

AT THE LIBRARY

Events and Happenings at San Francisco Public Library

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Celebrate Lunar New Year with the Library

Celebrate Chinese New Year at SFPL to honor the year of the snake. People born in the year of the snake are said to be intelligent, mysterious and caring. In January, the Jing Mo Athletic Association will perform at 18 locations. Jing Mo will start with a martial arts demonstration, followed by the popular Lion Dance. Come cheer for the Lion Dancers and catch a piece of lucky lettuce to start off the year 2025! Can't make our January dates? In February, the West Coast Lion Dance Troupe will perform at five SFPL locations. Stay tuned for our February calendar.

Lion Dancing with Jing Mo Athletic Association

Saturday, Jan. 11

2 p.m., West Portal Branch
3 p.m., Parkside Branch
4 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch
5 p.m., Portola Branch

Saturday, Jan. 18

10:15 a.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch
11 a.m., Presidio Branch
12:30 p.m. Western Addition Branch
1:30 p.m., Main Library, Children's Ctr, 2nd Fl.
3 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch
4 p.m., Glen Park Branch
5 p.m., Ingleside Branch

Saturday, Jan. 25

10:15 a.m., Anza Branch
11:15 a.m. Richmond Branch
12:30 p.m., Noe Valley Branch
1:45 p.m., Park Branch
3 p.m., Marina Branch
4 p.m., Chinatown Branch
5 p.m., North Beach Branch

MORE THAN A MONTH

Black History, Culture & Heritage

Welcome to More Than a Month

We honor the richness of Black culture during SFPL's Black History celebration called More Than a Month, where we recognize the importance of Black History beginning on Martin Luther King Jr. Day through February and all year round at the library. This year, in alignment with the national theme of Black History Month, African Americans and Labor, we take a broad perspective to recognize the work African Americans have contributed to shape the lives and history of Black people and the societies in which they live. We highlight the impact of this effort whether that's in honoring the agricultural labor in our past, like in Malik Senefru's signature image of his grandmother (shown on our cover), capturing the richness of Black culture through the arts, memorializing the fight for social justice or the work to help heal our communities and teach our children. Celebrate with us by participating in a wide selection of performances, hands on activities, author readings, presentations, exhibits and much more for the whole family in recognition of our country's abundant Black History heritage. Visit sfpl.org/more-than-a-month.

Poet Laureate Inauguration

An afternoon of poetry, youth performances and music will mark the inauguration of San Francisco's 9th poet laureate, Genny Lim, at the San Francisco Main Library. The inaugural event, titled "I Am American," will feature performances by young poets from Youth Speaks, the Clarion Alley Children's Chorus, Kevin Simmonds and past San Francisco poets laureate.

Lim was appointed the City's poet laureate in September 2024 by then-Mayor London Breed. As part of her duties as laureate, Lim will host an inaugural event to celebrate her poetic vision for San Francisco.

Lim is the first Chinese American appointed to the City's three-year poet laureate position. She was born and raised in San Francisco's Chinatown and North Beach neighborhoods and is a graduate of San Francisco State University and Columbia University. Her writing has been widely published and awarded.



Genny Lim. Photo: Leon Sun

Poet Laureate Inauguration – Feb. 2, 3 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level



Tananarive Due

Shadows and Light Explores Black Horror and Healing

Join us for a transformative afternoon blending the power of Black horror with cultural exploration and collective healing. The day features a keynote address by acclaimed author Tananarive Due and panels with renowned writers and scholars including Jewelle Gomez, John Jennings, Dr. Kinitra Brooks and more. Connect with community in engaging activities as well as an interactive networking app and marketplace, all grounded in the cultural traditions of oral storytelling and neo-traditional call-and-response. An inspiring space for horror enthusiasts and those seeking deeper understanding of the Black diaspora's narratives and social justice. In partnership with Sistah SciFi.

