

AT THE LIBRARY

Events and Happenings at San Francisco Public Library

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September Open Houses



Join the fun for all ages at the Noe Valley Branch Open House. Make your own buttons and bookmarks, pick up take-and-make craft kits and enjoy free food and drinks while you explore all the library has to offer. The ¡VIVA! Celebration with Francisco Herrera kicks off at 11 a.m. Kids 5 and younger can come to the Big Play Date, 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m. At 2 p.m., engage in the Presidio Nature Talk with Ranger Fatima. Connect with library staff, neighbors and local firefighters—and get an up-close look at a real fire truck!

Join us for an all-day celebration of our 11th anniversary at the North Beach Branch Library with dance performances plus fun activities for families, craft lovers, music enthusiasts and City explorers. Afterward, embark on a delightful two-hour walking tour of the vibrant North Beach neighborhood and discover the rich history, culture and cuisine that make this area truly unique.

Noe Valley Open House — Sept. 20, 11 a.m.

North Beach Open House — Sept. 27, 10 a.m.

¡VIVA!: Celebrate the Americas

Throughout September and October, the Library is proud to spotlight ¡VIVA!, its celebration of Latinx Heritage Month.

This year, ¡VIVA! highlights the many Americas. Seven-time Grammy nominee John Santos presents the Americas as a place where African drumming influences Latinx musical genres such as salsa and Latin jazz. ¡VIVA! will also screen the short film *The Unbroken Sky*, based on the life of Dr. Francisco Jiménez, author of *The Circuit and Breaking Through*, which recounts his life as a migrant farm worker. Dr. Jiménez and producers will also be present for a post-film discussion. ¡VIVA! hopes to leave many footprints on our American continents this year!

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Photo by Michael G. Stewart



One City One Book Turns 20: A San Francisco Reading Tradition

The One City One Book: San Francisco Reads program celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, marking two decades of community reading and conversation. The idea began in 2004, when local cultural leaders approached then City Librarian Susan Hildreth with the vision of creating a citywide reading initiative. Inspired by similar programs in Seattle and Chicago,

San Francisco Public Library embraced the idea, recognizing the City's deep literary culture, strong public library system and high levels of civic engagement. With early support from Mayor Gavin Newsom and funding from local foundations and the Friends of the Library, the program officially launched in 2005.

Since then, One City One Book has become a cornerstone of San Francisco's literary life, inviting readers across the city to come together each year through books, dialogue and shared experience. Celebrate 20 years of One City One Book by reading all 19 past titles before the 20th book selection is announced this October.

Track your progress with a commemorative bookmark to receive your own free copy to receive your own free copy of the 20th title to keep; attend book clubs and revisit the powerful stories that have united our community through two decades of shared reading and conversation.

Visit on.sfpl.org/BookClubs for our full book club calendar.

***Alive in Necropolis* by Doug Dorst** — Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m., Virtual Library

***I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou** — Sept. 16, 6 p.m., Main Library

In English: African American Center, 3rd Floor

In Chinese: Chinese Center, 3rd Floor

***Little Brother* by Cory Doctorow** — Sept. 17, 6 p.m., Main Library, Stong Conference Room, 1st Floor

***Beautiful Chaos* by Carey Perloff** — Sept. 22, 4 p.m., Potrero Branch

***The Hummingbird's Daughter* by Luis Alberto Urrea** — Sept. 26, 3 p.m., Noe Valley Branch

Announcing Our Newest Library Card Design

The California Academy of Sciences is gearing up to celebrate one of the City's most iconic residents: Claude, the beloved albino alligator, who turns 30 on September 15. When the Library found out that one of Claude's birthday wishlist



items was to get an SFPL library card, it made sure to grant his big wish: the first-ever albino alligator-

themed library card featuring a beauty shot of the critter. You can get your Claude the Albino Alligator library card this fall!

A Very Claude-y Storytime

Young readers are invited to a special storytime featuring *The Curious Color of Claude*, a new children's book written by California Academy of Sciences Creative Director Rhonda Rubinstein



and illustrated by Michael Bartalos. A member of Claude's care team will read aloud as we follow Claude on his journey to understand why he looks different from other alligators—a gentle, heartfelt celebration of curiosity, self-discovery

and what makes each of us unique. Note: While Claude himself will not be attending in person (or in alligator form), his mascot will be there in his stead for a photo opp!

