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Events and Happenings at San Francisco Public Library

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Come celebrate with us in welcoming San Francisco's 9th Poet Laureate, Genny Lim!

Poet Laureate Inauguration – Feb. 2, 3–5 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium





oin our community for the Ingleside Library Annual Open House. Participate in a fairy house scavenger hunt, watch comedian and body percussionist Unique Derique, enjoy a valentine craft session and listen to Charged



Unique Derique



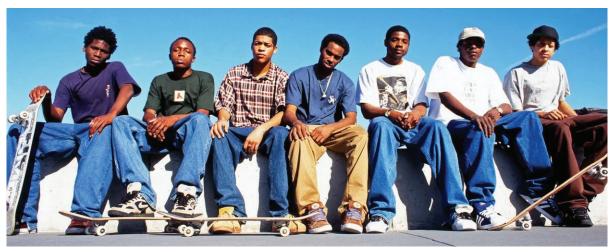
Particles perform jazz.
Bayview Branch Library
hosts its 12th Annual Open
House Celebration this month
as well. Enjoy fun activities for

all ages, meet live reptiles, connect with local organizations at the resource tables and savor a variety of small bites. Don't miss out on this unforgettable event!

Open House Events

Ingleside Branch – Feb. 8, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Bayview Branch – Feb. 23, 1–4 p.m.



Ahmed AKA "Black Reign," Pat Washington, Big Bill, Mike Hernandez, Erfuah, Kareem Campbell and Geez at Bay Blocks, 1997.

Skateboarding San Francisco

an Francisco has been a mecca for skateboarders for decades, with the Embarcadero a must-visit destination for skaters from around the globe. In this exhibition, spanning 50 years, 1975–2025, we celebrate street skateboarding in San Francisco and the unique urban features that make the city so skateable, namely the ubiquitous concrete ledges and epic hills. Defying easy definition and traditional classifications, skateboarding can be both a sport at the Olympics and an underground subculture, a way to connect with other skaters and surfaces and also a means of self-discovery through movement in space. Much of skateboarding's 21st-century appeal—embracing diverse communities,

creative approaches to the city's built environment, music, fashion, slang, trick choice and style—come directly from San Francisco. *Skateboarding San Francisco* explores how a local activity made global impact. San Francisco has always been and remains a lodestar for skateboarders worldwide, where challenges are seen as appeals, surfaces beckon play and local lore is celebrated through the city's characteristic concrete assets and evolving, vibrant communities.

Featured in the exhibition will be archival photographs and skate magazines, skate decks, memorable skate videos, urban detritus from iconic skate spots like the Embarcadero ribbon and Hubba Hideout and interviews from world renowned skateboarders like Tommy Guerrero and Marbie Miller.

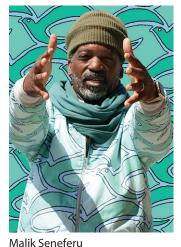
Exhibition: *Skateboarding San Francisco* – Feb. 13–July 6. Main Library, Jewett Gallery, Lower Level

Opening Reception – Feb. 13, 5:30–7:30 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Skate, Rock, Roll, Read

ulton Street becomes a hub of activation—live performances, interactive hands-on creative activities and community-based resources for youth and families—with this year's Skate, Rock, Roll, Read with the SFUSD Youth Arts Festival in partnership with Tiratana Espiritu Productions. Participate in skateboarding lessons, designing skate sneakers and creating signature skateboard deck designs, and be part of the outdoor performance space in the heart of Civic Center!

Skate, Rock, Roll, Read – Saturdays, Feb. 22, March 22 and April 26, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.



Interview with Malik Seneferu

alik Seneferu has dedicated his life to advancing social justice and Afrocentric resiliency in his community and beyond. The awardwinning visual arts practice of this self-taught, San Francisco–based artist includes painting, sculpture, mixed media projects and public art commissions.

Seneferu began his career as a youth working with resident services in the

Bayview Hunters Point and currently works with youth at the Phoenix Project Collaborative, where he is focused on providing life coaching for those struggling with traumatic life events.

He has created more than 10,000 artworks spanning a broad range of genres and mediums during his lifetime career and is consistently adding to his impressive canon. On exhibit in the African American Center through April is a sampling of this prolific work. Find out more about this artist in our Q&A.

Q: How do you incorporate Black history into your art?

A: My work celebrates the existence of Black people throughout the time and existence of America and is inspired by Black history and all of the major events that have taken place by way of Black people.

Q: Do you have a favorite Black history figure?

A: Some of my favorite figures are Reverend Nat Turner and Black abolitionists who decided that things should change for Black people in this country, then went to extremes for the sake of it. My favorites are also artists such as Ruth Waddy and Sargent Johnson, to name a few.

Q: What do you hope people will come away with after viewing your exhibit?

A: I hope to facilitate cultural exchange and dialogue, allowing artists from different backgrounds to share their perspectives and engage with diverse audiences; to inspire visitors and offer educational opportunities, helping them to appreciate and understand different art forms, historical contexts and artistic techniques; and to challenge viewers and stimulate critical thinking by presenting thought-provoking pieces that explore complex themes or current societal issues.

Malik Seneferu: A Retrospective Through April 20. Main Library, African American Center, 3rd Floor

Coming Up:

March 1
San Francisco's Chinatown
with Dick Evans and
Kathy Chin Leong
Richmond Branch

March 2 Woman, Life, Freedom Quilt Project Main Library, Latino/ Hispanic Room March 22
Black Choreographers
Festival 20th Anniversary
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

March 25 History of the Diva with SF Opera West Portal Branch

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Meet the HistoryMakers!

FPL is pleased to offer access to the HistoryMakers, the nationally acclaimed video oral history collection documenting the Black experience in the United States.

A treasure trove of Black history and primary source material, HistoryMakers was founded by former television producer Julieanna

Richardson in 1999 with the goal of capturing the important stories of accomplished African Americans. The video archive showcases a virtual "who's who" of prominent African Americans in nearly 3,000 videorecorded interviews, including San Francisco luminaries such as Willie Brown, Belva Davis, Danny Glover and the Library's very own Effie Lee Morris.

THE **HISTORY**MAKERS. Search for "Makers" in the database by name, state or themes discussed in the interview. Find interviews with activists, politicians, lawyers, medical professionals, sports figures, religious leaders and more. Video clips are broken up into short digestible segments.

