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Events and Happenings at San Francisco Public Library

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Save the Date: Night of Ideas 2025 Edition

Join us for San Francisco's Night of Ideas 2025, where the theme "(Un)Common Ground" invites us to reflect on the individual and shared challenges facing our country and the global community in a rapidly changing world.

This year's theme explores the vital role of civil society in mediating our differences and charting a shared destiny. It challenges us to reconsider the values that form the foundation of our communities—whether territorial, social or emotional—and how we can repair our social fabric amid increasing polarization. How can we rebuild a sense of the common good and what is necessary to realize it in a time of deep division? In an era dominated by AI and social networks, how do we forge meaningful interpersonal connections and preserve the essence of shared values? How can we find common ground, if there is any?

We also welcome back Afternoon of Ideas, a family program ahead of the main event welcoming younger generations to participate in crafts, performances and workshops with popular children's book authors, artists, performers and educators.

Night of Ideas – April 5, 4 p.m.–1 a.m., Main Library and Asian Art Museum, 200 Larkin St.

HERstory Event Highlights

Youth Programs



Suffragist Pins and Roses

Learn about the fight for women's right to vote, and make your own symbols of support for women's rights.

We will make yellow paper roses and purple, white and gold ribbon pins. For ages 6 and older. March 26, 1:30 p.m., Sunset Branch

Culinary Creations

Snack on dishes invented by women, while learning about the women whose creations made them possible. March 29, 2:30 p.m., Noe Valley Branch



Girls Who Code

Science and math can change the world, just like girls and women. Learn the basics of coding through discussion, activities

and Scratch, using the Girls Who Code curriculum. For ages 8–10. Reservations required: (415) 355-2818. March 7, 4 p.m., Sunset Branch



Adult Programs



Reading the News with "Print Princess" Kelsey Russell

"Print Princess" and media literacy influencer Kelsey Russell discusses her passion for information literacy and does what she does best—reads us the newspaper, while offering tips for analyzing news articles. March 21, 11 a.m., Virtual



SAN FRANCISCO OPERA

SF Opera Lecture: History of the Diva Part 1

They portray gods and goddesses, countesses and courtesans. They command our attention, rule the stage and amaze us with their divine beauty of song. Where would opera be without its glorious divas? March 25, 6 p.m., West Portal Branch



Asian Art Museum presents The Goddess: Images of Power

Asian Art Museum docents guide us as we explore various cultural and religious manifestations of female deities. March 12, 6:30 p.m., Virtual

Find Out About HERstory

Get inspired by HERstory, SFPL's celebration of women's history, honoring and acknowledging the contributions of women and the experience of being female. Visit sfpl.org/HERstory

Learn About California's History with Native Peoples and Hear Indigenous Perspectives



Christina Snider, Loretta Miranda

Created in 2019 following Governor Newsom's formal apology for the genocide committed against California Native Americans, the California Truth and Healing Council (CTHC) investigates the lasting effects of this history. This month, Tribal Affairs Secretary Christina Snider and Deputy Tribal Affairs Secretary & Special Counsel Loretta Miranda from the Governor's Office on Tribal Affairs will present for the very first time the findings of the CTHC. The official report features oral histories, historical documents and recommendations for restorative justice to clarify the past and alter California's historical narrative.

Additionally, learn about the documentary *We're Still Here*, directed by Emmy-winner Jacob Kornbluth, which follows the years-long work of the Council, highlighting personal narratives of Native people across California.

For more information, visit tribalaffairs.ca.gov/cthc.

Presentation on the CA Truth and Healing Council – March 25, 5:30 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room



February Branch Open Houses

Join the Sunset Branch community for our annual open house with Unique Derique, followed by a Silk Strings Ensemble performance and the crafting of friendship bracelets and pressed-flower bookmarks. The celebration continues with Big Builder and Giant Jenga open play, button making and face painting.

Celebrate the Presidio Branch, meet library staff and enjoy a great afternoon of festivities and fun for all. Join us for the Fur, Scales and Tails Animal Show, then immerse yourself in the enchanting melodies of Guqin and Xiao music. Local musician Coral Liang and her students will perform ancient Chinese music. There will be additional fun activities including free book giveaways.

Open House Celebrations:

Sunset Branch – March 22, 1–3 p.m.

Presidio Branch – March 29, 1–3 p.m.

Did You Know: SFPL Has Seed Lending Libraries



Starting your garden can be a cinch with the Library's seed lending libraries! Located at the Bayview, Potrero and Portola branches, these libraries, located in old-fashioned card catalogs, provide open access to vegetable and flower seeds, such as sunflowers, tomatoes, kale, cilantro and parsley. Supply varies per location.

Borrowing seeds from the Library is simple: patrons select seeds from the collection and plant their seeds. After they have harvested their crops, they may save the seeds from the heartiest and healthiest of their harvest and return the seeds to the same Library.

Patrons 18 and over may access the seed libraries anytime by asking at the front desk. Patrons younger than 18 may use the seed library when a parent or guardian is present, or with a note from a parent, guardian, teacher or community gardener.

Coming Up:

Throughout April Southwest Asian and North African (SWANA) Heritage Celebration
Various locations

Throughout April Financial Capability Month
Various locations

April 3 Panel: The Art of Malik Seneferu
Main Library, African American Center, 3rd Floor

April 9 100 Years of Surrealism
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

April 26 Skate, Rock, Roll, Read with SFUSD Arts Festival
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

April 27 Día de los Niños/ Día de los Libros
Parque Niños Unidos, 23rd St. and Folsom

Events, Collections and Services

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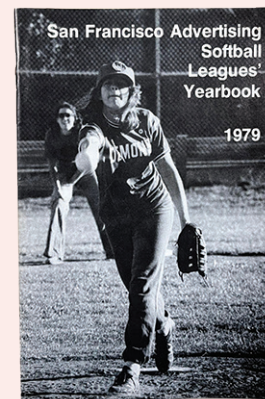


Discover More of HERstory with Our Databases

In celebration of Women's History Month, several databases are taking the spotlight: *Contemporary Women's Issues*, *LGBTQ+ Archives of Sexuality and Gender*, *Health & Fitness Magazine Archive*, *Harper's Bazaar Archive*, *Vogue Archive*, *Women's Magazine Archive I & II*, *Fashion Archives* and *Women's Wear Daily*.