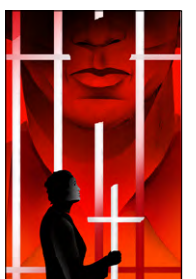
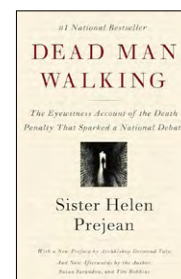
Sept. 3, 11 a.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

Sept. 15, 10:30 a.m., Main Library, Children's Center, 2nd Floor

An Afternoon with Sister Helen Prejean and Jake Heggie

Immerse yourself in the world of Sister Helen Prejean as she revisits her groundbreaking 1993 memoir, *Dead Man Walking*, and reflects on its adaptations

into film and opera. This free program begins at 2 p.m. with a screening of the gripping 1995 film starring Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn. At 4 p.m., Sister Helen will reflect on her groundbreaking memoir, its film and operatic adaptations and her life's work, joined by composer Jake Heggie, whose operatic retelling marks its 25th anniversary with San Francisco Opera. The conversation will be hosted by SF Opera's Ryan Marchand and will include audience Q&A, followed by a 5:30 p.m. reception and book signing. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from one of the leading voices for justice and learn about the enduring impact of her story on stage and screen. Visit on.sfpl.org/prejean for more information.



Sept. 12, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Related Events:

Book Club – Sept. 3, 6 p.m., The Nabe — Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St.

Book Club – Sept. 20, 10:30 a.m., Richmond Branch

San Francisco Opera Performances – September 14–28, 2025.

Coming Up:

Throughout October
Tricycle Music Fest
Various locations

Oct. 2
Living Tattoo
Traditions: American Irezumi and Beyond
Opening Reception
Main Library,
Jewett Gallery

Oct. 11
Bangon Kabayan:
Pistahan sa Fulton
Main Library,
Fulton Plaza

Oct. 18
Financial Planning
Day
Main Library,
Koret Auditorium

Oct. 18
Bay Beats Launch
Party
Main Library,
Fulton Steps

Events, Collections and Services

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Caro De Robertis' Cantoras

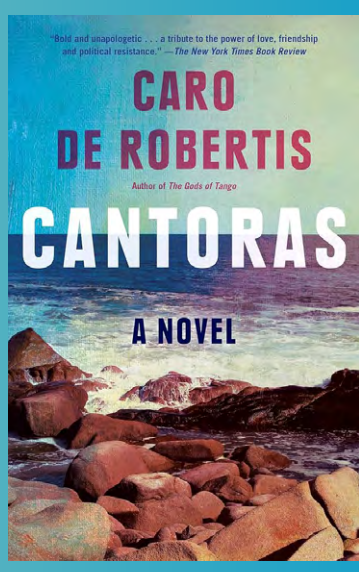
SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER 2025
San Francisco Reads

Cantoras by Caro De Robertis is a powerful historical novel about five queer women living under Uruguay's military dictatorship in the late 1970s. Seeking freedom from repression, they create a hidden sanctuary in a remote seaside shack where they can live and love on their own terms. Spanning more than three decades, their bond grows into a source of strength, healing and chosen family as they face political upheaval, personal transformation and the fight for democracy. Told through shifting timelines and multiple voices, De Robertis crafts a lyrical tribute to resilience, queer resistance and the quiet courage it takes to survive—and to love—in silence.



Author Talk: Caro De Robertis in Conversation with Kate Schatz – Sunday, Oct. 5, 3 p.m. Koret Auditorium, Main Library on.sfpl.org/CantorasAuthor

Related Events:
Book Club: Tuesday, Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m., Virtual Library on.sfpl.org/CantorasBook



Collections Corner:

The Christine Kristen Burning Man Ephemera Collection

The Christine Kristen Burning Man Ephemera Collection includes flyers, photographs, posters, maps, bandannas, patches, clippings, calendars and a small number of uncategorized objects from Burning Man festivals dating from 1998 through 2022. Also present are several print copies of the *Burning Man Journal* from 1993 to 2007.



Piss Clear. Issue 18. August 26, 2003. Piss Clear Publications [1995–]

These materials were gathered by Christine “LadyBee” Kristen, Burning Man’s archivist, art collection manager and photo gallery editor. From 1999 to 2008 she was Burning Man’s art curator; she also wrote content for the Burning Man website, worked with the ARTery and taught about the art of Burning Man. She left in 2008 to work for an arts startup but returned in 2012 as the art collection curator and archivist for Burning Man.

The Christine Kristen Burning Man Ephemera Collection is stored offsite but is made available through the San Francisco History Center, Main Library, 6th Floor. Patrons with a burning interest should contact us at least four business days in advance; call (415) 557-4567 or email sfhistory@sfpl.org.

