF Streetcars and Cable Cars

on.sfpl.org/OCOB24Streetcars



DVD: *San Francisco Cable Cars*

An insightful documentary featuring historians and current workers, revealing the surprising origins of San Francisco's streetcars and their near disappearance.



San Francisco's Magnificent Streetcars by Kenneth C. Springirth

This book offers a chapter-by-chapter history of streetcar lines, featuring color photographs of streetcars and people, capturing 1970s and 1980s fashion.



Dr. Maya Angelou at GLIDE, 1993.

Photo by Alain McLaughlin. GLIDE Historical Records (SFH 744), San Francisco History Center.

Exhibition: *Dear Sister Maya Angelou*

Celebrating Dr. Maya Angelou, the 6th Floor exhibit shows Angelou's longtime congregation membership with GLIDE in the Tenderloin. *Dear Sister Maya Angelou* draws from the San Francisco History Center's recent archival acquisition, GLIDE Historical Records, to focus on Angelou's involvement with GLIDE and her dedicated friendships with Reverend Cecil Williams and poet Janice Mirikitani. Materials on view include photographs, brochures and correspondence. In addition, the exhibit highlights Angelou's enduring legacy and the impact she had on the church and city she loved.

Exhibition: *Dear Sister Maya Angelou* – Nov. 8, 2024–Feb. 16, 2025, Main Library, Saroyan Area, 6th Floor

First Person Programs and Booklists

Honor and celebrate Indigenous culture, visit sfpl.org/firstperson.

Cookbooks

on.sfpl.org/FirstPerson24Cooking

This list features First Nations authors sharing Indigenous foods, personal stories and tribal history. Explore their works in the SFPL collection.



Corn Dance: Inspired First American Cuisine by Loretta Barrett Oden

Emmy-winning Native American chef Oden shares Potawatomi culinary traditions with fresh recipes like corn silk tea and sage popcorn.

Art Books on.sfpl.org/FirstPerson24Art

A curated selection highlighting contemporary Indigenous art, culture, and perspectives from Native artists across various media and regions.

Project 562: Changing the Way We See Native America by Matika Wilbur



Matika Wilbur started a Kickstarter to fund her travel to photograph, visit and interview with what in 2012 were 562 federally recognized Native American Tribal Nations, which she did over the

next 10 years and 6,000 miles.

Fiction on.sfpl.org/FirstPerson25Fiction

A selection of fiction by Indigenous authors, showcasing diverse stories that explore identity, culture and resilience.



Where They Last Saw Her by Marcie R. Rendon

When Quinn hears a woman scream near her home on the Minnesota reservation, she finds only a beaded earring. Frustrated by the police's inaction, she decides to investigate.

Adult

Jonathan Cordero, Exec. Director of the Association of Ramaytush Ohlone

Jonathan Cordero will present on the Association of Ramaytush Ohlone's efforts to reclaim and restore land in San Francisco. Nov. 7, 5:30 p.m., Main Library, Environmental Center, 5th Floor



Native American Poetry Celebration

San Francisco Poet Laureate emerita Kim Shuck invites Native American poets and special guests to share their works. Nov. 10, 6 p.m.; Nov. 17, 1 p.m.; Nov. 21, 6 p.m., Main Library, Latino Hispanic Community Room

An Evening with Cafe Ohlone



Join Cafe Ohlone co-founders Vincent Medina and Louis Trevino on Zoom to hear about Ohlone culture past and present. Dec. 10, Virtual Library

Film: *Climate Back Documentary*

A documentary interviewing Native and First Nations about the impact of climate change. Teen filmmaker Rishi will lead a discussion following the 20-min. film. Nov. 3, 3:30 p.m., Noe Valley Branch

Film: *Dance Me Outside*



Director Bruce McDonald explores life on a Northern Ontario native reservation. This drama examines tensions between Native Canadians and Anglos from a Native perspective. Nov. 13, 6 p.m., Glen Park Branch

Creative Arts

Native American Beading with Kalerie Roanhorse
Learn the basics of jewelry design and beading from expert Kalerie Roanhorse.
Nov. 17, 1 p.m., Ortega Branch
Nov. 22, 4 p.m., Bayview Branch
Dec. 15, 5 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch
Dec. 14, 2 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch

Youth Librarian-Led Events

Book Club: Emily Bowen Cohen's *Two Tribes*



Youth discuss a book about a multiracial Jewish and Muscogean tween, with divorced parents, who is struggling with balancing her racial identities. For ages 9–13.
Nov. 10, 2 p.m., Bayview Branch
Nov. 18, 4:30 p.m., Glen Park Branch

Navajo Code Talker Escape Room Challenge

Be a code-cracker trying to solve the Navajo Code, used by the Navajo Code Talkers in World War II. Teams will solve clues to crack the code. For children ages 8 and older.
Nov. 10, 3 p.m., Merced Branch

BiblioBistro: Native Recipes



Make wild rice and berries with popped rice and tepary beans with chile-agave glaze by Sean Sherman, author of *The Sioux Chef's Indigenous Kitchen*, using Biblio Bistro, the Library's portable kitchen. For ages 12–18.
Nov. 13, 4 p.m., Main Library, The Mix, 2nd Floor

November 2024 Event Calendar

Adults

1 Friday

Preserve Personal Collections Virtual, 1 p.m.

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

Aging & Disability Resources/ 藩市耆英和殘障資源中心 Chinatown, 2–4 p.m.