To access, just log in to sfpl.org using your library card number/username and pin/password. Click on Research & Learn and go to Articles and Databases. Then proceed to find the database you want by using letter filter or by topic: for example, People.

For each database, search features allow you to narrow or broaden your search using basic and advanced searches and filters (date, type of periodical, subject and more). Access to the full text of most articles is available. If not, the citation is provided—this information is helpful for accessing the print version. Happy searching and reading!



Bonnie Russell Women's Softball Collection (GLC 229), LGBTQIA Center, San Francisco Public Library.

Collections Corner: Pitch-Perfect: Women's Softball

Bonnie Russell (1943–2018) was a lesbian photographer, graphic designer and dedicated softball player. Her collection of memorabilia contains photographs, team rosters and ephemera related to her involvement in women's softball, including the Advertisement League's Headliners team and the lesbian team, the Cracker Jacks. There are even some uniforms!

Russell played a key role in team activities from 1976 to 1986. This collection documents games and other gatherings, illustrating the sense of community that women's softball fosters.

Main Library, San Francisco History Center, 6th Floor

Skateboarding Comes to the Main!

Check out these related exhibitions exploring some of San Francisco's vibrant sub-cultures.

Margaret Kilgallen: Off the Wall Through March 9. Skylight Gallery, 6th Fl.

First Person: Art by Felicia Gabaldon Through Nov. 1. Wallace Stegner Environmental Center, 5th Fl.

Karl Watson: My First Skateboard Through April 20. Main Children's Center, 2nd Fl.

The Star of Thrasher Magazine: San Francisco in Concrete March 7–May 13. Elevator Landing, 5th Fl.

Get Busy: LGBTQIA Zines from the Bay and Beyond March 14–July 27. James C. Hormel LGBTQIA Center, 3rd Fl.

That's Rad: San Francisco Bay Area Zine Culture March 14–July 27. Skylight Gallery, 6th Fl.

Spinning Out: Skateboarder's Vinyl Picks April 11–June 15. Art, Music & Recreation Center, 4th Fl.

New Freedom Letters Collection Now Available



We are excited to announce the addition of several remarkable titles from the publisher Freedom Letters to the International Center's Russian and Ukrainian collections. Founded in April 2023 by Georgy Urushadze, the former director of Russia's prestigious Big Book Award, Freedom Letters is an independent publishing house based outside Russia. Its passionate aim is to amplify voices that challenge Russian state censorship and promote anti-war and opposition perspectives, focusing on works that cannot be published within Russia due to government restrictions.

Among our recent acquisitions are Sergey Davydov's groundbreaking queer novel *Springfield* and Dmitry Bykov's *VZ*, a critical, thought-provoking portrait of Volodymyr Zelenskyy that also explores the deep-rooted conflict between archaism and progress, offering readers a profound reflection on contemporary global tensions. These titles embody the publisher's unwavering commitment to freedom of expression and have been enthusiastically recommended by our readers.

Later this year, the International Center, located on the 3rd Floor of the Main Library, will host a notable book display to coincide with the third anniversary of Putin's invasion of Ukraine—a poignant occasion to spotlight these vital works.

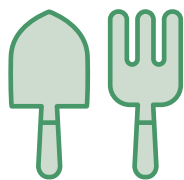
Get Your Garden to Grow With the Library

Spring is here! Attend one of these gardening-themed programs and get your green thumb growing.

Plant Swap

Bring your cuttings, seedlings or surplus harvest to swap with other gardeners. All types of plants welcome. Please label your plants before you come to the swap.

- March 2, 2 p.m., Main Library, Chinese Center, 3rd Floor
- March 8, 11 a.m., Ortega Branch
- March 9, 2 p.m., Portola Branch
- March 16, 1 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch
- March 22, 2 p.m., Merced Branch
- March 23, 2 p.m., Glen Park Branch



Succulents for City Living and Small Spaces

No matter the size of your patio, deck, balcony or apartment windowsill, you can find a place to grow succulents in the city. Learn about the history and care of succulents with Master Gardener Delle Maxwell. March 22, 2 p.m., Virtual



Ikebana Flower Arranging

Learn the art of flower arranging in the traditional Japanese style known as ikebana. Space limited. Reservations required: (415) 355-5757. March 18, 4:30 p.m., Bayview Branch

Gardening Safety: Tools and Tips As We Age

We can make gardening both safer and more pleasurable as we age. Learn about garden safety, preventing falls, hazard awareness and using both tools and technology to make gardening easier and more enjoyable. March 16, 2 p.m., Mission Bay Branch



Succulent Planters with Fog City Gardener

Make succulent planters with local garden and farming advocates Blas Craig Herrera and Jamie Chan. For ages 8 and older. Space

limited. Reservations required.