Access the HistoryMakers with your SFPL card at *sfpl.org/databases*.

Program Series: Careers Insights



aunching February 2025, Careers Insights is a new program series offering firsthand knowledge from industry experts on various career paths. Each session features professionals sharing their journeys, essential skills and advice for those pursuing similar careers. The first session focuses on careers in construction and will provide insights from a carpenter and general contractor. Future sessions may cover fields

such as automotive technology, tax preparation and forensic accounting. This series provides valuable insights for anyone exploring career changes or new opportunities.

Careers in Construction – Feb. 5, 2–3 p.m, Virtual Library

Hands-On Printing For Your Valentine

appy Valentine's Day from San Francisco Public Library! We're pleased to present our 13th Annual Valentine Printing Event. Experience handson letterpress printing on the Library's 1909 Albion handpress and take home a keepsake broadside for you or your loved one. We will be printing an image from our own collection, with the assistance of printers from the American Printing History Association's NorCal Chapter.



Everyone is invited, but keepsakes are limited to the first 100 guests.

Valentine Printing - Feb. 8, 2 p.m., Main Library, Book Arts & Special Collections Center, 6th Floor

The Marjorie G. and Carl W. Stern Book Arts & Special Collections Center is home to the Robert Grabhorn Collection on the History of Printing & the Development of the Book, the Richard Harrison Collection of Calligraphy & Lettering, the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor, the George M. Fox Collection of Early Children's Books and the Little Maga/Zine Collection. Learn more about the collections by visiting the Library's website at sfpl.org/bookarts, and make your own discoveries by visiting us seven days a week, no appointment necessary. We are free and open to the public! For more information, please contact Book Arts & Special Collections at (415) 557-4560.



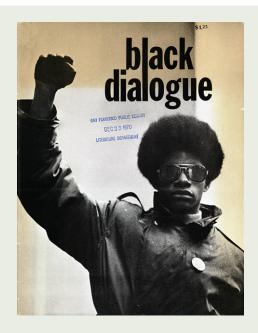
Duilt Exhibit

Explore a vibrant collection of quilts crafted by artists and grassroots communities from over 35 nationalities, celebrating the Women, Life, Freedom movement. This exhibit, created and curated by Iranian Women in Network (IWIN), honors the courage and resilience of those advocating for women's rights and gender equality in Iran and worldwide.

Exhibit: Stitching Resilience - Celebrating Women, Life, Freedom - Feb. 8-March 27, Main Library, Atrium, 1st Floor; Humanities Center, 3rd Floor

Related Programs

Kim Shuck's Poem Jam Celebrates WLF - Feb. 13, 6 p.m., Main Library, Learning Studio, 5th Floor Workshop: Woman Life Freedom Quilt Project - March 2, 12 p.m., Main Library, Lower Level



Collections Corner: The Black Arts Movement and Revolutionary Little Magazines

n 1965, a group of Black students at San Francisco State University launched Black Dialogue, a publication dedicated to the legacy of Malcolm X, to provide a platform for fellow students, artists, writers and thinkers within the Black community. The following year, the poet and editor of Black Dialogue, Dingane Joe Goncalves, started the Journal of Black Poetry. Alongside Soulbook (Berkeley), Black Dialogue and Journal of Black Poetry formed a collective of influential literary journals or "little magazines" that emerged from the San Francisco Bay Area. As part of the Black Arts Movement, these publications gave voice to poets and writers including Amiri Baraka, Sonia Sanchez, Nikki Giovanni, Carolyn Rodgers, Audre Lorde, Kamau Brathwaite, Clarence Major, Julian Bond, Calvin Hernton, Ishmael Reed, Askia Muhammad Touré and Sarah Webster Fabio. Both journals were published by Julian Richardson of Marcus Books, the oldest continuously operating Black-owned and -operated bookstore in the United States, now located in Oakland.

The Book Arts and Special Collections department holds a number of little magazines from the Black Arts Movement in the Little Maga/Zine collection. You can view the Journal of Black Poetry, Black Dialogue and Soulbook as part of That's Rad: San Francisco Bay Area Zine Culture, an exhibit opening March 15 in the Main Library, 6th Floor.

That's Rad: San Francisco Bay Area Zine Culture - March 15, Main Library, 6th Floor

Valentine Youth Program Roundup



















Rock Painting

Paint a rock for Valentine's Day. Feb. 1, 3 p.m., West Portal Branch

Valentine's Day Crafts

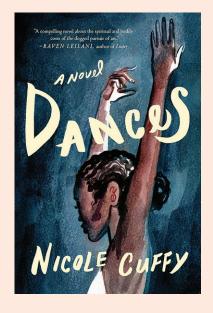
Make simple crafts to celebrate Valentine's Day. For ages 10-18. Feb. 5, 4 p.m., North Beach Branch

Button Making

Create a Valentine's Day-themed button for yourself or a friend. For ages 10-13. Feb. 13, 4 p.m., Anza Branch

Love and Lockers

Choose from D.I.Y. projects to add some flair to your locker or give what you make to someone you love. Feb. 13, 4 p.m., Western Addition Branch



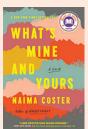
ON THE SAME PAGE

JANUARY-FEBRUARY Selection

Nicole Cuffy's Dances

Dances Read-Alikes

These books explore self-discovery, identity and racism through complex, lyrical narratives, making them perfect for fans of Nicole Cuffy's Dances. on.sfpl.org/DancesReads



What's Mine and Yours by Naima Coster

Integrated into a predominantly white high school, an anxious young Black student and

a half-Latina whose mother would have her pass as white join a bridgebuilding school play that shapes the trajectory of their adult lives.



Blue Hour by Tiffany Clarke Harrison

A biracial photographer and uncertain mother, the narrator grapples with

ambivalence about motherhood while coping with a police brutality incident involving a student and an unexpected pregnancy.



Real Americans by Rachel Khong

In this intricately woven tapestry of class and striving, race and visibility, family and inheritance,

15-year-old Nick Chen, who cannot shake the feeling his mother is hiding something, sets out to find his biological father—a journey that leads to more questions than answers.



Her Color by Jennifer Neal

Florida kitsch swirls together with magical realism in this glittering debut

novel about a young Black and Indigenous woman who learns to change the color of her skin.