Blood Pressure Mgmt 講座: 血壓管理 Visitation Valley, 2 p.m.

1, 8, 15 Fridays

Healthier Living: Older Adults Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

2 Saturday

Bay Beats 2024 Release Party Richmond, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Karaoke Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 1 p.m.

Tai Chi for Wellness Golden Gate Valley, 1:30 p.m.

Washi Tape Gift Craft Ocean View, 2 p.m.*
Visitation Valley, 2:30 p.m.

Improv Theatre Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

Journal-Making for Healing Portola, 3 p.m.

2, 16, 30 Saturdays

Knitting Sunset, 10:15 a.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Saturdays

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

3 Sunday

Plant Swap Bernal Heights, 1–2 p.m.

Karaoke Glen Park, 2p.m.

Meditative Doodling Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

4 Monday

Emergency Preparedness for Children w/ Disabilities North Beach, 4 p.m.

Crafting

Visitation Valley, 4:30 p.m.

4, 18 Mondays

Older Writers Lab Bernal Heights, 10 a.m.

4, 18, 25 Mondays

Diabetes Education North Beach, 1 p.m.

5, 12, 19 Tuesdays

Diabetes Education (Seniors) Virtual, 10 a.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays

Bocce Ball Class North Beach, 1:30 p.m.

ESL Online Convo Club Virtual, 3–4 p.m.

Come Write In Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl, 6 p.m.

6 Wednesday

Book Exchange Golden Gate Valley, 1p.m.

APAC Office Hours Visitation Valley, 1 p.m.

Movement w/ Music Marina, 3–4 p.m.

Huichol Yarn Painting Noe Valley, 4 p.m.

Docent Talk: The Legion at 100 – Virtual, 6 p.m.

6, 13, 20 Wednesdays

Diabetes Education (Seniors) Ocean View, 3:30 p.m. *

6, 13, 20, 27 Wednesdays

Tai Chi, Presidio -Beginners, 11:30 a.m.
-Advanced, 12:15 p.m.

Meditation Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 12p.m.

6, 20 Wednesdays

Yoga Ingleside, 6 p.m.*

7 Thursdays

Earthquake Preparedness Ingleside, 2 p.m. *

Jonathan Cordero (Assn of Ramaytush Ohlone) Main, Environ. Ctr - 5th Fl, 5:30 p.m.

Panel: Women in Public Art Main, Koret, 6–7:30 p.m.

Art of the Literary Portrait Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 6 p.m.

7, 14, 21 Thursdays

Breath Meditation/Gentle Yoga Richmond, 11 a.m.

Shut Up & Write Glen Park, 12:30 p.m.

Disability & Aging Svcs Clinic Sunset, 1–3 p.m.

Wild Goose Qigong Presidio, 2 p.m.

English Convo Club Mission, 3:30 p.m.

7, 21 Thursdays

Chess Club Glen Park, 4 p.m.

8 Friday

Teneriffe Lace Ornament Ocean View, 2–4 p.m. *

Felt Crafts Golden Gate Valley, 3:30 p.m. *

Karaoke Excelsior, 4 p.m.

8, 22 Fridays

Watercolor Bernal Heights, 1–5 p.m.
Glen Park, 1:30–5 p.m.

9 Saturday

Building Resilience Main, Lower Level, 2–5 p.m.

Chinese Calligraphy & Chess Visitation Valley, 2:30 p.m.

9, 23 Saturdays

Gentle Yoga Mission Bay, 10 a.m.

Breathwork/Meditation Mission Bay, 11:15 a.m.

9, 30 Saturdays

Village Within a City Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

Author: Clyde Always & Jessica Loos Presidio, 2 p.m.

10 Sunday

Queer Altar Building & Breathing Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 1 p.m.

Celebrate Calligrapher Alan Blackman Main, Lower Level, 1–4 p.m.

Women's Clothing Swap Glen Park, 2–3 p.m.

Chinese Ancestral Identity in Amer Lit Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl- 5th Fl, 2 p.m.

Panel: The SF Black Theater Movement Main, Koret, 2 p.m.

Crafting Eureka Valley, 3 p.m.

12 Tuesday

Refuse Refuse Richmond, 8 a.m.

Esencia Latin Jazz Ensemble Main, Koret, 1–2 p.m.

Author: Erika Howsare, The Age of Deer Virtual, 5:30 p.m.

Letterform Series: Amos Ken-nedy Main, Koret, 6–7:30 p.m.

On the Page, Off the Page Park, 6–7:30 p.m.

12, 19, 26 Tuesdays

Fit for Life North Beach, 1 p.m. *

12, 26 Tuesdays

Knitting Glen Park, 1 p.m.

13 Wednesday

Genealogy Group Virtual, 1–3 p.m.

Streaming Music & Videos Virtual, 3 p.m.

Stamp Making Noe Valley, 4 p.m.

Paint & Sip Main, Lower Level, 5:30 p.m.

Stenciled Floral Wall Art Mission Bay, 5:30 p.m.

Author: Josh Berry Ortega, 6 p.m.

13, 27 Wednesdays

Dpt of Disability & Aging Svcs Main, Atrium, 1–3:30 p.m.

14 Thursday

Create a Dog Tug Toy Marina, 3 p.m.

French Convo Excelsior, 5 p.m.

Medicare 101 Richmond, 5–7 p.m.

Kim Shuck's Poem Jam Main, Lower Level, 6 p.m.