- March 22, 2 p.m., Visitation Valley Branch;
- March 22, 4 p.m., Portola Branch



Teens: Study Smart Tutors

1 Saturday

SAT Prep Portola, 12–4 p.m.*

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Mondays

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

5 Wednesday

SAT Prep (Class I) Virtual, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Student Support

Virtual, 5:30–6 p.m.*

7 Friday

SAT Prep (Class I) Virtual, 3:30–5:30 p.m.*

Student Support Virtual, 5:30–6 p.m.*

9 Sunday

College Pathways Western Addition, 1:30–3:30 p.m.*

11 Tuesday

Financial Aid & Scholarships Virtual, 4:30–6 p.m.*

Student Support Virtual, 6–6:30 p.m.*

12 Wednesday

Transition to College Virtual, 4–5:30 p.m.*

13 Thursday

Financial Aid & Scholarships Virtual, 4:30–6 p.m.*

Student Support Virtual, 6–6:30 p.m.*

17 Monday

Organization Skills for Teens Virtual, 6–7 p.m.*

18 Tuesday

College Essays Virtual, 4–5 p.m.*

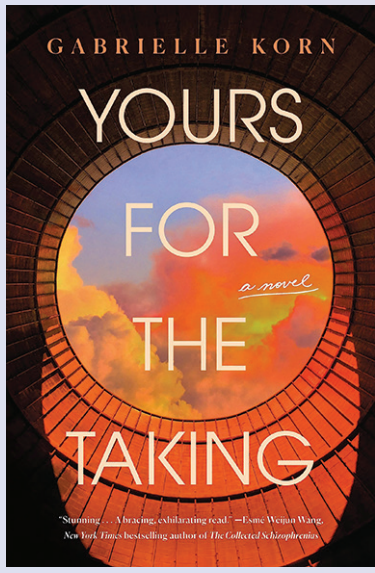
Student Support Virtual, 5–5:30 p.m.*

20 Thursday

College Essays Virtual, 4–5 p.m.*

Student Support

Virtual, 5–5:30 p.m.*



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Selection

Gabrielle Korn's *Yours for the Taking*

In 2050, when climate change has rendered the outside world virtually uninhabitable, survival is guaranteed only to those accepted into The Inside Project—massive weather-safe structures funded by corporate sponsors and built atop the ruins of cities.

Jacqueline Millender, a billionaire feminist icon with a hidden agenda, envisions her Inside as a utopia for women only. The novel follows three interconnected characters caught in Jacqueline's web: Ava, who enters the Inside alone after her girlfriend is denied admission; Shelby, a working-class business major swept into Jacqueline's glamorous world as her personal assistant; and Olympia, a med-school graduate recruited to oversee the health department. As cracks in Jacqueline's system begin to show, the trio must grapple with betrayal, survival and their own complicity in a society built on exploitation.



Gabrielle Korn

Related Events

Author Talk: Gabrielle Korn in Conversation – April 19, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium. Register: on.sfpl.org/4hvwBZP

Book Club – April 15, 7 p.m., Virtual Library. Register: on.sfpl.org/3WxUJtz

HERstory Recommendations



Shaped By Her Hands by Anna Harber Freeman

Maria Povika Martinez learned pottery as a child. She grew up to discover a new firing technique that turned her pots black and shiny, for which she became famous.



Living the Confidence Code by Katty Kay

A biography collection highlights the brightest, most determined girls around the world who have used their confidence to make their dreams come true.



The Complete Story of Sadako Sasaki and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Sue DiCicco and Masahiro Sasaki

Sadako's courage throughout her illness became an inspiration for all people, especially kids, who suffer from the impact of war and want to work together to achieve peace.



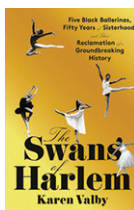
Angela Davis: An Autobiography by Angela Davis

A powerful and commanding account of Davis's early years as a political activist, feminist, queer and prison abolitionist.



The Enigma Girls by Candace Fleming

In 1941, as World War II raged, hundreds of young teen women carried out the critical work of code-cracking Nazi messages in complete secrecy.



The Swans of Harlem by Karen Valby

The captivating story of five trailblazing ballerinas performing with the Dance Theater of Harlem, an all-Black troupe.

Book Fair Features Formerly Incarcerated Authors

SFPL's Jail and Reentry Services will partner with the Returning Citizens Association to host a book fair for authors who have been impacted by the criminal legal system. Visit the Main Library lower level to meet formerly incarcerated authors and buy their books. While you're there, check out the Returning Citizens Association exhibition and celebration in the Latino/Hispanic Room. The exhibition will include visual art, performances and stories by system-impacted people. Refreshments will be available. For more information, reach out to jailandreentryservices@sfpl.org.

Book Fair – March 29, 2 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Room, Lower Level

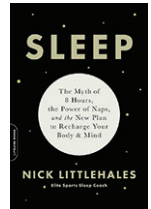
Wellness Booklist

Build your mental muscles this month with our recommended reads.



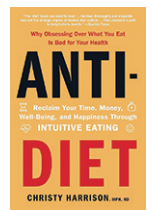
Built to Move: The Ten Essential Habits to Help You Move Freely and Live Fully by Kelly Starrett

Provides essentials on how to make the body more resilient and achieve greater ease of movement to improve overall health.



Sleep: The Myth of 8 Hours, the Power of Naps, and the New Plan to Recharge Your Body and Mind by Nick Littlehales

A leading sport sleep coach shares his proven strategies for better sleep.



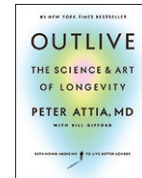
Anti-diet: Reclaim Your Time, Money, Well-being, and Happiness Through Intuitive Eating by Christy Harrison

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



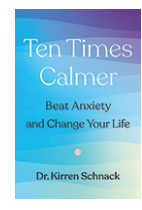
How to Do Nothing: Resisting the Attention Economy by Jenny Odell

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



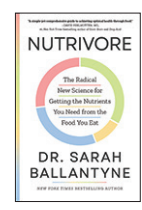
Outlive: The Science & Art of Longevity by Peter Attia

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



Ten Times Calmer: Beat Anxiety and Change Your Life by Kirren Schnack

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



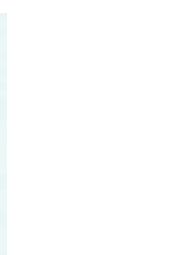
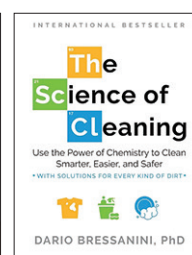
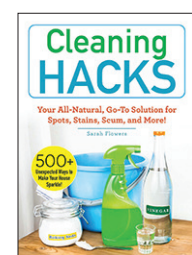
Nutrivore: The Radical New Science for Getting the Nutrients You Need From the Food You Eat by Sarah Ballantyne

Dr. Ballantyne demonstrates how to get your essential nutrients while enjoying your food.