Shadows and Light – Jan. 19, 12:30–5 p.m., Main Library, Lower Level

Film: *Free for All: The Public Library* Screening and Discussion

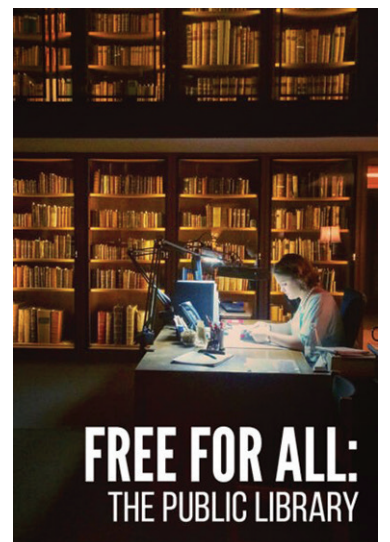
Preview the new documentary *Free for All: The Public Library* and join a special conversation with City Librarian Michael Lambert and former City Librarian Luis Herrera. Filmmakers Dawn Logsdon and Lucie Faulknor will introduce the film.

Free for All (NR, 80 mins., 2025, closed captions in English) explores the history of public libraries and the revolutionaries behind them, from the "Free Library Movement" to today's librarians facing challenges such as closures and book bans.

After the film, stay for an onstage panel with Lambert, Herrera and KQED Senior Editor Rachael Myrow on SFPL's vision for an equitable, connected and vibrant city.

Space is limited. Reservations required: on.sfpl.org/1-18-24. Presented by KQED, SFPL and ITVS.

Free for All: The Public Library Film and Panel Discussion – Jan. 18, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level



Coming Up:

Throughout February
Lion Dance Performances
Various locations

Feb. 2
Author Omo Moses with Belvie Rooks
Main Library, African American Center

Feb. 8
Valentine's Day Broadside Printing
Main Library, Book Arts & Special Collections

Feb. 11
Drumbeats, Heartbeats
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Feb. 13
Skateboarding San Francisco Opening and Reception
Main Library, Jewett Gallery

Events, Collections and Services

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instagram.com/sfpubliclibrary

youtube.com/user/SanFranciscoLibrary

View Mission School Artist's Work

In the late 1990s, while she worked in the Library's Preservation Department, artist Margaret Kilgallen hand-lettered signs for the Technical Services work areas. Hung on the wall outside each office, a series of ten signs greeted library workers from 1999 until 2005 when the department moved to another building down the street from the Main Library.

The original signs are now preserved in the Richard Harrison Collection of Calligraphy & Lettering, Book Arts & Special Collections, where they are publicly accessible to everyone interested in the work of this Mission School artist.

Painted on reclaimed wood, using recycled red, black and off-white paint, Margaret Kilgallen's faux weathered signs were inspired by the vernacular shop signs of her Mission District neighborhood, and deep study of historic typographic and manuscript models in the Book Arts & Special Collections Center.

Now for the first time, all ten of Margaret Kilgallen's signs are on display.



Hand painted sign by Margaret Kilgallen, 1999. Harrison Collection of Calligraphy & Lettering, Book Arts & Special Collections



1804 Ellis St., 1962. Appraisal Report of San Francisco Redevelopment, Area A-2, Western Addition, Vol 5. SFRA Records, San Francisco History Center.

Collections Corner: Western Addition Digitized Images

San Francisco Public Library offers online a new collection of digital images of the Western Addition neighborhood from the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (SFRA) Records! The library is in the process of digitizing 22 linear feet of photographs in the SFRA Records, a collection on the urban renewal of the Western Addition, Hunter's Point and Yerba Buena neighborhoods. The redevelopment of these San Francisco neighborhoods displaced predominantly African American, Japanese American, Filipino American and working-class residents.

The digitization is made possible through a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant award in partnership with Internet Archive's Community Webs program. The grant project, titled "Increasing Access to Diverse Public Library Local History Collections," focuses on communities that are underrepresented in historical records and will result in 411,000 digital files accessible online from nine local history collections across the United States, including San Francisco Public Library.

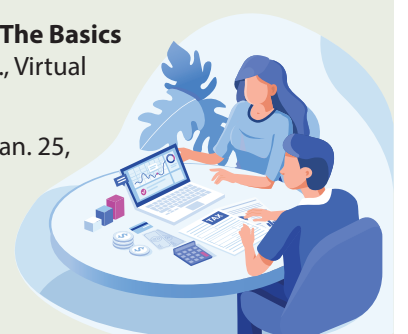
View them at archive.org/details/sanfranciscoredevelopmentagencyrecords.