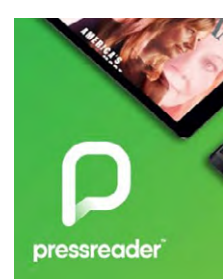
Spanish Language Magazines and PressReader

Spanish-language magazines and newspapers in PressReader don’t just serve native speakers; they also benefit language learners by helping them build vocabulary and boost comprehension. Savvy travelers can explore the newspapers of the cities they plan to visit, too, and learn about news and happenings before arriving. Those seeking diverse perspectives can read about global events through a different lens. Pro tip: Use the “Translate Article” feature to read in English or another language, or select “Listen” to hear it read in Spanish. Wow!

Publications include *El Universal*, *Milenio*, *VOGUE México*, *GQ (México)*, *TVyNovelas*, *¡HOLA!*, *Bloomberg BusinessWeek Mexico* and many more.

Simply download the PressReader app, select “San Francisco Public Library Main,” and sign in with your library card number and PIN. On the browser, find PressReader at sfpl.org/enews.

Join us for an **online PressReader tutorial on Spanish-language newspapers** on Sept. 17, at 12 p.m. via Zoom: on.sfpl.org/news-in-spanish.



Celebrate Northern California's Literary Stars

Don't miss an afternoon of literary brilliance at the 44th Annual Northern California Book Awards, honoring the finest works published in 2024 by Northern California authors and translators. This prestigious event highlights



outstanding achievements in Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, Children's Literature and Translation, and celebrates the vibrant voices shaping our region's literary landscape. The Fred Cody Award for Lifetime Achievement will be presented to a distinguished literary figure.

The winning authors will share brief remarks, followed by a book signing and reception offering a chance to meet the writers and connect with fellow book lovers. Nominated titles will be announced in August at poetryflash.org.

Join us in celebrating literary excellence and community at this beloved annual tradition. Visit on.sfpl.org/NCBA44 for more info.

44th Annual Northern California Book Awards
Sept. 6, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Arrives in San Francisco

The simplest way to put your child on the path to academic success is to ensure access to a diverse set of books in the home. If your child lives in the City and County of San Francisco, you can now register them with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and every month until their fifth birthday they'll receive for a free book to keep forever in their home library. Register for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library via the Sparkler app, available in the Apple App Store and Google Play. This program is sponsored locally by the San Francisco Department of Early Childhood, Sparkler and San Francisco Public Library.

For more info, visit sfdec.org/imagination-library/.



Elaine Castillo in Conversation with Jenny Odell

Dive into the virtual workplace and find romance with *Girlie Delmundo*, the protagonist in Elaine Castillo's latest book, *Moderation*. Castillo and author Jenny Odell will then be in conversation. An audience Q&A will follow.

Castillo's 2018 debut novel, *America Is Not the Heart*, was a finalist for numerous prizes including the Elle Big Book Award and was named a best book of 2018 by NPR, *The Boston Globe*, *San Francisco Chronicle* and more.

Odell's first book, *How to Do Nothing: Resisting the Attention Economy*, was published in 2019, and her second book, *Saving Time: Discovering a Life Beyond the Clock*, was published in 2023.

Elaine Castillo in Conversation with Jenny Odell
Wednesday, Sept. 10, 6 p.m.

Q&A with Antonio and Geny Mejia, Featured ¡VIVA! Artists



Introduce yourselves.

Geny: First and foremost, I am a mother, grandmother, wife and educator. My family is from a small village, Espita, in Yucatán, Mexico, but I was born in Los Angeles, California. I work with inner city students teaching high school history I am also involved collectively with Danza Azteca and teach the community about our Aztec/Mexica culture. It is important to me to show that we are still here, and our ceremonies, practice and prayers are stronger than ever. My children and grandchildren have also been involved in our ceremonies.

Antonio: My people come from a town called Batu Pillas in Chihuahua, Mexico, at the base of a copper canyon. I was born in Lynwood, California and currently reside in Pomona, California. I am a tattooer that has been tattooing since 1991 and a maker of art/storyteller since 1974.

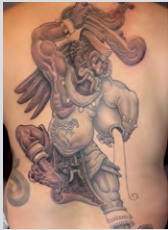


Tell us about your tattoos.

Geny: Most of my work is Aztec/Mexica and Mayan. It has been paramount in my life to identify key symbols, images that represent my native culture, where my family is from. I also have tattoos that tell a story of my life—being a mother, and now a grandmother, reaching milestones and celebrations of life. I strongly believe that when we pass on to the spirit world our ancestors will recognize those markings and guide us where we need to go. I am reclaiming our indigenous markings with hopes that my ancestors are proud and smiling down on me.

What kinds of subject matter do you explore in your tattoos?