How to Winter: Harness Your Mindset to Thrive on Cold, Dark, or Difficult Days by Kari Leibowitz

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



Spring Cleaning Books

Freshen up your space this spring. These books cover eco-friendly cleaning, decluttering and more to help you start this new season clean and green.

Cleaning Hacks by Sarah Flowers

The Science of Cleaning by Dario Bressanini

The Art of Natural Cleaning by Rebecca Sullivan

Keep the Memories, Lose the Stuff by Matt Paxton

Sustained by Candice Batista

The Buy Nothing, Get Everything Plan by Liesl Clark and Rebecca Rockefeller

The CHAOS* Cure by Marla Cilley

The Life-changing Magic of Tidying Up by Marie Kondo

How to Keep House While Drowning by KC Davis

March 2025 Event Calendar

Adults

1 Saturday

Tai Chi for Wellness

Golden Gate Valley, 1:30 p.m.

Puzzle Swap

Sunset, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Chinatown a Century Ago

Main, Chinese Ct - 3rd Fl, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.*

Knitting Circle

Noe Valley, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Felt Koala

Ocean View, 2–4 p.m.*

Int'l Women's Day

Excelsior, 2–5 p.m.

Improv Theatre

Golden Gate Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

Citizen Coyotes

Presidio, 3–4:30 p.m.

Dick Evans & Kathy Chin

Leong Richmond, 4–5 p.m.

1, 15, 29 Saturdays

Knitting Circle

Sunset, 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Saturdays

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

Wild Goose Qigong

Marina, 9 a.m.

2 Sunday

Woman Life Freedom Quilt

Main, Lower Level, 12–2 p.m.

Puzzle All Day

Eureka Valley, 1–4 p.m.

Plant Swap

Main, Chinese Ct - 3rd Fl, 2–3:15 p.m.

Karaoke

Glen Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

Yarn Circle

Western Addition, 3 p.m.

3, 10, 17 Mondays

Chronic Pain Mgmt

Glen Park, 2–4 p.m.

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Mondays

Tai Chi, Presidio

1:30 (Beginners)

2:15 (Advanced)

Shut Up & Write

Potrero, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Coloring w/ Coffee

Anza, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

4 Tuesday

Crafting

Visitacion Valley, 4:30–6 p.m.

4, 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays

Bocce Ball

North Beach, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Fit for Life

North Beach, 1p.m.*

ESL Convo Club

Virtual, 3 p.m.

5 Wednesday

Declutter Your Space

Merced, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Book Exchange

Golden Gate Valley, 1–2 p.m.

Employment (those w/ Disabilities)

Main, Atrium, 1–3:30 p.m.

Movement w/ Music

Marina, 3 p.m.

How Art Was Made

Virtual, 6–7:30 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Wednesdays

Beginning Tai-Chi

Anza, 1:30 p.m.

Meditation

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

5, 19 Wednesdays

CUAV Series

Eureka Valley, 5:30–7 p.m.

Yoga

Ingleside, 6 p.m.*

6 Thursday

Line Dancing

Potrero, 12–1 p.m.

Time Capsule/圖書館的時光膠囊：與未來對話

Chinatown, 2 p.m.*

Celebrate Sun Ra

Main, Koret, 6–7:30 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Thursdays

Gentle Yoga

Richmond, 11a.m.

Disability & Aging Svcs

Clinic Sunset, 12–2 p.m.

Wild Goose Qigong

Presidio, 2 p.m.

English Convo Club

Mission, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

7, 14, 28 Fridays

Aging Mastery Program

Noe Valley, 1–3 p.m.

7, 21 Fridays

Watercolor

Bernal Heights, 1–5 p.m.

Knitting

Anza, 3–5 p.m.

8 Saturday

Plant Swap

Ortega, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Micro Art Craft

Excelsior, 2 p.m.*

3D Printing/Tinkercad

Main, Comp Ctr - 5th Fl, 2–4 p.m.

Author Tiffany Trieu, Inner Child

Main, Chinese Ct - 3rd Fl, 2–4 p.m.

8, 22 Saturdays

Gentle Yoga

Mission Bay, 10 a.m.

9 Sunday

Plant Swap

Portola, 2–3 p.m.

Language Learning Resources

Richmond, 2–3 p.m.

Village w/in a City

Noe Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

Darn Your Socks

Glen Park, 2–4 p.m.

Creatives' Corner

Potrero, 2–4 p.m.

Crafting

Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

10 Monday

TBBC Writer's Salon

Main, TBBC - 2nd Floor, 12 p.m.*

10, 24 Monday

Older Writers Lab

Bernal Heights, 10–12:30 p.m.

11 Tuesday

Refuse Refuse

Richmond, 3:30 p.m.

Tarot for Mindfulness

Eureka Valley, 6–7:30 p.m.*

On the Page, Off the Page

Park, 7 p.m.

11, 25 Tuesday

Knitting Circle

Glen Park, 1–2:30 p.m.

12 Wednesday

Genealogy Group

Virtual, 1–3 p.m.

Dpt of Disability & Aging Svcs

Main, Atrium, 1–3:30 p.m.

Author Joan Gelfand

Main, Koret, 5 p.m.

The Goddess: Images of Power

Virtual, 6:30–8 p.m.

Author Eddie Ahn

Visitacion Valley, 6 p.m.

Mini Terrarium Fairy Garden

Mission, 6 p.m.*

13 Thursday

Crafts

West Portal, 5:45 p.m.*

Zines

Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 5–7 p.m.