Tax Season Success

Take the stress out of taxes with a series of expert-led virtual workshops on everything you need to know to file your tax return safely and accurately, no matter your situation. We'll cover the basics of state and federal income taxes, things to consider when picking a tax preparer, the latest changes and updates to the tax code, credits and deductions you may be eligible for, what to do if you find yourself in trouble with the IRS and how to avoid problems in the first place. Workshops are scheduled January through March. Register: on.sfpl.org/taxseason.

Income Taxes: The Basics
– Jan. 15, 2 p.m., Virtual Library

Tax Update – Jan. 25, 2 p.m., Virtual Library



Exhibition: Margaret Kilgallen: Off the Wall – Jan. 10–March 9, Main Library, Skylight Gallery, 6th Floor

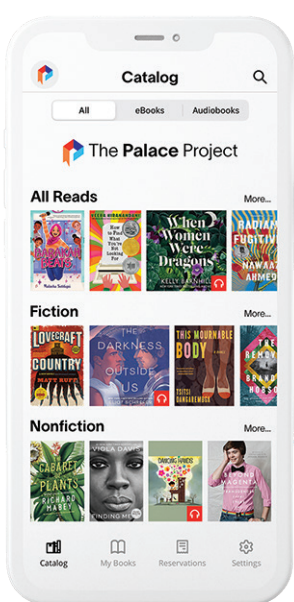


Empowering Entrepreneurs with SCORE Mentors

Beginning in January, the Main Library is proud to welcome SCORE mentors to support aspiring entrepreneurs and small-business owners. SCORE is a nonprofit organization supported by the U.S. Small Business Administration to provide free and confidential business counseling. SCORE San Francisco's experienced volunteers, comprised of owners, executives and managers, dedicate their time to helping small businesses launch, grow and thrive. By offering valuable insights and expertise,

SCORE aims to support entrepreneurs in overcoming challenges, developing strategies for success and fostering local economic growth. Free 30-minute sessions available by appointment. Register at on.sfpl.org/SCORE or call (415) 557-4488.

Small Business and Entrepreneur Mentoring with SCORE – Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, 10 a.m., Main Library, Business, Science and Technology Dept., 4th Flr.



Peruse the New Palace Project eBook App

SFPL now subscribes to the Palace Project, a mobile app that offers access to popular eBooks and audiobooks. The Palace Project replaces the SimplyE all-in-one eBook app. As with SimplyE, you can access our extensive Boundless and OverDrive digital collections, as well as thousands of the Palace Project's "always available" titles.

Drawing on the long tradition of libraries as the center of citizenship and engagement, the Palace Project name was chosen to highlight the central role of libraries in public life and the idea of public libraries as "Palaces of the People." The goal of the Palace Project, a new division of the community-focused nonprofit Lyasis, is to support public libraries in their mission to provide equitable access to digital content while restoring the direct relationship between library and patron.

The Project Palace app is available for Android and iOS devices. For more information, visit thepalaceproject.org.

First Person Events

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



Pan American Companion: Plant Stories with Alicia Retes

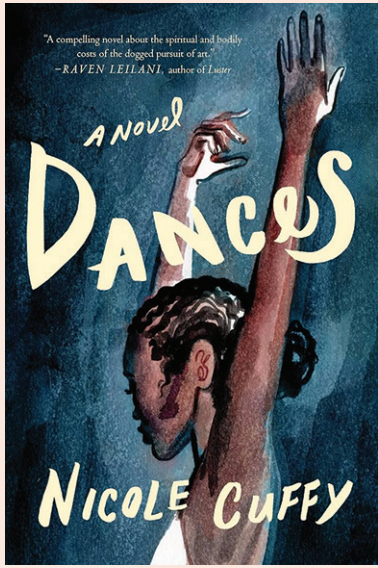
Inspired by many legends of the Three Sisters—Corn, Bean and Squash—this story

and music adaptation by Alicia Retes includes colorful corn-husk characters who reveal their origins in the Americas. The Plant Sisters engage the audience to share their dreams, trials and tribulations regarding independence, respect, cooperation and community service. – Jan. 18, 10:30 a.m., Ingleside Branch