Antonio: I explore whatever the person sitting with me asks me to explore. Generally, I'm asked for my opinion based on whatever that particular individual is going through. After consuming their story, we then decide placement and size that would be most appropriate for the task at hand. I would say that most of the work I am currently working on has some ties to the people's indigenous roots and history. However, I am a lover of tattoos, and I'm always able and willing to explore most subject matters.



This interview has been condensed. To read the full interview, visit on.sfpl.org/viva.

Día de la Ingeniería/Engineering Day at the Exploratorium

In partnership with the SF Bay Area Chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and the Library, the Exploratorium will host its annual Día de la Ingeniería/Engineering Day.

Families can meet professional engineers and participate in playful hands-on activities highlighting the scientific and engineering heritage of Latinx and other communities.

Many of the activities and discussions in this annual program will be conducted bilingually in Spanish and English.

Día de la Ingeniería/Engineering Day – Sept. 27, 10 a.m., Exploratorium, Pier 15 (Embarcadero at Green Street)

¡VIVA! Highlights

YOUTH EVENTS

Painting Big Feelings

Learn acrylic painting basics and image-making techniques. Sendy Santamaria, featured 2024 Summer Stride illustrator-author, will lead participants to think about a feeling and make a painting.
Sept. 13, 11 a.m., Richmond Branch; Oct. 4, 2 p.m., Potrero Branch



Musical Heritage with Francisco Herrera

Celebrate the joy of Latinx heritage with the music of Francisco Herrera, bilingual songs for children with regionally inspired music from Mexico and the U.S. For children and their caregivers.
Sept. 20, 11 a.m., Noe Valley Branch



Music and Storytelling with Mariela

See an exciting, energetic and interactive bilingual performance in Spanish and English filled with rhythms and multicultural sounds, along with the rich traditions of the Bay Area. Performed by singer and storyteller Mariela Herrera. For children 5 and younger and their families.
Oct. 7, 3 p.m., Presidio Branch



Cuentos Cantados | Storytime Performance with Cascada de Flores

Cascada de Flores performs *El Brujo y La Sirena* (The Wizard and the Mermaid), a story about the sea from Latin America and the Caribbean, in Spanish, English, Mayan K'iche' and Portuguese.
Oct. 9, 3 p.m., Marina Branch

Create Your Character Design

Bring characters to life in this interactive workshop on character design for comics, animation and gaming.
Oct. 19, 2 p.m., Main Library, The Mix, 2nd Floor



ALL-AGES EVENTS

Mexican Papel Picado

Learn traditional papel picado, a paper-cut design, to celebrate ¡VIVA! Supplies limited. Reservations required.
Sept. 17, 6 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch

African Drumming and Latinx History

Seven-time Grammy nominee John Santos will give a presentation on the history of African drumming and its connection to Latinx musical genres such as salsa and Latin jazz.
Sept. 20, 3 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level



Celebrate Indigeneity with Danza Azteca

Danza Azteca performs indigenous dance as practiced throughout Mexico—a living, evolving, all-encompassing way of life and cultural practice.
Sept. 20, 2 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

Film: Si Pudiera Quedarme / If I Could Stay

Meet co-directors Theo Rigby and Florencia Krochik and watch their film *Si Pudiera Quedarme / If I Could Stay*, an intimate portrait of two undocumented Latinx mothers who go to dramatic lengths to fend off deportation and separation from their families in the United States.
Sept. 21, 3 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level



Traditional Son Jarocho Music with DíaPaSón

The music ensemble DíaPaSón specializes in Mexican music traditions, especially son jarocho, a living contemporary art form. Learn the basic rhythms of son jarocho and how to play them on traditional instruments.
Sept. 28, 2 p.m., Ortega Branch

Film: The Unbroken Sky

Based on Dr. Francisco Jiménez's beloved memoir *The Circuit and Breaking Through*, the award-winning film *The Unbroken Sky* dramatizes the true story of a Mexican family's journey—one of faith, hope, backbreaking work and an unrelenting determination to realize the universal dream of a better life.
Oct. 19, 3 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level



September Event Calendar

Adults

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

Tai Chi
Presidio
• 1:30 (Beginners)
• 2:15 (Advanced)

[2 Tuesday](#)

Crafting
Visitacion Valley, 4:30–6 p.m.

[3 Wednesday](#)

Book Swap
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.

[3, 10, 17, 24 Wednesdays](#)

Beginning Tai-Chi
Anza, 1:30–3 p.m.

[3, 17 Wednesdays](#)

Yoga
Ingleside, 6 p.m.*

[4 Thursday](#)

Senior Fitness
Ortega, 1 p.m.