15 Friday

Organizing Critical Info Glen Park, 2–3 p.m.

Knitting Anza, 3:30 p.m.

Karaoke Bayview, 4 p.m.

16 Saturday

Native American Beading Eureka Valley, 2 p.m.

Author: Gene Luen Yang & LeUyen Pham, Lunar New Year Love Story Main, Koret, 2 p.m.

Post-War Presidio Presidio, 2 p.m.

How SF Became America's "Gay Capital" Virtual, 3 p.m.

17 Sunday

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

Native American Poetry Main, Lower Level, 1 p.m.

Lacemaking & Fiber Arts North Beach, 1:30–4 p.m.

Crafts: Embellishment Excelsior, 2 p.m.

Urban Native Plants Glen Park, 2 p.m.

Reflections on Maya Angelou Main, Koret, 2–4:30 p.m.

Write a Memoir, Short Story or Essay Main, Paley Rm - 3rd Fl, 2 p.m.

18 Monday

Chair Yoga Ortega, 1 p.m.

North East Med Svcs Visitation Valley, 1–3 p.m.

Sand Painting Noe Valley, 4 p.m.

18, 25 Mondays

Beginning Tai-Chi Anza, 11:30 a.m.

19 Tuesday

Vinyl Record Listening Excelsior, 5 p.m.

Game Night

Eureka Valley, 6 p.m.

Panel: SF Public Art & Monuments Main, Koret, 6–7:30 p.m.

Grotto Nights Virtual, 6 p.m.

Rogue Recovery

Park, 6:30 p.m.

20 Wednesday

Syd Barrett Slideshow Virtual, 12–1:30 p.m.

Scrap Quilting Bernal Heights, 2–4 p.m.

Author: Alison Owings w/ Del Seymour Main, African Amer Ctr - 3rd Fl, 6 p.m.

21 Thursday

Basic Watercolor Painting Golden Gate Valley, 2–4 p.m.

Wet Tissue Paper Art

Sunset, 4 p.m. *

Native American Poetry Main, Lower Level, 6 p.m.

22 Friday

Medicare 101 Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

Native American Beading

Bayview, 4 p.m.

23 Saturday

Holiday Herbs Visitation Valley, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Secrets of Stage Production Main, Koret, 2–3 p.m.

24 Sunday

Write Gripping Stories Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 1 p.m.

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

Patch/Embroider Clothes Glen Park, 2–4 p.m.

25 Monday

Blood Drive Bernal Heights, 1–5 p.m.

26 Tuesday

Jewelry Making Richmond, 2–3:30 p.m. *

Sequoia Living Sr Ctrs Main, Atrium, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

27 Wednesday

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

30 Saturday

Therapy Pets Excelsior, 1 p.m.

On View

Jewett Gallery, Main Library, Lower Level

From Disco Days to the Tech Craze:

50 Years of ArtSpan SF Open Studios

Celebrate 50 years of ArtSpan's San Francisco Open Studios, a testament to the enduring power of art to bridge communities and to the unyielding spirit of the artists who have been at the forefront of shaping San Francisco's cultural identity. Through Nov. 17.

Skylight Gallery, Main Library, 6th Floor

Dear Sister Maya Angelou

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Other Exhibits, Main Library

Chinaman Tycoon: The Life and Times of Lew Hing

The Life and Times of Lew Hing (1858–1934) traces the life of this pioneering entrepreneur who broke racial barriers at a fraught time in U.S. history. This exhibit features original documents, photographs and artifacts collected during his life, reflecting his involvement in significant businesses in early Chinatown and the wider business world. Through Jan. 2, 2025. History Center, 6th Floor and Chinese Center, 3rd Floor.

We Heart Tenderloin: Photographs by Judy Irunyi

Local photographer and retired social worker Judy Irunyi photographed the Tenderloin community from 2014–2016. Fulton and Larkin St. Entrances and the 5th and 6th floors.

Black Theatre—Go Home! The Black Arts Theater

Movement in San Francisco
Curated by San Francisco-born playwright Kheven LaGrone, *Black Theatre—Go Home!* re-lives the spirit of the revolution that still drives San Francisco's Black theater today. Through Nov. 30. African American Center, 3rd Floor.

Exhibits at the Branches

Toward a Black Aesthetic: Kenneth P. Green Sr's

Photographs of the 1960s and 70s.
Experience Kenneth P. Green, Sr.'s vibrant documentary photographs of San Francisco's African Liberation Day demonstration in the Fillmore in 1972. Ongoing. Western Addition Branch

Book Clubs

5, 19 Tuesdays

Check'em Out Glen Park, 1 p.m.

7 Thursday

Tommy Orange, There There Virtual, 6 p.m.

12 Tuesday

Cozy Capers & Mysteries Presidio, 3 p.m.

13 Wednesday

Chinatown Readers Chinatown, 5:15 p.m.

13, 27 Wednesdays

Silent Book Club Richmond, 3 p.m.

16 Saturday

Donna Leon, Wandering Through Life Ortega, 11 a.m.

17 Sunday

Great Books Anza, 1:30 p.m.

Friends of Dorothy Eureka Valley, Virtual, 3:30 p.m.

19 Tuesday

Isabel Allende, The Wind Knows My Name Bernal Heights, 2 p.m.

20 Wednesday

Louise Erdrich, The Night Watchman Golden Gate Valley, 2 p.m.

Louise Erdrich, The Round House West Portal, 6 p.m.