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



Drumbeats, Heartbeats: Communities as One

he Library is proud to host the third annual Drumbeats, Heartbeats: Communities as One, a celebration of Black History Month and the Lunar New Year, in partnership with the San Francisco Human Rights Commission. This year's event features a variety of drumming, dance and spoken word performances, including special appearances by current San Francisco poet laureate Genny Lim and previous poet laureate Tongo Eisen-Martin.



Tongo Eisen-Martin

Drumbeats, Heartbeats – Feb. 11, 5 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Celebrate Lunar New Year with the Library

ontinue celebrating Lunar New Year in February at five library locations with the West Coast Lion Dance Troupe. The troupe will present traditional Chinese lion dancing, as well as related Chinese culture and customs. Come cheer for the lion dancers and, if you're lucky, receive a piece of lettuce to welcome a prosperous Year of the Snake!



Lion Dancing with West Coast Lion Dance Troupe – Feb. 8 at these locations:

10:15 a.m., Ortega Branch

11:30 a.m., Little Footprints Preschool, 308 Randolph St.

2 p.m., Excelsior Branch

3:15 p.m., Bayview Branch

4:30 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

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



Stories, Music and Song with Kirk Waller

Kirk Waller combines music, movement and the spoken word to weave together a magical storytelling experience in "Stories to Take You Far and Away." For children and their families. Feb. 8, 1 p.m., Sunset Branch; 3 p.m., **Richmond Branch**



A Celebration of Steelpan with Fauna Solomon

Take a trip with musician Fauna Solomon to the tropical West Indies and learn the unique history of the steelpan, often called the steel drum. For children and their families. Feb. 15, 10:30 a.m., Parkside Branch; 3 p.m., Western **Addition Branch**

Events for All-ages



The Sounds of Kalimba King

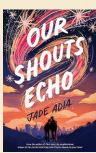
Hear the Kalimba King, Carl L. Winters, perform on his 12 kalimbas, known as African thumb pianos. Learn to play the kalimba. For children and their families. Feb. 20, 1:30 p.m., Anza Branch; 4 p.m., Ingleside Branch

Recommended Reading









FICTION

Sorrowland by Rivers Solomon

NONFICTION

Our Hidden Conversations: What Americans Really Think **About Race and Identity by Michele Norris**

YOUTH

What Do Brothas Do All Day? by Ajuan Mance

YOUNG ADULT

Our Shouts Echo by Jade Adia

February 2025 Event Calendar

Adults

1 Saturday

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

Knitting

Noe Valley, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Celebrate w/Poetry

Glen Park, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Flying Angels Chinese Dance Co. Presidio, 2-3 p.m.

Mobile Photos/Editing Main, Comp. Ctr - 5th Fl, 2-3:30 p.m.

Fabric Origami Heart Card Visitacion Valley, 2-3:30 p.m.*

1, 15 Saturdays

Sunset, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 22 Saturdays

Creative Afternoons/創意無限 周六午 Chinatown, 2:30-4 p.m.

2 Sunday

Home Match Resources Potrero, 2-3 p.m.

Karaoke Glen Park, 2-3:30 p.m.

Book Launch: Red Altar

Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2-3:30 p.m.

Omo Moses w/ Belvie Rooks Main, African American Ctr -

3rd Fl, 2-3:30 p.m.

African American Lit BINGO Eureka Valley, 3-4 p.m.

Yarn Circle

Western Addition, 3-4 p.m.

Poet Laureate Genny Lim

Main, Koret, 3-5 p.m.

3 Monday

Languages: Mango, Rosetta Stone Golden Gate Valley, 4-5 p.m.

Button Making

Noe Valley, 4-5 p.m.

3, 10, 24 Mondays

Tai Chi, Presidio 1:30-2:15 p.m. (Beginners)

2:15-3 p.m. (Advanced)

Beginning Tai-Chi Anza, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Shut Up & Write

Potrero, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Coloring w/ Coffee Anza, 11-12 p.m.

Chronic Pain Self-Mgmt Glen Park, 2–4 p.m.

<u>4 Tuesday</u>

Celebrate w/Poetry Glen Park, 10-5:30 p.m.

Wellness in the TGNC Community Main, Lower Level, 11-3 p.m.

Micro Art Gallery Craft Marina, 3-4:30 p.m.*

Crafting

Visitacion Valley, 4:30-6 p.m.

4, 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays

Bocce Ball Class

North Beach, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Fit for Life North Beach, 1-2 p.m.

4, 11, 25 Tuesdays

ESL Convo Virtual, 3-4 p.m.

5 Wednesday

Book Exchange Golden Gate Valley, 1-2 p.m.

APACC Office Hrs

Visitacion Valley, 1-3 p.m.

Employment: those w/ Disabilities Main, Atrium, 1-3:30 p.m.

Movement w/ Music Marina, 3-4 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Wednesdays

Meditation Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 12-12:30 p.m.

<u>6 Thursday</u>

Celebrate w/Poetry Glen Park, 10-5:30 p.m.

Author: Sunaura Taylor, Disabled Ecologies Main, Environ. Ctr - 5th Fl, 6-7 p.m.

Creative Valentines Potrero, 6-7 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Thursdays

Breath Meditation/Gentle Yoga Richmond, 11-12 p.m.

Shut Up & Write

Glen Park, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Disability & Aging Svcs Dropin Sunset, 12-2 p.m.

Wild Goose Qigong

Presidio, 2-3 p.m.

English Convo

Mission, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

<u>7, 21 Fridays</u>

Watercolor Community

Bernal Heights, 1-5 p.m.

Knitting Circle Anza, 3:30-5 p.m. 8 Saturday

Beginner Jewelry Making

West Portal, 1-2 p.m.

Muses & Melanin Fellowship Reading Main, Koret, 12:30-2:30 p.m.*

Red Envelope Craft

Portola, 2:30-4 p.m.

Chinese Calligraphy & Chess

Visitacion Valley, 2:30-4 p.m.

Village Within a City

Noe Valley, 2-3:30 p.m.

Growing Orchids Noe Valley, 2-3:30 p.m.

3D Printing/Tinkercad Main,

Comp. Ctr - 5th Fl, 2-4 p.m.

Sun Ra Celebration Golden Gate Valley, 2-4:30 p.m.

Artful Afternoon

Western Addition, 3-4:30 p.m.

Sleep Coach Macall Gordon

Glen Park, 4-5 p.m.

8, 22 Saturdays

Gentle Yoga

Mission Bay, 10-11 a.m.*

Tai Chi: Beginners Mission Bay, 1-2 p.m.