Aging/Disability Resources
Main, Atrium, 2–4 p.m.

ADA 35 Creativity Explored
Main, Lower Level, 4–6 p.m.

Tiny Art Reception
Excelsior, 5–6 p.m.

[4, 11, 18, 25 Thursdays](#)

Breath Meditation
Richmond, 11 a.m.

Shut Up & Write
Glen Park, 12:30–2:30 p.m.

Wild Goose Qigong
Presidio, 2 p.m.

English Convo Club
Mission, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

[5 Friday](#)

Therapy Pets
Visitacion Valley, 4–5 p.m.

[5, 19 Fridays](#)

Watercolor
Bernal Heights, 1–5 p.m.

Knitting
Anza, 3–5 p.m.

[6 Saturday](#)

Bike Repair Clinic
Eureka Valley, 1–4 p.m.

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

Knitting
Noe Valley, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Plant Swap
Ortega, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Genealogy Databases
Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

Arts & Crafts Trio
West Portal, 2–3 p.m.

Melon Basket Demo
Anza, 2–3:30 p.m.

Restorative Yoga/Sound Healing
Presidio, 2 p.m.

Shell Trinket Dish
Visitacion Valley, 2 p.m.*

Northern CA Book Awards
Main, Koret, 2–5 p.m.

Improv Theatre
Golden Gate Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

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

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

[6, 20 Saturdays](#)

Knitting
Sunset, 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

[7 Sunday](#)

Karaoke Glen Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

Bike Repair Clinic
Mission Bay, 2–4 p.m.

SF Symphony Chamber Concert
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

Crafting
Western Addition, 3–4:30 p.m.

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

Shut Up & Write
Potrero, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

[8, 22 Mondays](#)

Older Writers Lab
Bernal Heights, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Coloring w/ Coffee
Anza, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

[9 Tuesday](#)

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

Everyday AI
Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 6 p.m.

On the Page, Off the Page
Park, 6 p.m.

[9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays](#)

ESL Online Convo
Virtual, 3 p.m.

[9, 23 Tuesdays](#)

Knitting Glen Park, 1–2:30 p.m.

[10 Wednesday](#)

Genealogy
Virtual, 1 p.m.

Notebook Making
Noe Valley, 4–5 p.m.

Alebrije Shadow Box Craft
Mission Bay, 5:30–7 p.m.

District 7 Affordable Housing
West Portal, 5:30–7:15 p.m.

Crochet
Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

Asian Law Caucus: Know Your Rights
Main, Lower Level, 6 p.m.

Elaine Castillo w/ Jenny Odell
Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

[10, 24 Wednesdays](#)

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

[11 Thursday](#)

Adult Craft
West Portal, 5:45 p.m.*

Black Ambience Before André 3000
Main, African Amer. Ctr - 3rd Fl, 6:30 p.m.

Project Homeless Connect
Main, Atrium, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

[11, 25 Thursdays](#)

French Convo
Excelsior, 5 p.m.

[12 Friday](#)

Sister Helen Prejean & Jake Heggie
Main, Koret, 2–6 p.m.

Karaoke
Excelsior, 4–5:30 p.m.

[12, 26 Fridays](#)

Watercolor
Glen Park, 1:30–5 p.m.

Iris Fold Card
Chinatown, 2 p.m.*

Romanian Point Lace Ornament
Ocean View, 2 p.m.*

[13 Saturday](#)

Non-Toxic Cleaning
Merced, 2 p.m.

Village w/in a City
Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

Chinese Calligraphy/Chess
Visitacion Valley, 2:30–4 p.m.

Abstract Lounge DJ Set
Golden Gate Valley, 3–5 p.m.

Artful Afternoon
Western Addition, 3:30–5 p.m.

[13, 27 Saturdays](#)

Tai Chi For Beginners
Sunset, 2 p.m.

[14 Sunday](#)

Jill Damatac w/ Jose Antonio Vargas
Main, Koret, 2–5 p.m.

Plant Swap / 植物交換會
Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 12:30–2 p.m.

Author Sonia C. Gomez, Picture Bride, War Bride
Western Addition, 2 p.m.

Crafting
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

[15 Monday](#)

Sound Healing
Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 12–1 p.m.

[16 Tuesday](#)

Vinyl Listening Party
Excelsior, 6–7 p.m.

Zinething
Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 6–7:30 p.m.

Companions of the Sun
North Beach, 6–7:30 p.m.

[17 Wednesday](#)

Dist 7 Affordable Housing
Sunset, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Aging & Disability Resources
Main, Atrium, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Journaling
Golden Gate Valley, 3–4 p.m.