Kim Shuck's Poem Jam

Main, Lower Level, 6 p.m.

13, 27 Thursdays

French Convo

Excelsior, 5–6 p.m.

14 Friday

Avoid Probate in CA

Virtual, 1 p.m.

Karaoke

Excelsior, 4–5:30 p.m.

14, 28 Fridays

Watercolor

Glen Park, 1:30–5 p.m.

15 Saturday

Macrame Key Chain

Mission Bay, 2:30–4 p.m.

Puzzle Swap

Ortega, 2–3 p.m.

Disaster Preparedness

Portola, 2–4 p.m.

Iris Folding Style Card

Ocean View, 2 p.m.*

16 Sunday

Lacemaking/Fiber Arts

North Beach, 1:30 p.m.*

Plant Swap

Bernal Heights, 1–2 p.m.

Correspondence Co-op

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

Anabella's Wish of a Lifetime

Main, TBBC - 2nd Floor, 2–3 p.m.

Rug Yarn

Excelsior, 2–3:30 p.m.

Garden Safely As We Age

Mission Bay, 2–4 p.m.

Graphic Novel Coasters

Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl, 3 p.m.

Meditative Drawing

Noe Valley, 3 p.m.

17 Monday

Blood Drive

Bernal Heights, 12–5 p.m.*

18 Tuesday

Ikebana

Bayview, 4:30 p.m.*

Rogue Recovery

Park, 6:30 p.m.

Persian Art & Culture

Virtual, 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

Women & Money

Virtual, 4–5 p.m.

Early SF Punk & New Wave

Main, Koret, 6–7:30 p.m.

20 Thursday

Tax Trouble: What To Do

Virtual, 12 p.m.

Basic Watercolor

Golden Gate Valley, 2 p.m.*

Mini Macramé Planter

Hanger Excelsior, 4 p.m.*

Sharpie Dyed Tile Coaster

Sunset, 4 p.m.*

Chess Club

Glen Park, 5–6:30 p.m.

21 Friday

Kelsey Russell Reads the News

Virtual, 11 a.m.

Aging Mastery Program

Noe Valley, 1–2:30 p.m.

Yoga

Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 2–3 p.m.

Disaster Preparedness*

Visitacion Valley, 2–3 p.m.*

Karaoke

Bayview, 4–5 p.m.

22 Saturday

Kulintang Dialect

Western Addition, 11 a.m.

Open House

Sunset, 1–4 p.m.

Plant Swap

Merced, 2–3 p.m.

Succulent Planters

Visitacion Valley, 2 p.m.*

Economic Inequality

Golden Gate Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

Succulents for Small Spaces

Virtual, 2–3:30 p.m.

Black Choreographer's Fest

Main, Koret, 2–4 p.m.

Clothing Fix-it Clinic

Potrero, 2–4 p.m.

Tunisian Crochet Coaster

Ocean View, 2 p.m.*

23 Sunday

Plant Swap

Glen Park, 2–3 p.m.

Journaling

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Book Clubs

[4, 18 Tuesdays](#)

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

[5, 19 Wednesdays](#)

Silent Book Club Richmond, 3 p.m.

[6 Thursday](#)

Angela Carter, *The Bloody Chamber* Virtual, 6 p.m.

[11 Tuesday](#)

Cozy Capers & Mysteries Presidio, 3 p.m.

African American Legacy Virtual, 6 p.m.

[12 Wednesday](#)

Chinatown Readers Chinatown, 5:15 p.m.

[13 Thursday](#)

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

[15 Saturday](#)

Nathan Thrall, *A Day in the Life of Abed Salama* Ortega, 11 a.m.

[16 Sunday](#)

Great Books Anza, 1:30 p.m.

Morgan Rogers, *Honey Girl* Eureka Valley, Virtual, 3:30 p.m.

[18 Tuesday](#)

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

[19 Wednesday](#)

R. F. Kuang, *Yellowface* Mission Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Audrey Clare Farley, *The Unfit Heiress* West Portal, 6 p.m.

[20 Thursday](#)

Literate Goat Potrero, 6 p.m.

[21 Friday](#)

Jenny Offill, *Weather* Noe Valley, 3 p.m.

[23 Sunday](#)

Cherie Dimaline, *Empire of Wild* Eureka Valley, Virtual, 3:30 p.m.

Sarah Smarsh, *Heartland* Marina, 8 a.m.

[25 Tuesday](#)

Ann Patchett, *Tom Lake* Visitacion Valley, 4 p.m.

Excelsior Reads Excelsior, 6:30 p.m.

[26 Wednesday](#)

Great Books Virtual, 6:30 p.m.

[27 Thursday](#)

Talking Books Main, TBBC - 2nd Floor, 12 p.m.*

[31 Monday](#)

Colm Tóibín, *Long Island* Golden Gate Valley, 4 p.m.

Films

[Thursday @ Noon Films](#)
3/6: Kids

3/13: Skate Kitchen

3/20: *Mid90's*

3/27: *Last Black Man in San Francisco*

Main, Koret, 12 p.m.

[4 Tuesday](#)

Radical Harmonies Main, Koret, 5:30 p.m.

Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga, Part 1 Potrero, 5:30 p.m.

[5 Wednesday](#)

Mon crime/*The Crime Is Mine* Glen Park, 6 p.m.

[7 Friday](#)

Lourdes Excelsior, 3:30 p.m.

The Forge

Bayview, 3 p.m.

[8 Saturday](#)

Benkyodo & Atomic Café (w/ Filmmaker Talk) Main, Lower Level 2 p.m.

[9 Sunday](#)

Alimuom (w/ Filmmaker Talk) Main, Koret, 12 p.m.

[10 Monday](#)

Detective Story Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

[12 Wednesday](#)

Inside Out 2 Bayview, 3 p.m.