9 Sunday

Lisa Liu & Adrienne Reed Glen Park, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Readings: AfroSolo Theatre Comp Main, African American Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2-3:30 p.m.

Creatives' Corner

Potrero, 2-4 p.m.

Assemblage

Eureka Valley, 3-4 p.m.*

10 Monday

TBBC Writer's Salon Main, TBBC - 2nd Flr, 12-1:30 p.m.*

11 Tuesday 歡唱華語金曲/Chinese Pop Karaoke Chinatown,

Zentangle Sunset, 4-5:30 p.m.*

Solar Maximum Virtual, 6-7 p.m.

1:30-3:30 p.m.*

On the Page, Off the Page

Park, 6-7:30 p.m. Ronald B. Neal w/

Justin Desmangles Virtual, 6-7:30 p.m.

11, 25 Tuesdays Knitting Circle Glen Park,

1-2:30 p.m.

12 Wednesday Genealogy Virtual, 1-3 p.m.

Poetry & Painting

Noe Valley, 4-5 p.m. Felt Roses Craft

Mission Bay, 5:30-7 p.m. Make Chocolate Bars & Wrap-

pers Mission, 6-7:30 p.m.*

12, 26 Wednesdays **Dpt of Disability& Aging Svcs**

Main, Atrium, 1-3:30 p.m.

13 Thursday **Skateboarding SF: Opening** Reception Main, Lower Level, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Kim Shuck's Poem Jam

Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 6-7:15 p.m.

13, 27 Thursdays

French Convo

Excelsior, 5-6 p.m.

14 Friday Celebrate w/Poetry

Glen Park, 1-5:30 p.m.

Valentine's Day Cards Ingleside, 3-4 p.m. *

Karaoke Excelsior, 4-5:30 p.m.

14, 28 Fridays

Watercolor Glen Park, 1:30-5 p.m.

15 Saturday

Free Tax Prep. Visitacion Vallev, 10:30-2:30 p.m.

Growing Orchids

Richmond, 11-12:30 p.m. Karaoke Main, Learning Studio

- 5th Fl, 1-2:30 p.m. **Kulintang Dialect** Sunset, 2-2:30 p.m.

Berkeley RepTalk: Uncle Vanya Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl,

Micro Art Gallery Craft Bayview, 2-3:30 p.m.*

Coyotes of SF Bernal Heights, 3-4:30 p.m.

2-3:30 p.m.

16 Sunday

Lacemaking & Fiber Arts North Beach, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Color Your Cares Away Bernal Heights, 1-3 p.m.

Correspondence Co-op

Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 1-3:30 p.m.

Home Sharing Benefits Potrero, 2-3 p.m.

How to Write:Memoir/Short Story/Essay Main, Paley Rm -3rd Fl, 2-3:30 a.m.

Kumihimo Craft Part 2 Excelsior, 2-3:30 p.m.*

Nicho Boxes/Small Shrines

18 Tuesday

Glen Park, 2-4 p.m.

BeneFITS 2 Work Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 11:30-1 p.m.

Rogue Recovery Park, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Vinyl Listening Party

Excelsior, 6-7 p.m. Zinething Main, Hormel Ctr -

3rd Fl, 6-7:30 p.m. 19 Wednesday

Walking Tour

North Beach, 10:30-12 p.m. *

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

Game Night Eureka Valley, 5:30–7 p.m.

Hands-on Black SF History

Main, History Ctr - 6th Fl, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

19, 26 Wednesdays Beginning Tai-Chi

Anza, 1:30-2:30 p.m. 20 Thursday

21 Friday

5-7:30 p.m.

Chess Club Glen Park,

Yoga Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 2-3 p.m.*

講座: 粵語家居火災安全 Visitacion Valley, 2-3 p.m.* Karaoke: More than Just R&B

Bayview, 4–5 p.m.

10:30-12 p.m.

22 Saturday 活動:華裔中心之旅 Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl,

Drawing From Daughters of the Dust Main, Lower Level,

11-1 p.m. SF Opera: Black Voices Golden Gate Valley,

11-12:30 p.m. **Buried Ships of SF** Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

Draft Zero Writers Meetup Glen Park, 2-3:30 p.m.

nese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2-3:30 p.m. **Symphony Chamber Concert** Mission Bay, 3-4 p.m.

Author Kelly Goto Main, Chi-

23 Sunday

Dante D. King (Diagnosing Whiteness & Anti-Blackness) Main, Koret, 1-3 p.m.

Glen Park, 1-4:30 p.m. Journaling Main, Fulton Rm -3rd Fl, 2-3 p.m.

Celebrate w/Poetry

Cantonese/Mandarin & English Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2-3:30 p.m.

On View

Jewett Gallery, Main Library, Lower Level

Skateboarding San Francisco: Concrete, Community, Continuity celebrates the city's unique terrain and icons in skateboarding. Combining archival photos from the library's own History Center with historic skate photos, videos and material artifacts, this exhibition celebrates the impact of skateboarding in San Francisco that continues to reverberate across the globe. Feb. 13-July 6. Jewett Gallery, Lower Level

Skylight Galleries, Main Library, 6th Floor

Dear Sister Maya Angelou

The exhibit 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, correspondence and newspaper clippings. Through Feb. 16. Saroyan Area

Margaret Kilgallen: Off the Wall A member of the Library's Preservation Department, Kilgallen repaired books while regularly researching old type specimens and letterforms upstairs in Book Arts & Special Collections. For the first time, Margaret Kilgallen's signs will be on view to the public. Through March 9. Book Arts & Special Collections Exhibit Space

Other Exhibits, Main Library

Life in San Francisco's Chinatown a Century Ago 50 vintage postcards showing life in San Francisco's Chinatown in the early 20th century. Through March 6. Chinese Center, 3rd Floor

Malik Seneferu: A Retrospective Presented by the 31st annual AfroSolo Arts Festival, Malik Seneferu: A Retrospective showcases a diverse body of work from the San Francisco-based artist. Through April 20. African American Center, 3rd Floor

Stitching Resilience – Celebrating Women, Life, Freedom Explore a vibrant collection of guilts crafted by artists and grassroots communities from over 35 nationalities, celebrating the Women, Life, Freedom movement. This exhibit, created and curated by Iranian Women in Network (IWIN), honors the courage and resilience of those advocating for women's rights and gender equality in Iran and worldwide. Feb. 8-March 27.