工作坊：三藩市第七區可負擔房屋 Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

Civic Power: Public Comments
Virtual, 6 p.m.

Disaster Readiness
Glen Park, 6–7:30 p.m.

[18 Thursday](#)

Shell Trinket Dish
Sunset, 4–5:30 p.m.

Library Commission Meeting
Main, Virtual, Koret, 4:30–8 p.m.

Author Susan Lieu, The Manicurist’s Daughter
Main, The Page - 1st Floor, 6 p.m.

[19 Friday](#)

Bilingual Convo Club (Español/English)
Excelsior, 5–6 p.m.*

[20 Saturday](#)

Clothing Fix-It Clinic
Main, Lower Level, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Community Resource Fair
West Portal, 2–4 p.m.

Papermaking
Park, 3 p.m.*

Afro-Roots of Latin Jazz & Salsa
Main, Koret, 3–5 p.m.

Storytime for Grown-ups
Western Addition, 4 p.m.

[21 Sunday](#)

Plant Swap
Bernal Heights, 1–2:30 p.m.

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

Plant Swap
Glen Park, 2–3 p.m.

Guatemalan Worry Dolls
Portola, 2 p.m.*

Sewing Machine Basics
Excelsior, 2–3:30 p.m.

Village w/in a City
Noe Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

[22 Monday](#)

Amate Paper
Noe Valley, 4–5 p.m.

[23 Tuesday](#)

Aging/Disability Resources
Main, Atrium
• 1–3 p.m.
• 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Mixed Media Mini Nicho
Bernal Heights, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Professor Sunil Amrith
Virtual, 5 p.m.

Darshan, The Act of “Seeing” in Hindu Art
Virtual, 6:30 p.m.

[24 Wednesday](#)

Ask a Medicare Counselor
Virtual, 12–1 a.m.

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

Chess
Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

[25 Thursday](#)

Aging/Disability Resources
Chinatown, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Calligraphy: Sutra Copying / 抄經練書法
Chinatown, 2 p.m.*

Basic Watercolor
Golden Gate Valley, 2 p.m.*

Poetry Open Mic
North Beach, 4–6 p.m.

Pet Care Q&A
Visitacion Valley, 6–7 p.m.

[27 Saturday](#)

Drop-in Collage
Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 1–2 p.m.

Paper Lantern Spirit Bull
Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 10 a.m.*

Puzzle Swap
West Portal, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

On View

Main Library

Tachyon Press: Celebrating 30 Years

A San Francisco-based publisher of science fiction and fantasy, Tachyon Publications commemorates its 30th anniversary with an exhibit and a celebratory event at the Main Library on October 5. The exhibit, opening on September 19, includes books, manuscripts, awards and photos documenting the company’s extraordinary history. Sept.19 – Nov. 20, 2025, General Collections Exhibit Space, 3rd Fl.

80th WWII Anniversary: Remember “Comfort Women”

This project is inspired by the courageous leadership of the aged survivors, affectionately called grandmothers, who started a global movement for justice for “comfort women” across many countries, including the United States. Sept. 26, 2025 – Feb. 1, 2026, International Center, 3rd Fl.

Harry Williams: Jones & Ellis Street Project

A striking street photography exhibition that centers the dignity, humanity and presence of Tenderloin residents through large-scale portraits and street art. Through Sept. 26, Art, Music & Recreation Center Exhibit Space, 4th Fl.

First Person: Art by Felicia Gabaldon

Exhibit includes original painted skateboard decks by Gabaldon. Through Nov. 1. Wallace Stegner Environmental Center, 5th Fl.

SF Opera: History of the Diva
Golden Gate Valley, 11 a.m.

Walking Tour
North Beach, 2–4 p.m.*

Sidewalk Series
Richmond, 2–5 p.m.

[28 Sunday](#)
Color Your Cares Away
Bernal Heights, 1–3 p.m.

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

[30 Tuesday](#)
Grotto Night
Main Library, Latinx Room, 6 p.m.

Writing Group
North Beach, 6–7:30 p.m.

Tech Time

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

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

[3, 10, 17, 24 Wednesdays](#)

Computer Basics
Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 12–1 p.m.

[6 Saturday](#)

Tech Help
West Portal, 12–4 p.m.

[8 Monday](#)

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

[10 Wednesday](#)

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

[10, 24 Wednesdays](#)

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

[11 Thursday](#)

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

[12 Friday](#)

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

[12, 26 Fridays](#)

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

[13 Saturday](#)

Tech Help
West Portal, 12–4 p.m.

3D Printing
Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 2–4 p.m.