[13 Thursday](#)

Jane: An Abortion Service Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

[18 Tuesday](#)

Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga, Part 2 Potrero, 5:30 p.m.

[19 Wednesday](#)

Nomadland Park, 5 p.m.

[24 Monday](#)

Dune (1984) Glen Park, 1 p.m.

A Foreign Affair

Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

[31 Monday](#)

Dune Double Feature Glen Park, 12 p.m.

Tech Time

[1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Saturdays](#)

Tech Help West Portal, 12–3 p.m.

[2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Sundays](#)

Tech Help Sunset, 1:30–3:30 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.

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

Tech Help Bayview, 1–3 p.m.

[8 Saturday](#)

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

[10 Monday](#)

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

[12 Wednesday](#)

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

[12, 26 Wednesdays](#)

Tech Savvy at 60+ Richmond, 2–3:30 p.m.

[13 Thursday](#)

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

[14 Friday](#)

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

[14, 28 Fridays](#)

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

[20 Thursday](#)

iPhone Basics/蘋果手機簡介 Chinatown, 2–3:30 p.m.*

[21 Friday](#)

Tablet/Phone CLASS (60+) Sunset, 1–2:30 p.m.

[25 Tuesday](#)

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

[26 Wednesday](#)

Basic Tech Help Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.*

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

[27 Thursday](#)

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

[28 Friday](#)

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

[29 Saturday](#)

Tech Coaches Visitacion Valley, 1–5 p.m.

Jobs & Careers, Personal Finance and Small Business

[1, 22, 29 Saturdays](#)

Tax Aid Ortega, 10–2 p.m.

[3 Monday](#)

Auto Tech Careers Virtual, 3–5 p.m.

[5, 12, 19, 26 Wednesdays](#)

Business Mentoring Main, Bus. Ctr, Sycip Rm - 4th Fl, 10–2 p.m.

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

[6 Thursday](#)

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

Small Bus. Office Hrs Excelsior, 12–3 p.m.*

[6, 13, 20, 27 Thursdays](#)

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

[10 Monday](#)

Auto Tech Careers Virtual, 2–3 p.m.

[11 Tuesday](#)

Intro to Bus. Plans Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

Job Match Virtual, 3:15–4 p.m.

[12 Wednesday](#)

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

Digital Marketing Main, Comp Ctr - 5th Fl, 2–3:30 p.m.

[16 Sunday](#)

Resume Building West Portal, 1:30–3:30 p.m.*

[18 Tuesday](#)

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

[19 Wednesday](#)

Sr Employment Program Virtual, 11:15–12 p.m.

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

[20 Thursday](#)

Resume Writing Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

Teens

[The Mix at SFPL](#)

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

[6, 13, 20, 27 Thursdays](#)

Filmmaking, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

[6, 20 Thursdays](#)

Digital Design Studio, 4–5 p.m.

[12 Wednesday](#)

Biblio Bistro, 4–6 p.m.

[13, 27 Thursdays](#)

Digital Collage Using Procreate, 4–5 p.m.

[26 Wednesday](#)

Snack Trials, 4–5 p.m.

[26 Wednesday](#)

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

[30 Sunday](#)

WarioWare Move It!, 3–5 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.

Guitar Pedals, Chorus & More

• 6 Thursday, 5–6 p.m.

Recording Studio Orientation

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

Recording and Songwriting

• Tuesdays, 5:30–6 p.m.
• Wednesdays, 5–5:30 p.m.
• Saturdays, 4:30–5 p.m.
• Sundays, 2:30–3 p.m.

Teens at the Branches

[2 Sunday](#)

Art Club Anza, 2–3:30 p.m.

[2, 9, 23, 30 Sundays](#)

Drop-In Crafts

North Beach, 2–3 p.m.

[4 Tuesday](#)

D&D Adventure

Excelsior, 5–7 p.m.*

[5 Wednesday](#)

Gaming Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Book Swap 青少年圖書交換寫書評 Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.

[5, 19, 26 Wednesdays](#)

Volunteer Corps

Merced, 3–4 p.m.

[8 Saturday](#)

Poetic Plates West Portal, 2–3:30 p.m.

[8, 15, 22, 29 Saturdays](#)

Gardening

Merced, 11–12 p.m.

[12 Wednesday](#)

Leprechaun Hat & Clover Origami North Beach, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Pom Pom Making

Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

Family

[1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Saturdays](#)

Playtime Potrero, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

[2, 9 Sundays](#)

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

[6 Thursday](#)

Chess Club Glen Park, 4–6 p.m.

Boys Book Club: The One & Only Family West Portal, 6:45–7:45 p.m.

[8 Saturday](#)

Tie-Dye Butterflies North Beach, 10:30–11:15 a.m.

Little Artists Eureka Valley, 10–11 a.m.

LEGO Robots Ortega, 12–1 p.m.

Finger Paint Flowers Glen Park, 3–4 p.m.*

Line Dancing Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

[8, 15, 22 Saturdays](#)

Chess Club Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

[9 Sunday](#)

Board Games Anza, 2–3 p.m.

Table Tennis/Ping Pong

Visitacion Valley, 2–4 p.m.

[9, 23 Sundays](#)

Music Circle Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.

[11 Tuesday](#)

Dog Reading Circle Bernal Heights, 4–4:30 p.m.

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

[13, 27 Thursdays](#)

Playtime in Japanese/日本語 Western Addition, 11–11:30 a.m.

[14 Friday](#)

MakeArt Potrero, 3–5 p.m.

[15 Saturday](#)

Ramadan Moon Mobiles Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

Animal Ambassadors Glen Park, 3–4 p.m.*

[16 Sunday](#)

Chess Drop-In West Portal, 2–4 p.m.

Rythm & Movement Ocean View, 3:15–4:15 p.m.*

[18 Tuesday](#)

Quiet Dog Reading Circle Parkside, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

[20 Thursday](#)

SWANA Heritage Snack Trials Bayview, 4–5 p.m.