General Collections, 3rd Floor

Through the Lens of Black Photographers Pulling from the Art, Music and Recreation Center's book collections and the San Francisco Historical Photograph collection, this small-scale exhibit highlights the work of professional and amateur photographs by Black photographers. Through

Feb. 28. Arts, Music & Recreation Center, 4th Floor. We Heart Tenderloin: Photographs by Judy Iranyi Local photographer and retired social worker Judy Iranyi photographed the Tenderloin community from 2014 – 2016. Fulton and Larkin St. Entrances and the

5th and 6th floors.

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.

Village Within a City

Western Addition Branch.

Noe Valley, 2-3:30 p.m. * 24 Monday Celebrate w/Poetry

Glen Park, 10-5:30 p.m.

Caregiving 101 Virtual, 3-4 p.m.

Noe Valley, 4-5 p.m. 25 Tuesday

William H. Johnson Paintings

Alliance for Felix Cove Main, Environ. Ctr - 5th Fl, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Sequoia Living Sr Ctrs

Main, Atrium, 10-12 p.m.

Land Rematriation & Cultural Resilience Main, Koret, 5:30-7 p.m.

Alexis Pauline Gumbs Virtual, 6-7 p.m.

Undestanding Fats

Virtual, 6-7 p.m.

Summer of Love: Big Brother & the Holding Co. Park, 6-7:30 p.m.

26 Wednesday **Read Essence Magazine** (Flipster & in Print) Main,

Comp. Ctr - 5th Fl, 11-12 p.m. **Chess Club** Bernal Heights,

28 Friday **Read Essence Magazine**

6-7:30 p.m.

(Flipster & in Print) Main, Comp. Ctr - 5th Fl, 1-2 p.m.

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

Book Clubs

4, 18 Tuesdays

Delia Owens, Where the Crawdads Sing Glen Park, 1 p.m.

5, 19 Wednesdays

Silent Book Club Richmond, 3 p.m.

<u>6 Thursday</u>

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Americanah Virtual, 6 p.m.

11 Tuesday

Los Visionarios

Main, TBBC - 2nd Floor, 1 p.m.

Cozy Capers & Mysteries Presidio, 3 p.m.

<u>Films</u>

Thursday @ Noon Films

2/6 and 2/13 Check website for details. Main, Koret, 12 p.m.

4 Tuesday

Bike Vessel (w/ Presentation) Presidio, 3 p.m.

12 Wednesday

Chinatown Readers Chinatown, 5:15 p.m.

13 Thursday

Talking Books Main, TBBC - 2nd Floor, 3 p.m.*

15 Saturday

Zadie Smith, The Fraud Ortega, 11 a.m.

16 Sunday

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

18 Tuesday

The Love Punch

10 Monday

Paris Blues

12 Wednesday

Excelsior, 3:30 p.m.

7 Friday

Rincón Literario Main, Paley Rm - 3rd Fl, 6 p.m.

Amazing Grace Bayview, 3 p.m.

Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

Rafiki and Mon crime (The

Crime Is Mine) Glen Park, 6 p.m.

14 Friday

Whitney Houston: I Wanna **Dance With Somebody** Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

15 Saturday

19 Wednesday

19 Wednesday

Noe Valley, 6:30 p.m.

Earth Grocery Store

West Portal, 6 p.m.

20 Thursday

21 Friday

23 Sunday

Daniel Mason, North Woods

James McBride, Heaven &

Literate Goat Potrero, 6 p.m.

Ore Agbaje-Williams, The

James McBride, Heaven &

Earth Grocery Store Marina,

Three of Us Noe Valley, 3-4 p.m.

The Black Kung Fu Experience Main, Lower Level, 2 p.m.

19 Wednesday

American Fiction Park, 5 p.m.

23 Sunday

Krystal Marquis, The Davenports Eureka Valley, Virtual,

25 Tuesday

James McBride, Heaven & **Earth Grocery Store** Visitacion Valley, 4 p.m.

26 Wednesday

Richard Osman, The Thursday Murder Club Mission Bay, 6:30

Great Books Virtual, 6:30 p.m.

27 Thursday <u>6 Thursday</u>

Talking Book Club Main, TBBC - 2nd Floor, 12 p.m.

24 Monday

The Big Clock Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

26 Wednesday

Farewell My Concubine Chinatown, 1 p.m.

27 Thursday

They Call Me Mister Tibbs! Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl, 6 p.m.

Tech Time

1, 8, 15, 22 Saturdays

Tech Coaches Visitacion Valley, 1-5:30 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23 Sundays

Tech Help Sunset, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

3 Monday

eBooks & Audiobooks Bernal Heights, 3–4 p.m.

4, 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays

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

Jobs & Careers,

1 Saturday

2 Sunday

Financial Success

Virtual, 3-4:30 p.m.

5 Wednesday

Virtual, 2-3 p.m.

Virtual, 3-4 p.m.

Personal Finance

and Small Business

Resumes & Cover Letters

Careers in Construction

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

Tech Tuesdays Bayview, 1–3 p.m.

8 Saturday

Low-Cost Internet Sign up Main, Atrium, 10-12:30 p.m.

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

10 Monday

Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

12 Wednesday

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

13 Thursday

Drop-In Tech Help: Older Adults Visitacion Valley, 2-3:30 p.m.

Drop-in Tech Help: Older Adults Richmond, 1:30-3 p.m.

14, 28 Fridays

Tablets/Phones (ages 60+, Cantonese) Sunset, 1-2:30 p.m.

20 Thursday

Chinese eBooks/圖書館中文 電子書 Chinatown, 2-3:30 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Thursdays

Career Coaching Main,

Virtual, 11:30-12:30 p.m.

Identify Your Audience

Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl,

LinkedIn for Job Search,

Part 2 Virtual, 2-3:15 p.m.

Navigate Student Loans

Sycip Rm - 4th Fl, 11–1 p.m.

21 Friday

Tablets/Phones (age 60+) Sunset, 1-2:30 p.m.

25 Tuesday

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

26 Wednesday

Certificate in MS Basics Main, Comp. Ctr - 5th Fl, 4-6 p.m.

27 Thursday eBook Drop-In

15 Saturday

Main, Atrium, 4-5:30 p.m.

Choose a Tax Preparer

Virtual, 12-12:45 p.m.

9 Sunday

Puppy Dog Tales Ortega, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Lunar New Year Celebration Main, Lower Level, 12-5 p.m.