Kristen Hannah, The Women Mission Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Paul Yoon, The Hive and the Honey Noe Valley, 6:30 p.m.

21 Thursday

Talking Book Club Main, Talking Books Ctr - 2nd Floor, 12–1:30 a.m.

24 Sunday

Marina Readers Marina, 2 p.m.

Tommy Orange, Wandering Stars Eureka Valley, Virtual, 3:30 p.m.

26 Tuesday

Silent Readers Sunset, 4 p.m.

Louise Erdrich, The Sentence Excelsior, 6:30 p.m.

27 Wednesday

George Saunders, Tenth of December Virtual, 6:30 p.m.

For detailed descriptions of calendar listings, go to sfpl.org/events.
Programs run 1–2 hours in length, unless noted.

Films

1 Friday

You've Got Mail
Bayview, 3 p.m.

Dance Me Outside
Excelsior, 3:30 p.m.

6 Wednesday

Carol Doda Topless at the Condor Glen Park, 2 p.m.

7 Thursday

Raging Bull
Main, Koret, 12 p.m.

13 Wednesday
The Narrow Margin (1952)
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

Blinded by the Light
Park, 5 p.m.

Dance Me Outside
Glen Park, 6 p.m.

14 Thursday

Rocky Main, Koret, 12 p.m.

Rainbow in the Clouds and Discussion
Main, 5:30 p.m.

Marginal Cinema
Main, Koret, 6–7:30 p.m.

20 Wednesday

Smoke Chinatown, 2–4 p.m.

21 Thursday

Million Dollar Baby
Main, Lower Level, 12–2:15 p.m.

25 Monday

Corned (1945)
Golden Gate Valley,
3–4:45 p.m.

28 Thursday

Thurs@Noon Series
Main, Koret, 12–2 p.m.

Tech Time

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Saturdays

Tech Help West Portal, 12–3 p.m.

4 Monday

Using eBooks/Audiobooks
Bernal Heights, 3–4 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays

Tech Drop-In Main, Computer
Ctr - 5th Fl, 1–2:30 p.m.

Tech Tuesdays

Bayview, 1–2:45 p.m.

一對一基本科技協助
(粵語和國語) Main, Computer
Ctr - 5th Fl, 10–11:30 a.m.

Ayuda De Computación (Español)

Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl,
5–6:30 p.m.

6, 20 Wednesdays

Tech Savvy at 60+
Richmond, 1:30–2:15 p.m.

7 Thursday

Intro to Computers
Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl,
10 a.m.–12 p.m.

8 Friday

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

8, 22 Fridays

Cantonese Tablet/Smartphones: Ages 60+
Sunset, 1–2:30 p.m.

9 Saturday

eBook Drop-In
Main, Atrium,
3–4:30 p.m.

13 Wednesday

Drop-in Tech Help
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

15 Friday

Tablet/Smartphones: Ages 60+
Sunset, 1–2:30 p.m.*

19 Tuesday

SF Chronicle Online
Chinatown, 2–3 p.m.*

21 Thursday

Zoom Basics/Zoom 簡介
Chinatown, 2–3:30 p.m.

22 Friday

Tech Support: Older Adults
Ortega, 1:30–3 p.m.

Streaming Music Party

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

26 Tuesday

Drop-in Tech Help
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

Work It (Jobs, Business, Finance)

3 Sunday

Resumes/Cover Letters
Virtual, 3–4:30 p.m.

6 Wednesday

Employment: People w/ Disabilities Main, Atrium,
1–3:30 p.m.

Savings Fitness
Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

7 Thursday

Apply For a CA State Job
Virtual, 1–2:30 p.m.

7, 14, 21 Thursdays

Career Coaching
Main, Sycip Rm - 4th Fl,
11 a.m.–1 p.m.

12 Tuesday

Job Match: People w/ Disabilities
Virtual, 3:15–4 p.m.

13 Wednesday

LinkedIn for Job Search, Part 2 Virtual, 2–3:15 p.m.

14 Thursday

Small Biz Advisor
Virtual, 2–4 p.m.

19 Tuesday

Got Credit? Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

BeneFITS 2 Work

Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl,
11 a.m.–1 p.m.

20 Wednesday

Employment Resources
Main, Atrium, 1–3:30 p.m.

Sr Community Service Employment

Virtual, 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

21 Thursday

Resume Writing Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

26 Tuesday

Small Biz Branding & PR
Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

Teens

The Mix at SFPL

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

1 Friday

Día de los Muertos Clay Skulls 3–4 p.m.

3 Sunday

D&D 8-Wk Campaign
12:30–2:30 p.m.

5 Tuesday

D&D 8-Wk Campaign 5–7 p.m.

7, 14, 21 Thursdays

Sewing Basics 4–5 p.m.

7, 21 Thursdays

Digital Design 4–5 p.m.

13 Wednesday

Biblio Bistro 4–6 p.m.

13, 20 Wednesdays

D&D 8-Wk Campaign 4–6 p.m.

14 Thursday

Use Procreate Layer Effects
4–5 p.m.

16 Saturday

Karaoke 4–5 p.m.

17 Sunday

SAT Prep 12:30–4:30 p.m.

20 Wednesday

826 Valencia Writers
4–6:30 p.m.

22 Friday

Queer & Trans Social Hr
4:30–5:30 p.m.

24 Sunday

Super Smash Bros 3–5 p.m.

27 Wednesday

Snack Trials 4–5 p.m.