Yucatán Mayan Traditions and Language with Asociación Mayab

Learn about the language and traditions of Yucatec Mayan people and watch a dance performance by dancers in traditional regalia. – Jan. 25, 11 a.m., Merced Branch



ON THE SAME PAGE

JANUARY–FEBRUARY
Selection

Nicole Cuffy's *Dances*

A striking debut novel by Nicole Cuffy, *Dances* follows Cece Cordell, a 22-year-old Black ballerina who becomes the first Black principal dancer at the New York City Ballet. As Cece reaches the pinnacle of her career, she grapples with personal struggles, including difficult family relationships, a broken romance and the disappearance of her older brother.

Amid the pressures of fame, Cece faces a decision that could derail her career, prompting her to search for her brother in South Carolina and rediscover herself outside the rigid demands of ballet.

Written with poetic grace, *Dances* explores race, identity and the costs of artistic pursuit, offering an intimate window into the mind and body of a ballerina navigating success, race and family.

Nicole Cuffy is a DC-based writer and dancer. *Dances* is her debut novel. Her work has appeared in *The Masters Review*, *Chautauqua* and *Blue Mesa Review*.



Nicole Cuffy

Related Events

Author Talk: Nicole Cuffy in Conversation – Feb. 4, 6 p.m., Virtual Library.
Register: on.sfpl.org/reg2-4-25

Book Club – Feb. 22, 10 a.m., Virtual Library.
Register: on.sfpl.org/reg2-22-25



Malik Seneferu

Malik Seneferu: *A Retrospective*

Presented by the 31st annual AfroSolo Arts Festival, this exhibition showcases a diverse body of work by San Francisco native Malik Seneferu, a self-taught painter, draughtsman, sculptor, craftsman, muralist, woodworker and public artist. Seneferu's multidisciplinary body of work stems from early, firsthand experiences dealing with prejudice and severe injustices witnessed in and around his community. Reflecting the aesthetics of magical realism, beauty and social consciousness, the exhibit is divided into thematic sections representing his decades-long career: explosions in color; the legacy series honoring our elders; sculptural works; an assemblage series; and reproductions of original artworks.

Exhibition: Malik Seneferu: A Retrospective – Jan. 16–April 20, Main Library, African American Center, 3rd Floor

Opening Reception – Jan. 16, 5:30 p.m., Main Library, African American Center, 3rd Floor



SNJV

Talk Show Debuts

The Hormel LGBTQIA Center is thrilled to announce the premiere of *Booked and Beautiful*, with host SNJV, a recurring series of unfiltered, unapologetically Queer and Trans-focused programs in the style of your favorite TV talk shows. Featuring conversation, performance, video and audience participation!

Your new favorite host, SNJV (pronounced sun-jeev), mistress of many arts, brings his sparkle and shine to the library for a new talk-show-style program featuring conversations with the boldest change agents of the Queer and Trans community. VERA!, the Armenian-American drag king and dancer, is our first guest. Hold onto your wigs!

Booked and Beautiful – Jan. 28, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

More Than a Month: Black History Celebration

Crafts, workshops, exhibit openings. See our full list of events and booklists at sfpl.org/more-than-a-month.

EVENTS FOR YOUTH



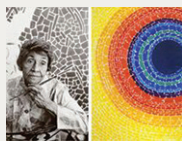
Gee's Bend Paper Quilts
Listen to some poems from *Stitchin' and Pullin'* and

Pullin': A Gee's Bend Quilt by Patricia C. McKissack. After the short read-aloud, make your own Gee's Bend inspired paper quilt. For ages 5-18. Space limited.
Jan. 7, 4 p.m., Excelsior Branch



Graphic Novel Book Club

Talk about recent graphic novels, including the selection of the month, Jay Jay Patton's *Dear Dad*. Snacks provided. For ages 9-13.
Jan. 13, 4:30 p.m., Glen Park Branch



Crafts Inspired by Alma Thomas

Create artwork inspired by Alma Thomas, an abstract artist who created colorful paintings and is considered a major American painter of the 21st century.
Jan. 18, 2:30 p.m., Noe Valley Branch
Jan. 26, 2 p.m., Sunset Branch