Board Games Anza, 2 p.m.

Valentines

Mission Bay, 2 p.m.

Pan American Plant Stories Park, 2 p.m.

Table Tennis/Ping Pong Visitacion Valley, 2-4 p.m.

9 23 Sundays **Family Music Circle**

Excelsior, 3 p.m.

11 Tuesday

Family

Parkside, 10:30-11 a.m.

Edible Chinese Ingots

Bernal Heights, 2-5 p.m.

Ocean View, 2–3 p.m.

Visitacion Valley, 11-12 p.m.

West African Music

1 Saturday

Steelpan

Origami

Salt Painting

Noe Valley, 3-4 p.m.

Valentine Making

1, 8, 15, 22 Saturdays

time Potrero, 11-1 p.m.

Saturday Morning Play-

Capture Your Community

History Bayview, 2–3 p.m.

LEGO & Rattle Drums

Book Club: For Boys,

Steve Sheinkin's Bomb

7 Friday

8 Saturday

Lion Dance

Little Artists

Giant Jenga

Open House

Ingleside, 11-2 p.m.

Valentine's Broadside

Printing Main, Special Col-

lections - 6th Fl, 2-4 p.m.

Storyteller Kirk Waller

Richmond, 3-3:45 p.m.

Bia Bilder Forts

Noe Valley, 3-4 p.m.

Ortega, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Bayview, 3:15–3:45 p.m.

Eureka Valley, 10-11 a.m.

Excelsior, 11:30-1:30 p.m.

Ocean View, 11:30–12 p.m. Excelsior, 2–2:30 p.m.

Visitacion Valley, 4:30-5 p.m.

West Portal, 6:45-7:45 p.m.

North Beach, 4-4:45 p.m.

Chess Club Glen Park, 4-6 p.m.

Potrero, 3-4 p.m.

2 Sunday

Board Games/LEGO Noe Valley, 6-7:30 p.m.

Symphony Chamber Concert Mission, 8-9 a.m.

12 Wednesday

Origami Hearts Portola, 2-3 p.m.

Film: Soul Bayview, 3 p.m.

13, 27 Thursdays

Playtime (Japanese/日 本語) Western Addition, 11-11:30 a.m.

14 Friday

Film: Lady and the Tramp Bernal Heights, 4-5:30 p.m.

Twig Toys Building Blocks

Excelsior, 11-1 p.m. **West African Music**

Golden Gate Valley, 11-11:45 a.m.

Danza Azteca Xitlalli

West Portal, 11 a.m. Presidio, 2 p.m.

Film: Hidden Figures Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

Steelpan Western Addition, 3-3:30 p.m.

Kulintang Dialect Portola, 4-4:30 p.m.

Ceramic Whale Planter Bayview, 2-3:30 p.m.

Chess Drop-In

West Portal, 2-4 p.m.

18 Tuesday

Quiet Dog Reading Circle Parkside, 3:30 p.m.

20 Thursday The Kalimba King

Anza, 1:30 p.m. Ingleside, 4 p.m.

22 Saturday

Hooray for Braille Main, TBBC - 2nd Fl, 11:45-3 p.m.

Design & Build Bridges Excelsior, 11-1 p.m.

Unique Derique Noe Valley, 4 p.m.

23 Sunday

Open House Bayview, 1–4 p.m.

26 Wednesday

Page Street Lounge Park, 2-4 p.m.

Dance Party

Excelsior, 3-4 p.m.

27 Thursday

Book Club: Mother-Daughter, Kate Albus' A Place to Hang the Moon West Portal, 6:45-7:45 p.m.

28 Friday

18 Tuesday

Film: Gemini Man

Potrero, 5:30 p.m.

19 Wednesday

Decoden Heart Tins

Excelsior, 3:30 p.m.*

MakeArt Portola, 2-4 p.m.

Dance Party Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

Teens

The Mix at SFPL

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

Mix Recording Studio

- Tuesdays, 5:30-6 p.m.
- Wednesdays, 4-4:30 p.m.
- **Guitar Pedals, Chorus & More** • 6 Thursday, 5–6 p.m.

Recording Studio

- Wednesdays, 4:30-5 p.m. • Saturdays, 4-4:30 p.m. • Sundays, 2-2:30 p.m.

- Wednesdays, 5-5:30 p.m.
- Saturdays, 4:30-5 p.m
- 6, 13, 20, 27 Thursdays

Main, Mix - 2nd Fl, 4-5 p.m.

6, 20 Thursdays **Digital Design Studio** Main, Mix - 2nd Fl, 4-5 p.m.

12 Wednesday **Biblio Bistro** Main, Mix - 2nd Fl, 4-6 p.m.

23 Sunday

Super Smash Bros. Main, Mix - 2nd Fl, 3-5 p.m.

Main, Mix - 2nd Fl, 4 p.m.

Main, Mix - 2nd Fl, 4-6:30 p.m.

Teens at the Branches

1, 8, 15, 22 Saturdays

Merced, 11-12 p.m.

2, 16, 23 Sundays

Drop-In Crafts

<u>4 Tuesday</u> Novelist

Potrero, 5:30 p.m.

Film: Creed III

Excelsior, 3:30 p.m.

寫書評 Chinatown, 3:30-5 p.m.

Book Swap 青少年讀書交換

7 Friday

Pipe Cleaner Beaded Snake Craft 串珠毛絨棒蛇手作 Chinatown, 3:30-5 p.m.*

9 Sunday **Rubber Stamp Making** Bayview, 2-3 p.m.*

<u>10, 24 Mondays</u> **Drop-In Math Tutoring** Ingleside, 3:45-5:15 p.m.

11 Tuesday **Felt Heart Pocket Hugs**

Bernal Heights, 4:30 p.m.*

13 Thursday **Love & Lockers**

Western Addition, 4 p.m.

25 Tuesday Karaoke

21 Friday

Potrero, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Make a Phone Charm Sunset, 3 p.m.

26 Wednesday

Guitar and Bass Lessons

- Saturdays, 3:30-4 p.m.
- Orientation • Tuesdays, 5–5:30 p.m.

Recording and Songwriting • Tuesdays, 5:30–6 p.m.

• Sundays, 2:30-3 p.m.

Sewing Basics

<u>13, 27 Thursdays</u>

Color 3D Objects in Procreate Main, Mix - 2nd Fl, 4-5 p.m.