30 Saturday

Film: Bee Nation 2 p.m.

Mix Recording Studio

Guitar and Bass Lessons
• Tuesdays, 5:30–6 p.m.
• Wednesdays, 4:30–5 p.m.
• Saturdays, 3:30–4 p.m.

Recording Studio Orientation

• Tuesdays, 6–6:30 p.m.
• Wednesdays, 4:30–5 p.m.
• Saturdays, 4–4:30 p.m.

Recording and Songwriting

• Tuesdays, 6:30–7 p.m.
• Wednesdays, 5–5:30 p.m.
• Saturdays, 4:30–5 p.m.

Teens at the Branches

2, 9, 23, 30 Saturdays

Gardening
Merced, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

3 Sunday

Art Club Anza, 2–3:30 p.m.

Film: Climate Back

Noe Valley, 3:30 p.m.

5 Tuesday

Huichol Yarn Painting
Sunset, 3 p.m.

Film: The Fall Guy

Potrero, 5:30 p.m.

10, 17, 24 Sundays

Drop-In Crafts
North Beach, 3–4 p.m.

12 Tuesday

Washer Necklaces
Golden Gate Valley, 4 p.m.*

13 Wednesday

Teen Book Swap
青少年圖書交換寫書評
Chinatown, 3–4:30 p.m.

Faux Stained-Glass Art

Excelsior, 3:30–5:30 p.m.*

16 Sunday

K-Pop Photocards

Portola, 3 p.m.

19 Tuesday

Seasonal Fall Crafts
North Beach, 4:30 p.m.

Film: Star Wars (Navajo Language Edition)

Potrero, 5:30 p.m.

20 Wednesday

Poetry North Beach, 3:30 p.m.

21 Thursday

Film: Clueless
Western Addition, 4 p.m.



Study Smart Tutors Workshops are open to students in grades 9–12 who live or attend school in San Francisco. For more information or to sign up directly: StudySmart.us/SFPL.

College Essay Writing (Class A)
5, 7 Tuesday: Virtual, 4–5 p.m.*

College Entrance Writing for the Common App (Class B)
4 Monday: Virtual, 5–6 p.m.*
8 Friday: Virtual, 5–6 p.m.*

College Entrance Writing for the PIQs (Class C)
2, 16 Saturday: Virtual, 10–11:30 a.m.*

Financial Aid & Scholarships
2 Saturday: Excelsior, 2–4 p.m.*
7 Thursday: Ortega, 5:30–7:30 p.m.*

SAT Prep
14, 21 Thursday:
Chinatown, 5:30–7:30 p.m.*
Parkside, 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.*

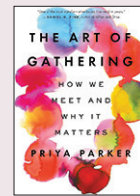
SAT Prep (Class E)
12, 19 Tuesday and 14 Thursday: Virtual, 4–5 p.m.*

Scholarships
6 Wednesday: Virtual, 4–5 p.m.*

Student Support Session
12 Tuesday and 14 Thursday:
Virtual, 5–5:30 p.m.*

The Art of Celebrating

on.sfpl.org/Celebrate24



The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters by Priya Parker

Critiques common pitfalls of meetings, emphasizing the need for purposeful, well-planned gatherings that avoid aimlessness and maximize opportunities.



Gather and Graze: Globally Inspired Small Bites and Gorgeous Table Scapes for Every Occasion by Mumtaz Mustafa, Laura Klynstra

A vibrant testament to the power of cross-cultural friendships in deepening our understanding of the world.



The Hostess Handbook by Maria Zizka

Helpful guide offering readers 100 easy entertaining recipes, party planning advice and curated menus to pull off the most delicious, delightful of gatherings.



A Nordic Feast by Mikkel Karstad

Provides stress-free seasonal recipes for effortless entertaining, featuring six occasion-based menus—from summer barbecues to Christmas dinners—along with elegant photographs that capture joy and togetherness.

Cocktails and Mocktails

on.sfpl.org/CockMocktails24



Forbidden Cocktails: Libations Inspired by the World of Pre-Code Hollywood by André Darlington

A stylish cocktail book blending pre-Code Hollywood and Prohibition-era drinks, featuring 50 film-inspired pairings and more than 100 captivating images.



Cocktail America: Over 200 Cocktails from America's Greatest Cities

This stunning book features a collection of cocktail recipes from America's top mixologists, along with expert tips and bartender interviews.



High Times: Cannabis Cocktails by Jamie Evans

Craft THC-infused mocktails, cocktails and teas with more than seasonal recipes, tips for all skill levels and beautiful photography. Enjoy elevated beverages!



Outlander Cocktails by James Shy Freeman

Experience Claire and Jamie's adventures with 90 cocktail, nonalcoholic and bar bite recipes inspired by the Outlander series, blending history and flavor.



The Mocktail Club: Classic Recipes (and New Favorites) Without the Booze by Derick Santiago

Enjoy 75 creative mocktail recipes that bring speakeasy fun home, featuring classic flavors and fresh ingredients without the alcohol. Cheers!

November 2024 Event Calendar

Children

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Early Childhood

2 Saturday

KODO Ball Track
Excelsior, 11 a.m.

2, 9 Saturdays

Coloring & Toys
Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.

7 Thursday

Mini-Makers Merced, 11 a.m.

9 Saturday

OctoPlay Excelsior, 11 a.m.

10 Sunday

Baby Party! Sunset, 3 p.m.