EVENTS FOR ADULTS



The Photography of Moneta Sleet Jr. from Ebony Magazine

Delight in the works of Moneta Sleet Jr., photographer at *Ebony* magazine, with archivist Jehoiada Calvin's presentation on the life and legacy of the Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer.
Jan. 17, 11 a.m., Virtual Library



Adinkra Stamps

Celebrate Black culture by creating your own stamp with Adinkra symbols. Adinkra are visual symbols that signify concepts and proverbs from the Gyaman people of Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire.
Jan. 22, 4 p.m., Noe Valley Branch



Gerald Horne in Conversation with Justin Desmangles

A discussion on the apparent paradox of some African Americans turning to armed struggle at a time when it appeared that Jim Crow was retreating. Co-presented with the Before Columbus Foundation.
Jan. 30, 6 p.m., Virtual Library

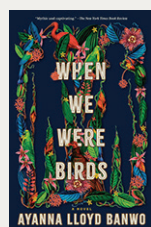
Recommendations

FICTION



Nightcrawling by Leila Mottley

Inspired by a 2015 court case, this story follows a determined high school dropout who becomes a nightcrawler—one who engages in sex work—to support her brother.



When We Were Birds by Ayanna Lloyd Banwo

Caribbean magic realism comes alive in a love story rooted in a deep spiritual connection while exploring themes of death and its complex role in the fabric of a community.



All the Sinners Bled by S. A. Cosby

Titus, the first Black sheriff in a small Virginia town, faces a shocking murder that uncovers dark secrets and an elusive accomplice.

MUSIC AND MOVIES



Goodthing by Bette Smith

New York Blues Hall of Fame inductee Bette Smith returns with her 3rd studio album, a triumphant injection of soul music and gospel into rock & roll.



The Color Purple directed by Blitz Bazawule

Marcus Gardley's screenplay is based on the stage musical of the same name, which in turn is based on the 1982 novel of the same name by Alice Walker.



America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston Season Two

The best-selling writer, podcaster and comedian travels the country to uncover our complex relationship with the outdoors.

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

Films

Thursday @ Noon Films
1/2 *The Three Musketeers - Part I: D'Artagnan*
1/9 *The Three Musketeers - Part II: Milady*
Main, Koret, 12 p.m.

3 Friday
Carmen & Lola
Excelsior, 3:30 p.m.

6 Monday

The Time Machine
Glen Park, 1 p.m.

10 Friday
Fences Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

It Ends with Us Bayview, 3 p.m.

13 Monday
God Exists, Her Name Is Petrunya Glen Park, 1 p.m.

Laura
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

15 Wednesday
Till Mission Bay, 5:15 p.m.

Time After Time Park, 5 p.m.

18 Saturday
Free for All: The Public Library
(w/ Discussion)
Main, Lower Level, 2 p.m.

22 Wednesday

Crazy Rich Asians
Chinatown, 2 p.m.

27 Monday
My Name is Julia Ross
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

Tech Time

Programs are held at Main, Comp Ctr - 5th Fl, unless otherwise noted

4, 11, 18, 25 Saturdays
Tech Coaches
Visitation Valley, 1–5:30 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Sundays
Tech Help
Sunset, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

7, 14, 21 Tuesdays
一對一基本科技協助
(粵語和國語)
10–11:30 a.m.

7, 14, 21, 28 Tuesdays

Tech Drop-In
1–2:30 p.m.

Tech Tuesdays
Bayview, 1–3 p.m.

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

Drop-In Tech Help (Older Adults)
Visitation Valley,
2–3:30 p.m.

PI AI Basics /PI AI 簡介
Chinatown, 2–3:30 p.m.*

10 Friday
Drop-In Tech Help (Older Adults) Richmond, 1:30–3 p.m.

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

13 Monday
Drop-in Tech Help
Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

17 Friday
Tablets/Phones (Older Adults) Sunset, 1–2:30 p.m.*

22 Wednesday
Internet Basics 10–11:30 a.m.*

23 Thursday
eBook Drop-In
Main, Atrium, 4–5:30 p.m.

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

29 Wednesday
Basic Online Skills
10–11:30 a.m.*

29 Wednesday
Microsoft Basics
4–6 p.m.

Jobs & Careers, Personal Finance and Small Business

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

8 Wednesday
LinkedIn for Job Search, Part 1
Virtual, 2–3:15 p.m.

8, 15, 22, 29 Wednesdays
Small Business Mentoring
Main, Small Business Ctr, Sycip Rm - 4th Fl, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Career Coaching
Main, Sycip Rm - 4th Fl,
3–5 p.m.