Earth Song Poetry Collage Ingleside, 4–5 p.m.

[21 Friday](#)

MakeArt Bernal Heights, 3–5 p.m.

March 2025 Event Calendar

Children

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Early Childhood

1 Saturday

Design & Build Houses
Excelsior, 11–1 p.m.

Bike Fix-It Clinic

Richmond, 11–1 p.m.

Henna Garden

Bayview, 12–1:30 p.m.

Origami

Bernal Heights, 2–5 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Saturdays

Rubber & Wood Ball Ramps
Glen Park, 10:30–12:30 p.m.

3 Monday

Super Soccer Stars

Noe Valley, 11:15 & 11:45 a.m.

4 Tuesday

LEGO Free Play
Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

8, 22 Saturdays

Chinese Stories (Mandarin)
Portola, 11–12 p.m.

6 Thursday

Mini-Makers

Merced, 11–11:30 a.m.

10 Monday

Little Artists

Bernal Heights, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

10, 24 Mondays

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

19 Wednesday

Build a Bird House

Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.*

22 Saturday

Toddler Playtime

Visitacion Valley, 10–11 a.m.

Elementary School Age

1 Saturday

LEGO Robotics
Parkside, 2:30–4 p.m.*

Crafts Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

Henna Garden

Potrero, 3–4:30 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Saturdays

Magna Tiles

Chinatown, 11–12:30 p.m.

2 Sunday

Puppy Dog Tales

Potrero, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

LEGO Robotics Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

LEGO/STEM Free Play

Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

LEGO Free Play Merced, 2–4 p.m.

2, 16 Sundays

Coding Club Ortega, 1–2 p.m.*

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Sundays

Board Games Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

Tabletop Games Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 3–5 p.m.

3 Monday

Ramadan Lanterns

Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Mondays

Homework Tutoring

Ortega, 3–4:30 p.m.

Drop-In Math Tutors

West Portal, 4–5 p.m.

4 Tuesday

Crafternoon

Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

5 Wednesday

LEGO Free Play

Presidio, 3–4 p.m.

LEGO & Robotics

Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

6 Thursday

LEGO Free Play

Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

Wind-Power Cars

North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

7 Friday

Little Bits 小元件

Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.*

Jr Readers Glen Park, 4–5 p.m.

Girls Who Code

Sunset, 4–5 p.m.*

8 Saturday

D&D for Kids Park, 2–4:30 p.m.*

Free Press Music

Merced, 4–5 p.m.

8, 22 Saturdays

Origami Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

9 Sunday

Youth Dental Screenings
Bayview, 1–3:30 p.m.*

3D Printed Robot

Merced, 2–3 p.m.

Crafts: Tiny Art

West Portal, 2–3 p.m.

10 Monday

Watercolor Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

11 Tuesday

Puppy Dog Tales

Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

Butterfly Wands

Golden Gate Valley, 4–5 p.m.

11, 25 Tuesdays

Homework Lounge

Excelsior, 4–6 p.m.

12 Wednesday

Shamrock Crafts

Anza, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Art Club Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

Junior Readers Marina, 6–7 p.m.

13 Thursday

Open Studio & Chess

Bayview, 4–5:30 p.m.

14 Friday

Pi Party Sunset, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Spring Windsock

Chinatown, 3:45–4:45 p.m.*

Puppy Dog Tales

Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

15 Saturday

Music is First! Band

West Portal, 11–11:45 a.m.

Cook Spring Rolls

Visitacion Valley, 11–12 p.m.*

Bead Flowers

Marina, 2–4:30 p.m.

16 Sunday

Rythm & Movement

North Beach, 1:30–2:30 p.m.*

Puppy Dog Tales

Merced, 2–3 p.m.

19 Wednesday

LEGO/Magna-Tiles

Anza, 3:30–5 p.m.

LEGO Free Play

Bayview, 3–5 p.m.

20 Thursday

LEGO Build-O-Rama

North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

21 Friday

LED Paper Circuit

Chinatown, 3:45–4:45 p.m.*

Choose Your Own Adventure

Merced, 4–5 p.m.

22 Saturday

Skate, Rock, Roll, Read

Main, Fulton Steps, 11–2 p.m.

Veggie Tacos

Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 1–2 p.m.*

Unique Derique

Sunset, 1–2 p.m.

23 Sunday

No-Sew Pennant Banners

Mission Bay, 8–9 a.m.

26 Wednesday

Suffragist Pins & Roses

Sunset, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

littleBits Portola, 2–3 p.m.

28 Friday

Kaleidoscope DIY

Bayview, 3–4 p.m.

Design & Build

Bernal Heights, 3–4 p.m.

Comics & Drawing

Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

29 Saturday

Lego Motorcars

Excelsior, 2–3 p.m.

Math Fest Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 2–4 p.m.

Middle School Age

2 Sunday

Chess Ingleside, 2:30–4 p.m.

3, 10, 17, 24 Mondays

Mode to Code

Noe Valley, 4–5 p.m.

4, 11 Tuesdays

D&D Adventure

Bayview, 4–6 p.m.*

4, 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays

Homework/Math Tutoring

Glen Park, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

8 Saturday

Tween Creative Writing

Western Addition, 3–4:30 p.m.

9, 16, 23, 30 Sundays

Chess Club

Ingleside, 2:30–4 p.m.

10 Monday

Graphic Novel: *White Bird*

Glen Park, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

11 Tuesday

Open Studio & Chess

Bayview, 4–5:30 p.m.

12 Wednesday

Giant Jenga

Ingleside, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

13 Thursday

Friendship Bracelets

Anza, 4–5 p.m.

Spa Afternoon

Western Addition, 4–5 p.m.

18 Tuesday

Mancala 非洲寶石棋棋盤遊戲

Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.*

22 Saturday

Windmill Challenge

West Portal, 3–4 p.m.

26 Wednesday

Super Smash Bros.

Bayview, 3–5 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.