12 Tuesday

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

14 Thursday

Stuffed Sleepover
Ortega, 11 a.m.–8 p.m.

16, 23, 30 Saturdays

KODO Rubber & Wood Ball Ramps Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.

17 Sunday

Instrument Play & Craft
Park, 2 p.m.

20 Wednesday

Play-Doh Excelsior, 5 p.m.

25 Monday

Pre-Soccer Skillbuilding
Glen Park, half-hour programs at 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.*

26 Tuesday

KODO Ball Track
Excelsior, 11:30–1:30 p.m.

Elementary School Age

1 Friday

Book Club: Jr Readers
Glen Park, 4 p.m.

2 Saturday

Crafts Sunset, 2 p.m.

2, 16 Saturdays

LEGO Robotics Parkside, 3 p.m.*

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Saturdays

Giant Jenga
Chinatown, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

3 Sunday

LEGO—Free Play Portola, 2 p.m.
Robotics Sunset, 2 p.m.
STEM Free Play Park, 2–3:30 p.m.
Free Play Merced, 2–4 p.m.

4, 18, 25 Mondays

Engineering for Kids Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 3:30 p.m.

5, 19 Tuesdays

Puppy Dog Tales
Excelsior, 4 p.m.

6 Wednesday

LEGO Night Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

7 Thursday

LEGO Free Play
Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

LEGO & Simple Basket Craft

North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

8 Friday

René y Familia
Chinatown, 3:30 p.m.*

Girls Who Code

Sunset, 4–5 p.m.*

9 Saturday

Filipino Parol Lantern
Bayview, 1 p.m.

Mini Cactus Piñata

Ortega, 1 p.m.*

Magnificent Magnets Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 2 p.m.

"Stained Glass" Insects

Excelsior, 2:30 p.m.

9, 23 Saturdays

Origami Sunset, 2 p.m.

10 Sunday

Crafts: Dinosaur Eggs
West Portal, 2 p.m.

Navajo Code Talker Escape Room Merced, 3 p.m.

12 Tuesday

LEGO Free Play
Richmond, 3:30 p.m.

12, 26 Tuesdays

Homework Lab
Excelsior, 4–6 p.m.

13 Wednesday

Turkey Finger Puppet
Ingleside, 3:30 p.m.

Book Club: Jr Readers
Marina, 6 p.m.

14 Thursday

Pom Pom Cannon
Chinatown, 3:45 p.m.*

15 Friday

Book Club: Choose Your Own Adventure Merced, 4 p.m.

Puppy Dog Tales

North Beach, 4 p.m.

Girls Who Code Sunset, 4 p.m.*

16 Saturday

Painting Big Feelings/ Pintando Sentimientos
Grandes Visitacion Valley, 1 p.m.*

Tree Frog Treks: Reptiles

Excelsior, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

17 Sunday

Puppy Dog Tales Merced, 2 p.m.

18 Monday

Nutcracker Sweets
Excelsior, 1 p.m.

Ohlone Staves Game
Portola, 3 p.m.

19 Tuesday

Paper Airplanes & Straw Rocketships Sunset, 2:30 p.m.

Leaf Sun Catcher

Golden Gate Valley, 4 p.m.

20 Wednesday

Sarimanok Craft
Potrero, 1:30 p.m.

Homework Hangout

Visitacion Valley, 2:30–4 p.m.

LEGO Free Play

Anza, 3–4:30 p.m.
Bayview, 3–5 p.m.
Presidio, 6–7 p.m.

"Stained Glass" Windows

Ingleside, 3:30 p.m.*

21 Thursday

LEGO Build-O-Rama
North Beach, 4 p.m.

22 Friday

Comics & Drawing
Sunset, 3 p.m.

Toilet Paper Roll Turkey

Chinatown, 3:45 p.m.*

Art Club Excelsior, 4 p.m.

Book Club: Choose Your Own Adventure Merced, 4 p.m.

23 Saturday

Family Games
Visitacion Valley, 2 p.m.

Dinosaur Boxcar & Movie Drive-In Bayview, 2:30 p.m.

25 Monday

Board/Card Games
Glen Park, 3–5:30 p.m.

Brain Games Sunset, 3:30 p.m.

30 Saturday

LEGO Robotics
West Portal, 3 p.m.

Middle School Age

2 Saturday

Creative Writing
Western Addition, 3–4:30 p.m.

3, 10, 17 Sundays

Chess Club
Ingleside, 2:30–4 p.m.

4, 18 Mondays

Drop-In Math Tutoring
Ingleside, 3:45–5:15 p.m.

6 Wednesday

Teen Gaming
Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

10 Sunday

Book Club: Craft the Story
Bayview, 2 p.m.

15 Friday

Thanksgiving Paper Circuits
感恩節紙電路卡片
Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.*

16 Saturday

Stone Garden Miniature Craft
Glen Park, 3–5 p.m.*

18 Monday

Graphic Novel: Two Tribes
Glen Park, 4:30 p.m.

20 Wednesday

Touchscreen Games
Marina, 3–5 p.m.

23 Saturday

Math Fest Merced, 2–3 p.m.

25 Monday

D&D Club Portola, 4–5:30 p.m.*

27 Wednesday

T(w)een Gaming
Bayview, 3–5 p.m.

Children's Storytimes

Storytimes for Babies

Songs, rhymes and books for infants and their caregivers.