9, 16, 23, 30 Thursdays
Career Coaching
Main, Sycip Rm - 4th Fl,
11 a.m.–1 p.m.

14 Tuesday
Job Match Virtual, 3:15–4 p.m.

15 Wednesday
Senior Employment
Virtual, 11:15–12 p.m.

Income Tax Basics
Virtual, 2–3:15 p.m.

16 Thursday
Resume Writing
Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

Small Biz Office Hrs
Virtual, 2–4 p.m.

21 Tuesday
Business Websites
Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

25 Saturday
Credit Matters
Ingleside, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Prepare for Tax Season
Virtual, 2–3:30 p.m.

Teens

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

2, 16, 30 Thursdays
Digital Design Studio 4–5 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Thursdays
Sewing Basics 4–5 p.m.

8 Wednesday
Biblio Bistro 4–6 p.m.

9, 23 Thursdays
Silhouette Portraits in Procreate 4–5 p.m.

18 Saturday
Karaoke 4–5 p.m.

22 Wednesday
Snack Trials 4–5 p.m.

26 Sunday
Mario Kart 8 Tourney 3–5 p.m.

29 Wednesday
826 Valencia Writers Club
4–6:30 p.m.

Mix Recording Studio
Guitar and Bass Lessons
• Tuesdays, 5:30–6 p.m.
• Wednesdays, 4–4:30 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 Thursday
Decoden Craft
Ingleside, 3:30–4:30 p.m.*

3 Friday
Beaded Pipe Cleaner Little People 串珠扭扭棒小人
Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.*

4, 11, 18 Saturday
Gardening
Merced, 11–12 p.m.

5 Sunday
Art Club Anza, 2–3:30 p.m.

7 Tuesday
Brainfuse
North Beach, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Film: Ghostbusters: Answer the Call Potrero, 5:30 p.m.

7, 14 Tuesdays
D&D Night
Parkside, 5–7 p.m.

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

Libby & Boundless
North Beach, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

9 Thursday
T(w)een Read Over S'mores
Western Addition, 4–5 p.m.

Mini Nicho Folk Art
Richmond, 4–6 p.m.*

10 Friday
Paracord Keychains Golden Gate Valley, 3:30–4:30 p.m.*

Silk Screen Printing on Paper 紙上絲網印刷
Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.*

12, 19 Sundays
Drop-in Crafts
North Beach, 2–3 p.m.

14 Tuesday
Lino Block Printing
Bernal Heights, 4:30–5:30 p.m.*

15 Wednesday
Vision Candle
Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

21 Tuesday
Film: Teen Titans Go! and DC Super Hero Girls: Mayhem in the Multiverse Potrero, 5:30 p.m.

22 Wednesday
Lunar New Year Notebooks
Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

26 Sunday
Tea Tasting Bayview, 2–3 p.m.*

28 Tuesday
Karaoke Potrero, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Study Smart Tutors

14 Tuesday
Public Speaking for Teens
Virtual, 5–6:30 p.m.*

16 Thursday
Organizational Skills for Teens Virtual, 6–7 p.m.*

21 Tuesday
Financial Aid for Teens
Virtual, 5:30–6:30 p.m.*

Tutorial: Student Support Session for Teens
Virtual, 6:30–7 p.m.*

23 Thursday
Study Habits for Teens
Virtual, 5–6 p.m.*

Tutorial: Student Support Session for Teens
Virtual, 6–6:30 p.m.*

27 Monday
Test-Taking Preparation for Teens
Virtual, 5–6:30 p.m.*

Tutorial: Student Support Session for Teens
Virtual, 6:30–7 p.m.*

29 Wednesday
Scholarships for Teens
Virtual, 5–6:30 p.m.*

Tutorial: Student Support Session for Teens
Virtual, 6:30–7 p.m.*

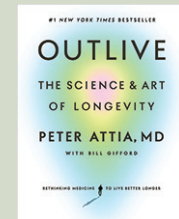
Start the New Year Off Right with...