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

*Denotes space is limited, please call the Branch to reserve. Phone numbers on Page 8.

Drop-in Tech Help

10 Monday

BeneFITS 2 Work

12 Wednesday

10:30-12 p.m.

13 Thursday

Virtual, 1-2 p.m.

Mentors Main, Small Bus Ctr/ Sycip Rm - 4th Fl, 10-2 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Wednesdays

Small Bus. & Entrepreneur

Career Coaches Main, Sycip Rm - 4th Fl, 3-5 p.m. <u>6 Thursday</u>

Virtual, 1-2:30 p.m. **Small Bus. Office Hrs**

Excelsior, 12-3 p.m.

ship Main, 6-9 p.m.

Why Invest in Stocks?

Apply For a CA State Job

Golden Gate Valley, 3-4 p.m. Holy Stitch! Factory Fellow-

26 Wednesday **Snack Trials**

826 Valencia Writers

Gardening

2 Sunday

Teen Art Club

Anza, 2-3:30 p.m.

Wordpress Sites Virtual, 1–2 p.m. 19 Wednesday

18 Tuesday

Bread and Building Bridges Main, Koret, 6-7:30 p.m.

Dialogue: Rize Up Bakery

and Dragonspunk - Breaking

20 Thursday Interviewing Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

Avoid Tax Trouble Virtual, 12-1 p.m.

North Beach, 2 p.m.

North Beach, 4:30 p.m.

5 Wednesday Teen Gaming

Valentine's Day Crafts North Beach, 4 p.m.

February 2025 Event Calendar

Children

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

Early Childhood

1 Saturday

Octoplay Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Caribbean Music Ortega, 2-2:30 p.m.

3 Monday

Pre-Soccer Skillbuilding Glen Park, 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

6 Thursday

Mini-Makers

Merced, 11-11:30 a.m.

8 Saturday

Valentine Craft & Coloring Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Very First Concerts Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 11 a.m. & 11:45 a.m.

Paper Wand Streamers Excelsior, 12 p.m.

Tissue Paper Hearts Excelsior, 2 p.m.

10 Monday

Little Artists Bernal Heights, 3:30 p.m.

10, 24 Mondays

Family Dance Party Glen Park, 10-11 a.m.

11 Tuesday

LEGO Free Play Richmond, 3:30-5 p.m.

Puppy Dog Tales

Eureka Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

15 Saturday Trucks & Trains Glen Park,

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

22 Saturday Toddler Ball Pit Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Pre-Soccer Skillbuilding

Visitacion Valley, 10 a.m.*

Elementary School Age

1 Saturday

Craft Club Sunset, 2 p.m.

Author: Deepa lyer

Parkside, 3 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 22 Saturdays **KEVA Contraptions** Chinatown, 11-12:30 p.m.

2 Sunday

LEGO Robotics Sunset, 2 p.m.

Merced, 3 p.m. **LEGO/STEM Free Play**

Park, 2-3:30 p.m.

2, 16 Sundays

Coding for Kids Ortega, 1-2 p.m.*

Portola, 3 p.m.

3 Monday **Paper Kente Cloth Patterns**

4 Tuesday

Crafternoon Bernal Heights, 4 p.m.

5 Wednesday

Magna Tiles Ingleside, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pop-Up Valentine's Cards Marina, 3 p.m.

Valentine's Cards

Excelsior, 4:30 p.m.

LEGO Night/Robotics Bernal Heights, 6-7:30 p.m.

6 Thursday

LEGO Free Play Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

7 Friday

Junior Readers Glen Park, 4 p.m.

7, 21 Fridays

Girls Who Code Sunset, 4 p.m.

8 Saturday

Button Making Parkside, 10:30 a.m.

Stories, Music & Song Sunset, 1-1:45 p.m.

Weaving Techniques &Traditions Glen Park, 2 p.m.*

Planting the Seeds of Possibility with Dr. Mishi Booker

Merced, 3 p.m. 8, 22 Saturdays

Origami Sunset, 2 p.m.

9 Sunday

Friendship Bracelets West Portal, 2 p.m.

Valentine's Cards Sunset, 2-4 p.m.

10 Monday

Watercolor Excelsior, 4 p.m.

11 Tuesday

Homework Hangout Bayview, 4-5:30 p.m.

11, 25 Tuesdays

Homework Lounge

Excelsior, 4-6 p.m.

12 Wednesday

Elephant & Piggie's B-day Bash Bernal Heights, 4-5 p.m.

Art Club Excelsior, 4 p.m.

Junior Readers

Marina, 6 p.m.

<u>13 Thursday</u>

Homework Hangout Bayview, 4-5:30 p.m.

14 Friday

LED Paper Circuit Chinatown, 3:45 p.m.*

Puppy Dog Tales

Eureka Valley, 3 p.m.

Valentine's STEM Fest

Sunset, 3 p.m.

15 Saturday

D & D Park, 2-4:30 p.m.*

16 Sunday

Puppy Dog Tales Merced, 2 p.m.



Community Baby Shower Is Coming

re you expecting or do you have a tiny new member of your family? We want to celebrate with you at our Community Baby Shower. All expecting families and those with little ones aged up to 24 months are welcome. Enjoy a storytime, a play area, crafts and light refreshments. Our guests include community agencies eager to let new families know about resources available to them. Plus, the first 100 families will receive a gift for attending the event with your baby.

Community Baby Shower - Feb. 8, 11 a.m., Park Branch

18 Tuesday

Dog Reading Circle Parkside, 3:30 p.m.

Button Making Golden Gate Valley, 4-5 p.m.

19 Wednesday

Author Oliver Chin, The **Discovery of Chess** Bernal Heights, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

LEGO & Magna-tiles Anza, 3:30-5 p.m.

Music is First! Band Chinatown, 3-3:45 p.m.

LEGO Free Play

Presidio, 3-4 p.m. Bayview, 3–5 p.m.

20 Thursday Short Films: More than a Month Sunset, 2:30 p.m.

LEGO Build-O-Rama North Beach, 4-4:45 p.m.

21 Friday

Beaded Keychains Chinatown, 3:45-4:45 p.m.*

Book Club: Choose Your Own Adventure Merced, 4-5 p.m.

Mae Jemison Rockets Western Addition, 4-5 p.m.

22 Saturday

Skate, Rock, Roll, Read Main, Fulton St Steps, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Kumihimo Bracelets Parkside, 2:30-4 p.m.*

Painting Main, Children's Ctr -2nd Fl, 2-3 p.m.