[17 Wednesday](#)

Spanish News on PressReader
Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

[18 Thursday](#)

Request SFPL Books / 如何預訂圖書館圖書
Chinatown, 2 p.m.*

[19 Friday](#)

Tablets/Phones (60+)
Sunset, 1 p.m.*

[20 Saturday](#)

Tech Help
West Portal, 12–4 p.m.

[23 Tuesday](#)

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

[24 Wednesday](#)

Tech Time
Western Addition, 1–2 p.m.

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

[25 Thursday](#)

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

[26 Friday](#)

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

[27 Saturday](#)

Tech Help
West Portal, 12–4 p.m.



Ride and Read: Explore Our City With Muni

Every Saturday in September, travel on Muni between two library locations to learn how to use Muni safely. Meet San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) operators and staff as well as other public transit lovers. Make a commemorative button and screen print to celebrate your day.

For children ages 6–18 and their families. Transit between locations is free for all participants.

Sept. 6, 2 p.m.	Richmond Branch —> Glen Park Branch
Sept. 13, 1 p.m.	Ingleside Branch —> Park Branch
Sept. 20, 1 p.m.	North Beach Branch —> Marina Branch
Sept. 27, 1 p.m.	Portola Branch —> Visitacion Valley Branch

Book Clubs

2, 16 Tuesdays

Check ‘em Out
Glen Park, 1 p.m.

3 Wednesday

Ilan Stavans, *U.S.A.*
Noe Valley, 5 p.m.

3, 17 Wednesdays

Silent Book Club
Richmond, 3 p.m.

9 Tuesday

Cozy Capers & Mysteries
Presidio, 3 p.m.

Doug Dorst, *Alive in Necropolis*

Virtual, 6:3

Fran Ross, *Oreo*

Virtual, 6 p.m.

10 Wednesday

Chinatown Readers
Chinatown, 5:15 p.m.

11 Thursday

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

16 Tuesday

阅读会: 我知道笼中鸟为何歌唱 Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 6 p.m.

Rincón Literario

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

Maya Angelou, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*

Main, African Amer Ctr - 3rd Fl, 6 p.m.

17 Wednesday

Cory Doctorow, *Little Brother*
Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl, 6 p.m.

Elizabeth Acevedo, *Family Lore* West Portal, 6 p.m.

19 Friday

Jhumpa Lahiri, *Interpreter of Maladies* Noe Valley, 3 p.m.

20 Saturday

Michael Finkel, *The Stranger in the Woods* Ortega, 11 a.m.

21 Sunday

Great Books Discussion
Anza, 1:30 p.m.

22 Monday

Carey Perloff, *Beautiful Chaos: A Life in The Theater*
Potrero, 4 p.m.

23 Tuesday

Sandra Cisneros, *The House on Mango Street*
Visitacion Valley, 4 p.m.

Excelsior Reads

Excelsior, 6:30 p.m.

24 Wednesday

Elif Shafak, *The Island of Missing Trees*
Mission Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Steven Duong, *Dorchester*
Virtual, 6:30 p.m.

26 Friday

Luis Alberto Urrea, *The Hummingbird's Daughter*
Noe Valley, 3 p.m.

28 Sunday

Javier Zamora, *Solito*
Marina, 2 p.m.

29 Monday

Jorge Luis Borges, *Ficciones*
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

30 Tuesday

Pam Muñoz Ryan, *Echo*
Bernal Heights, 2 p.m.

Jobs, Finance and Business

3 Thursday

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

4 Thursday

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

4, 11, 18, 25 Thursdays

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

9 Tuesday

Job Match Virtual, 3:15–4 p.m.

10, 17, 24 Wednesdays

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

16 Tuesday

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

17 Wednesday

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

Small Biz Financial Literacy
Main, Lower Level, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

18 Thursday

Resume Writing
Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

Small Biz Legal Clinic

Virtual, 4–6 p.m.

23 Tuesday

Careers in Paralegal
Virtual, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

How to Write a Winning Business Plan
Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

24 Wednesday

Intro to E-Courses
Noe Valley, 5–6 p.m.

30 Tuesday

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

Films

3 Wednesday

Foul Play
Glen Park, 5:45 p.m.

4, 11, 18, 28 Thursdays

Thurs@Noon Film Series
Main, Koret, 12 p.m.

5 Friday

A Real Pain
Bayview, 2 p.m.

The Imitation Game
Excelsior, 3:30 p.m.

6 Saturday

Drawing From Film: The Housemaid
Main, Lower Level, 11 a.m.

8 Monday

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

12 Friday

Frida
Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

13 Saturday

The Rest I Make Up (+ Discussion)
Main, Koret, 2:30 p.m.

17 Wednesday

Hungry Ghost Diner
Chinatown, 1 p.m.