Longevity and Movement



Built to Move by Kelly Starrett

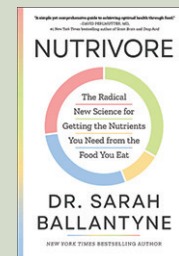
Focuses on how to make the body more resilient, and how we can achieve greater ease of movement and improve overall health.



Outlive by Peter Attia, MD

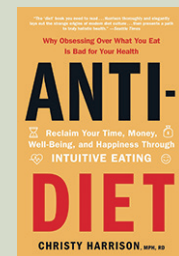
Dr. Attia shows how aging and longevity are far more malleable than we think; our fate is not set in stone.

Nutrition and Diet



Nutrivore by Dr Sarah Ballantyne

Dr. Ballantyne demonstrates how to get the essential nutrients you need while enjoying freedom and food.



Anti-Diet by Christy Harrison

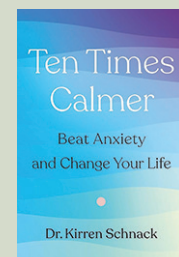
Author Harrison explores the history of diet culture, how it's infiltrated the health and wellness world, and how letting go of efforts to lose weight or eat "perfectly" can actually improve people's health.

Calming and Curing the Blues



How to Winter by Kari Leibowitz, PhD

Evidence-based strategies to help you cure winter blues and learn to find joy and comfort in dark times year-round; not only to accept the chillier months, but to even embrace them.



Ten Times Calmer by Kirren Schnack

An Oxford-trained clinical psychologist provides a toolkit of clinically proven tips and short anxiety-busting exercises to help you find calm each and every day.



How to Do Nothing by Jenny Odell

A popular, thought-provoking book on the idea of slowing down.

Join Us! Support Your Library FriendsSFPL.org

Friends Bookstore at the Main

Main Library, 100 Larkin St.
Grove Street Entrance

Bookstore Hours:

Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Friday: 12–6 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday: 12–6 p.m.

Telephone: (415) 557-4238

To donate books, go to friendssfpl.org/donatebooks to make an appointment.

Step Sales at the Main Library

Join us every Wednesday from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. at the Larkin St. steps of the Main Library for a Friends Step Sale! Did we mention Big Book Sale pricing?



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BAYVIEW/BROOKS BURTON	5075 Third St.	355-5757	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
BERNAL HEIGHTS	500 Cortland Ave.	355-2810	1–5	10–6	10–7	12–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
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
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.	355-5666	1–5	10–6	10–6	11–8	12–8	1–6	10–6
INGLESIDE	1298 Ocean Ave.	355-2898	1–5	10–6	10–6	10–8	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
	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
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
MISSION BAY	960 Fourth St.	355-2838	1–5	10–6	10–6	11–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
NOE VALLEY/BRUNN	451 Jersey St.	355-5707	1–5	11–6	10–8	12–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
NORTH BEACH	850 Columbus Ave.	355-5626	1–5	10–6	10–8	1–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
OCEAN VIEW	345 Randolph St.	355-5615	1–5	10–6	10–6	12–8	10–7	1–6	10–6
ORTEGA	3223 Ortega St.	355-5700	1–5	10–6	10–6	12–8	11–8	1–6	10–6
PARK	1833 Page St.	355-5656	1–5	11–6	10–8	12–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
PARKSIDE	1200 Taraval St.	355-5770	1–5	1–6	10–8	10–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
PORTOLA	380 Bacon St.	355-5660	1–5	10–6	10–6	12–8	10–7	1–6	10–6
POTRERO	1616 20th St.	355-2822	1–5	1–6	10–8	12–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
PRESIDIO	3150 Sacramento St.	355-2880	1–5	1–6	10–8	10–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
RICHMOND/MARKS	351 9th Ave.	355-5600	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
SUNSET	1305 18th Ave.	355-2808	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
VISITACION VALLEY	201 Leland Ave.	355-2848	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
WEST PORTAL	190 Lenox Way	355-2886	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
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