Ingleside – Every, Tuesday, 1:30–2 p.m.

Main – Every, Monday, 10:30–11 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 – Every, Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Park – Every, Saturday, 11–11:30 a.m.

Potrero – Every, Tuesday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.*

Presidio – Every, Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.

Richmond – Every, Monday, 11–11:30 a.m.*

Sunset – Every, Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Visitacion Valley – Every, Monday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.

West Portal – Every, Wednesday, 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.

Western Addition – Every, Tuesday, 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 – Every, Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.*

Every, Thursday, 10–10:30 a.m.*

Eureka Valley – Every, Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.

Excelsior – Every, Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Every, Wednesday, 6–6:30 p.m. (Español/English)

Glen Park – Every, Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.

12, 26, Wednesdays, 7–7:30 p.m.

Every, Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.*

Ingleside – Every, Sunday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.

Every, Monday, 11:30–12 p.m.

Main – Every, Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Merced – Every, Monday, 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.* (Español/English)

Mission Bay – 4, 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 10:15–10:45 a.m.*

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.

6, Thursday, 11:30–12 p.m. (Minnie & Lovie Ward Rec Ctr)

Ortega – Every, Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Park – Every, Monday, 3:30–4 p.m.

Parkside – Every, Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Portola – Every, Monday, 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.

Western Addition – Every, Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.

Storytimes for Preschoolers

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

Bayview – Every, Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m. (Español/English)

Every, Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m. (Español/English)

Chinatown – Every, Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.

Excelsior – Every, Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.

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At the heart of our organization is a dedicated and eclectic group of volunteers who are crucial to our mission of supporting the SFPL. From board members guiding our vision to volunteers on the ground at every Friends Book Sale, these individuals help power our organization. Like other Friends organizations nationwide, we fundraise through used book sales, but in San Francisco—a city with a deep, unmatched passion for literature—our efforts take on special significance. Every year, we receive over 350 tons of books (more than 700,000 lbs!). Our dedicated warehouse volunteers are essential in sorting and preparing these books for their next chapter—whether that’s being sold online, in our bookstore at the Main, at Monthly Book Sales or at our Book Sale Block Party or else supplied to independent bookstore partners or donated to other nonprofits. Among them are longtime volunteers Joan, Myer and Duffy, whose experiences over the past two decades highlight the profound impact Friends of the SFPL and libraries have had on their lives.

Learn more about how to donate or get involved on our website: friendssfpl.org.



Q: What first inspired you to support Friends of the SFPL?

Joan & Myer: “Libraries have always been important,” Myer answers confidently. When they were growing up in agricultural towns—Joan in Omaha, Nebraska, and Myer in Salinas, California—libraries became a sanctuary. “We didn’t have encyclopedias or newspapers at home,” Myer recalls. He lights up with a cheek-to-cheek grin. “The library was my friend.” The couple first met in San Francisco and have been together since 1971. They have volunteered at Friends of the SFPL for over 13 years.

Duffy: “Since I’ve always been an avid reader, supporting the Library was a natural choice. I started volunteering about 17 years ago, and I’ve loved it ever since.” Before Duffy became a volunteer at Friends of the SFPL back in 2008, she was a Volunteer Manager at the Art Museums of San Francisco.

Joan, Myer and Duffy are part of a Thursday afternoon cohort at our Donation Center in Potrero Hill, San Francisco.

Q: How has volunteering for us enriched your life?

Joan & Myer: “We have seen the SFPL evolve into one of the highest-ranked public libraries in the country.” The couple reminisce about the lifelong friendships they’ve built through library love and their admiration for how the library system has evolved. “It’s rewarding to know that our volunteer work and the Friends’ Book Program help fund programs and children’s literacy initiatives.”

Duffy: “It feels good to give back. I thought books might go out of style, but they’re more wanted now than ever.” Although Duffy prefers to read on her Kindle, she agrees that there is “something special about holding a book and turning the pages. It’s an experience you can’t replicate.”

Q: If you could describe Friends of the SFPL in one word, what would it be?

Joan & Myer: “Essential.” Libraries are true community pillars.

Duffy: “Important.” Reading, recycling and reusing books keeps knowledge alive.

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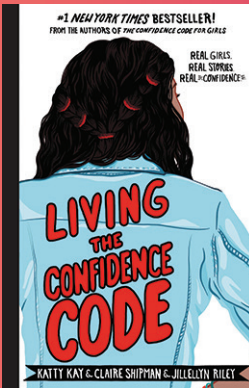
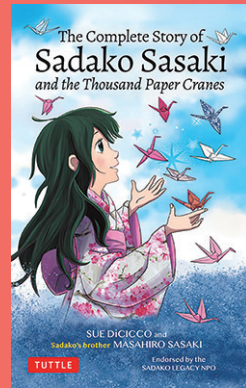
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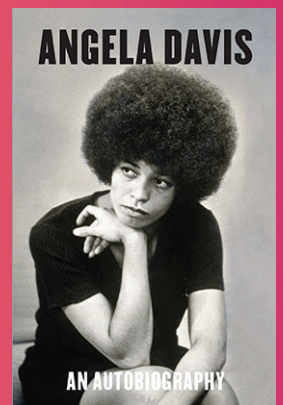
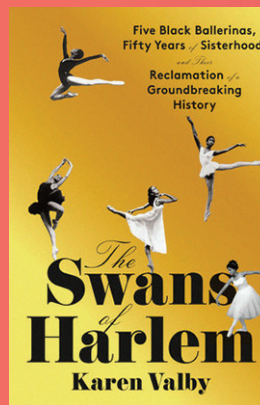
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BAYVIEW/BROOKS BURTON	5075 Third St.	355-5757	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
BERNAL HEIGHTS	500 Cortland Ave.	355-2810	1–5	10–6	10–7	12–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
CHINATOWN/LAI	1135 Powell St.	355-2888	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
EUREKA VALLEY/MILK	1 José 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
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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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