Anza – 16, 23, 30 Saturdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Bernal Heights – Every Wednesday, 12–12:30 p.m.*
Chinatown – 7, 14, 21 Thursdays, 11–11:30 a.m.
Eureka Valley – Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Golden Gate Valley – 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays, 11:15–11:45 a.m.
Ingleside – 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays, 1:30–2 p.m.
Main – 4, 18, 25 Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Merced – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Mission Bay – 7, 14, 21 Thursdays, 10:15–10:45 a.m.*
North Beach – 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Ortega – 4, 18, 25 Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Park – Every Saturday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Potrero – Every Tuesday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.*
Presidio – 7, 14, 21 Thursdays, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Richmond – 4, 18, 25 Mondays, 11–11:30 a.m.*
Sunset – 4, 18, 25 Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Visitacion Valley – 4, 18, 25 Mondays, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
West Portal – Every Wed., 10:30–11 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
Western Addition – 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays, 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

Storytimes for Toddlers

Books, songs, movement and more. For toddlers 16 months through age 2 and their caregivers.

Bernal Heights – 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays, 11–11:30 a.m.*
Eureka Valley – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Excelsior – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Glen Park – 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays, 11–11:30 a.m.
7, 14, 21 Thursdays, 11–11:30 a.m.*
Ingleside – Every Sunday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.
4, 18, 25 Mondays, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
Main – Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Merced – 4, 18, 25 Mondays, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Mission – 6, 13, 20 Wednesdays, 11–11:30 a.m.
(Español) (Mission Arts Center)
7, 14, 21 Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.* and 11–11:30 a.m.*
(Español/English) (Garfield Square Park)
Mission Bay – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.*
North Beach – 7, 14, 21 Thursdays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Ocean View – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
7, 14, 21 Thu., 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m. (Minnie & Love Ward Ctr)
Ortega – 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Park – 4, 18, 25 Mondays, 3:30–4 p.m.
Parkside – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Portola – 4, 18, 25 Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Potrero – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.*
Presidio – 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Richmond – 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays, 11–11:30 a.m.*
Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.*
Sunset – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Visitacion Valley – Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.*
West Portal – Every Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
Western Addition – 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays, 11–11:30 a.m.

Storytimes for Preschoolers

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

Bayview – 5, 12, 26 Tuesdays, 11–11:30 a.m. (Español/English)
7, 14, 21 Thursdays, 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.
Parkside – 7, 14, 21 Thursdays, 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 – 14, 21 Thursdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Bernal Heights – Every Saturday, 10–10:30 a.m.*
Chinatown – Every Saturday, 2–2:30 p.m.
Excelsior – 7, 14, 21 Thu., 10:30–11:30 a.m. (English/Español)
1, 8, 15, 22 Fridays 1:30–2 p.m. (English/Español)
Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Glen Park – 6, 20 Wednesdays, 7–7:30 p.m. (Pajama Time)
Golden Gate Valley – 1, 8, 15, 22 Fridays 1:15–1:45 p.m.
Main – Every Wed., 10–10:30 a.m. (Salesforce Park Rooftop)
7, 14, 21 Thu., 10:30–11 a.m. (English/粵語課程/Cantonese)
Every Saturday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Marina – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Every Saturday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Merced – Every Wednesday, 2–2:30 p.m.
Noe Valley – 14, 21 Thu., 10:15–10:45 a.m. & 11–11:30 a.m.*
Ortega – 7, 14, 21 Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
Parkside – Every Sunday, 1:30–2 p.m.
Portola – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Potrero – 7, 14, 21 Thursday, 10–10:30 a.m. & 10:30–11 a.m.
Sunset – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Western Addition – 18 Monday, 11–11:30 a.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 – Koret Playground (Golden Gate Park, by the carousel)
3rd Tuesday – Hilltop Playground (Newcomb Ave & Whitney Young Circle)
4th Tuesday – Redwood Grove Playground (McLaren Park, 200 John F. Shelley Dr.)

Family

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1 Friday

MakeArt Potrero, 3 p.m.

Add to our Ofrenda

Glen Park, 1–6 p.m.

2 Saturday

Add to our Ofrenda
Glen Park, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Día de los Muertos Face Painting

West Portal, 10 a.m.

Origami

Bernal Heights, 2 p.m.

Pinch Pots Noe Valley, 3 p.m.

2, 16 Saturdays

Chinese Poetry/Stories (Mandarin) Portola, 11 a.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Saturdays

Playtime Potrero, 11 a.m.

3, 10, 17, 24 Sundays

Board Games Sunset, 2 p.m.

7 Thursday

Paper Mache Heart
Bayview, 4 p.m.

8 Friday

MakeArt Portola, 2–4 p.m.

9 Saturday

Cardboarder Craft
Eureka Valley, 11 a.m.

Dinosaur Terrariums

Marina, 2 p.m.

9, 16 Saturdays

Chess Club Excelsior, 1 p.m.

10 Sunday

Game Time Richmond, 2 p.m.

Table Tennis/Ping Pong

Visitacion Valley, 2 p.m.

12 Tuesday

Dog Reading Circle
Bernal Heights, 4 p.m.

Board Games/LEGO
Noe Valley, 6 p.m.

13 Wednesday

Film: Wish Bayview, 3 p.m.

14 Thursday

Playtime in Japanese/日本語
Western Addition, 11 a.m.

Corn Tortillas Excelsior, 3 p.m.

Filipino Folklore Ingleside, 4 p.m.*

15 Friday

MakeArt Bernal Heights, 3 p.m.