Cultivate a Positive Inner Voice Potrero, 3-4 p.m.

28 Friday

Comics & Drawing Sunset, 3-4 p.m.



1 Saturday **Creative Writing**

Middle School Age

3-4:30 p.m.

Western Addition.

2, 9, 16, 23 Sundays **Chess Club** Ingleside, 2:30-4 p.m.

4 Tuesday **D&D Adventure** Bayview, 4–6 p.m.

4, 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays

Homework Hangout Glen Park, 3:30-5 p.m.

5 Wednesday

Make Your Own Clock Bayview, 3 p.m.

10 Monday

Graphic Novels: Jessixa Bagley's Duel Glen Park, 4:30 p.m.

12 Wednesday

Cross Stitch Visitacion Valley, 5 p.m.

13 Thursday

Button Making Anza, 4 p.m.

22 Saturday

Mini Foods w/ Polymer Clay Glen Park, 4 p.m.

26 Wednesday

Gaming Lounge

Bayview, 3-5 p.m.

Sharpie Tie Dye Totes Marina, 3–4:30 p.m.

28 Friday

Electronic Snap Circuits 電路模型工作坊 Chinatown, 3:30-5 p.m.

Children's Storytimes

Storytimes for Babies

Songs, rhymes and books for infants and their caregivers.

Anza - Every Saturday, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Bernal Heights – Every Wednesday, 12–12:30 p.m.* Chinatown - Every Thursday, 11-11:30 a.m. Eureka Valley - Every Wednesday, 11-11:30 a.m. Golden Gate Valley – Every Tuesday, 11:15–11:45 a.m. Merced - Every Tuesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. Mission Bay – Every Thursday, 10:15–11:15 a.m.* North Beach – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m. Ortega – 3, 19, 24, Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m. Park - 1, 15, 22, Saturdays, 11-11:30 a.m. Potrero - Every Tuesday, 1:15-1:45 p.m.* Presidio – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m. Richmond – 3, 19, 17, 24, Monday, 11–11:30 a.m.* Visitacion Valley - Every Monday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. West Portal – Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m. & 11:30–12 p.m. Western Addition - Every Tuesday, 11:45-12:45 p.m.

Storytimes for Toddlers

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

Bernal Heights - Every Thursday, 10-10:30 a.m.* Every Tuesday, 11-11:30 a.m.⁴ Eureka Valley – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m. Excelsior – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m. Glen Park - Every Thursday, 11-11:30 a.m.* Every Tuesday, 11-11:30 a.m. 5, 19, Wednesdays, 7-7:30 p.m. Ingleside – 3, 10, 24, Mondays, 11:30–12 p.m. Every Sunday, 1:15-1:45 p.m.

Main - Every Wednesday, 10:30-11 a.m. Merced – 3, 10, 24, Mondays, 10:15–10:45 a.m. Mission – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m. & 11–11:30 a.m.* (Español/English) Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.

Mission Bay – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.* Noe Valley - 25, Tuesday, 6:30-7 p.m. North Beach - Every Thursday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. Ocean View - Every Tuesday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Every Thursday, 11:30–12 p.m. (Minnie & Lovie Ward Rec Ctr) Ortega - Every Tuesday, 10:30-11 a.m. Park - 3, 10, 24, Mondays, 3:30-4 p.m. Parkside - Every Tuesday, 10:30-11 a.m. Portola - 3, 10, 24, Mondays, 10:30-11 a.m. Potrero – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.* Presidio - Every Tuesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. Richmond - Every Tuesday, 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, 11:30-12 p.m.

5, Wednesday, 6-6:30 p.m. Western Addition - Every Tuesday, 11-11:30 a.m.

Storytimes for Preschoolers Stories, songs, fingerplays and more for ages 3-5.

Bayview – Every Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m. (Español/English) Every Tuesday, 11-11:30 a.m. (Español/English) Chinatown – Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m. Excelsior – Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m. North Beach – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m. Parkside - Every Thursday, 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 - Every Thursday, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Bernal Heights – Every Saturday, 10–10:30 a.m.* Chinatown - Every Saturday, 2-2:30 p.m. Excelsior - Every Saturday, 10:30-11 a.m. Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m. (English/Español) Golden Gate Valley - Every Friday, 1:15-1:45 p.m. Main - 8, 15, 22, 29 Wednesdays, 10-10:30 a.m. (Salesforce Park Rooftop) Every Thu., 10:30-11 a.m. (English/粵語課程 Cantonese)

Marina – Every Saturday, 10:30–11:30 a.m. Merced – Every Wednesday, 2–2:30 p.m. Mission Bay – 13 Monday, 11:15–11:45 a.m. (SPARK Social SF) Noe Valley – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m. & 11–11:30 a.m.* Ortega - Every Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Portola – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m. Sunset – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m. Western Addition – 6, 13, 27 Mondays, 10:15–10:45 a.m. 9, 23 Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m. (Japanese/日本語)

Swing Into Stories

Tuesdays 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.)









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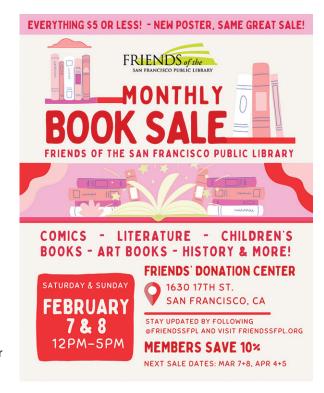


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Though we cannot be together at all times May the blessings of our ancestors protect us Though we cannot change the path of The sun or the moon May we persevere in this place of Wind and darkness, like the cuckoo Who returns from far off lands To sip the fruit of liberation

How joyful it would be if I could see The faces of my children, radiant as stars! The pursuit of freedom is filled with hardship To persevere through life is a struggle Sorrow is the immigrant's fate His gift to the fellow beings who come after Is the truth of freedom, that powerful Illumination that bright, clear light that Cuts through the ignorance of Hatred, fear and injustice The spirit of hope and determination— That is the immigrant's sword to Dispel the darkness of the world— The spirit of change and transformation That is the immigrant's dream To end man's inhumanity to man With tolerance and compassion With equality, peace and love The ultimate revolution



Genny Lim. Photo: Kit Castagne

Poet Laureate Inauguration

Sunday, February 2, 3–5 p.m. Main Library, **Koret Auditorium**

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	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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