16 Saturday

Puzzle Swap Noe Valley, 1 p.m.

Diwali Rangoli

Mission Bay, 10:30 a.m.

Shamisen Japanese Music

Western Addition, 2 p.m.

Esencia Latin Jazz

Park, 2 p.m.

Fix-it Clinic: Sweaters

Richmond, 2 p.m.*

Chess Drop-In

West Portal, 2 p.m.

Arabic Story Hour

Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 2 p.m.

19 Tuesday

Nutcracker Sweets
Bayview, 11 a.m.

Taste Ohlone Food Faves

Visitacion Valley, 4 p.m.

20 Wednesday

Nutcracker Sweets
Sunset, 10:15 a.m.

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A Q&A with our new Development Director, Jessica Parker

Attention library lovers! We are thrilled to announce our new Development Director, Jessica Louise Parker, who joined us in September. With over 10 years of experience in fundraising at mission-driven organizations like Chabot Space & Science Center and The Exploratorium, Jessica brings a wealth of expertise to our team. Get to know her better by reading our Q&A:

Libraries are such unique spaces that serve everyone. How do you see them playing a special role in San Francisco, and what excites you most about working with Friends and SFPL?

For a progressive city in a sustained cycle of reinvention, one constant is that San Francisco's public libraries continue to welcome everyone. They are one of the last bastions of free, publicly accessible spaces that require nothing of visitors to participate and provide a multitude of community programs, literacy and lifelong learning opportunities, and access to technology. Friends of the San Francisco Public Library supports inclusivity and bridging the technological divide in our community through boldly increasing library access and awareness throughout the city. I am proud to be a philanthropic advocate for our vital work at Friends and to help ensure that libraries remain at the heart of our city communities for generations to come.

As SFPL undergoes major projects like the Mission and Chinatown branch renovations, what is one project or goal you are most eager to dive into in your new role?

Both capital-intensive projects currently need broader community support and can transform the entire neighborhood. When we give to important institutions like the library, we telegraph to the world what we value and prioritize. As a fundraiser, I am excited to welcome new supporting members to our giving community and potentially bolster these branches into the most vibrant, captivating and accessible learning epicenters in the Bay Area.

As a mom of two young kids, libraries are probably a big part of your family life! How does your family enjoy the Library, and do you have any favorite programs or memories you would like to share?

My oldest is eight years old and obsessed with *Captain Underpants* by Dav Pilkey and is currently devouring Roald Dahl's *The BFG*. My youngest is five years old and loves listening to the *Frog and Toad* books by Arnold Lobel and *George and Martha: The Complete Stories of Two Best Friends* by James Marshall. Reading aloud to both boys as part of our nighttime routine is my favorite part of the day: I love having these peaceful moments where our collective imaginations can quietly soar into the make-believe worlds of beloved stories and treasured characters.



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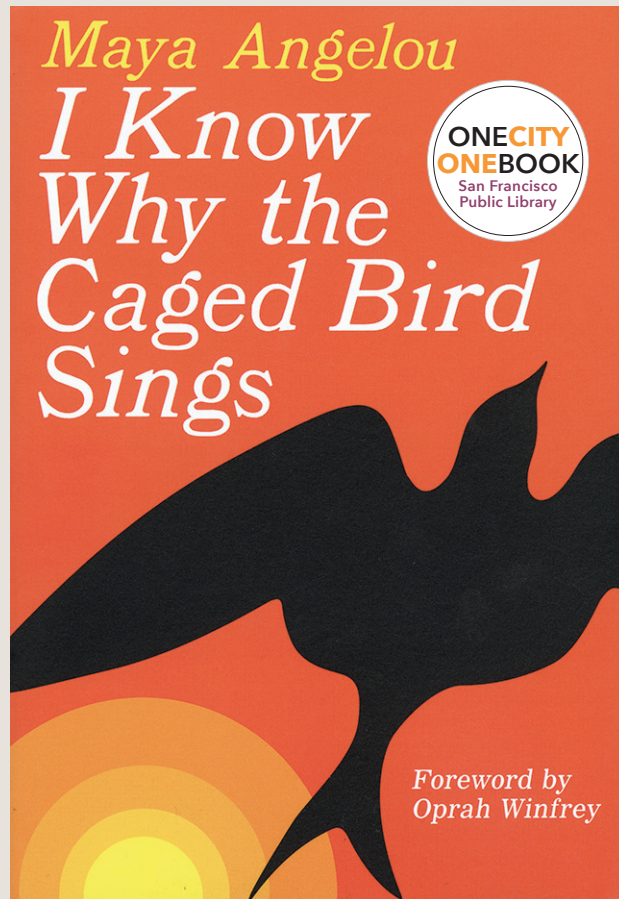
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BAYVIEW/BROOKS BURTON	5075 Third St.	355-5757	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
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CHINATOWN/LAI	1135 Powell St.	355-2888	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
EUREKA VALLEY/MILK	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELSIOR	4400 Mission St.	355-2868	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GLEN PARK	2825 Diamond St.	355-2858	1–5	10–6	10–6	12–8	10–7	1–6	10–6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOLDEN GATE VALLEY	1801 Green St.	355-5666	1–5	10–6	10–6	11–8	12–8	1–6	10–6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INGLESIDE	1298 Ocean Ave.	355-2898	1–5	10–6	10–6	10–8	12–7	1–6	10–6
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	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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
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