Como Agua Para Chocolate/ Like Water for Chocolate
Park, 5 p.m.

20 Saturday

Tremors
Mission Bay, 3 p.m.

21 Sunday

Si Pudiera Quedarme / If I Could Stay
Main, Koret, 3 p.m.

22 Monday

In a Lonely Place
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

24 Wednesday

Fruits of Labor
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

¡VIVA! Recommendations

MOVIES AND MUSIC



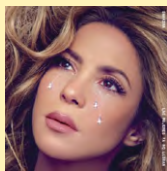
Llamada perdida (CD) by Prince Royce

A two-year creative journey celebrating love, resilience and fresh starts in Prince Royce's most personal album yet.



The Astronaut Lovers (DVD)

Pedro reunites with childhood friend Maxi in Argentina, sparking a playful, tender dance of flirtation and desire.



Las mujeres ya no lloran (CD) by Shakira

Shakira's 12th album transforms heartbreak into strength, drawing inspiration from her breakup with Gerard Piqué.

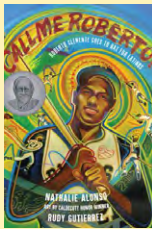


Adiós Buenos Aires (DVD)

In 2001 Argentina, a bandoneon-playing shoe salesman planning to emigrate meets a foulmouthed taxi driver just as his tango band gets a new singer.

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BOOKS FOR KIDS



Call Me Roberto! by Nathalie Alonso

Even after becoming an All-Star and winning a World Series, Roberto Clemente still faced discrimination as a Puerto Rican, but he never stopped speaking Spanish and demanding recognition.

The Interpreter by Olivia Abtahi

Cecilia can't ever really be just a kid because she has a very important job: translating for her Spanish-speaking parents.

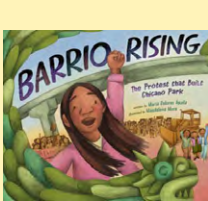


Bodega Cats: Picture Purrfect by Hilda Eunice Burgos

Fifth-grader Miguel rescues a stray cat outside his family's bodega, beginning a close friendship.

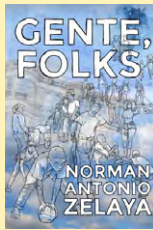
Barrio Rising by María Dolores Águila

Members of a San Diego community come together to fight for their rights and bring something beautiful to their neighborhood.



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ADULT BOOKS

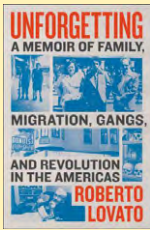


Gente, Folks by Norman Antonio Zelaya

Stories set in San Francisco's Mission District with its rich cast of characters lovingly portrayed.

Unforgetting: A Memoir of Family, Migration, Gangs, and Revolution in the Americas by Roberto Lovato

Explores how the author's life story is intertwined with the histories of the United States and El Salvador.

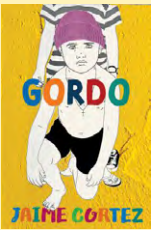


The President and the Frog by Caro De Robertis

The former president of an unnamed Latin American country recounts his imprisonment and offers lessons in the ongoing fight for democracy in this fictional tale.

Gordo by Jaime Cortez

Funny and tender stories about growing up in a working-class Mexican American family in Central California in the 1970s.



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September 2025 Event Calendar

Children

Early Childhood

4 Thursday

Mini-Makers
Merced, 11–11:30 a.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Saturdays

Big Play Date
Glen Park, 10:30–12:30 p.m.

8 Monday

Little Artists
Bernal Heights, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

8, 22 Mondays

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

8, 22 Mondays

Infant Parent Group
Glen Park, 2–3 p.m.

11, 25 Thursdays

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

13 Saturday

Big Play Date
Parkside, 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Sunset, 3–5 p.m.

17 Wednesday

LEGOs & Magna-Tiles
Anza, 3:30–5 p.m.

27 Saturday

Big Play Date
Visitacion Valley, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

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

28 Sunday

Baby Playtime
Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

Elementary School Age

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays

Learning Lounge
North Beach, 3–5 p.m.

3 Wednesday

LEGOs & Robotics
Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

3, 10, 17, 24 Wednesdays

Learning Lounge
North Beach, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

4 Thursday

LEGO Free Play
Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

LEGOs & Musical Instruments
North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

5 Friday

Therapy Dog
Glen Park, 4–5 p.m.

6 Saturday

LEGO Motorcars
Excelsior, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Craft Club Sunset, 2 p.m.

Rainbow Scratch Art
Portola, 3 p.m.

LEGO/STEM Free Play
Park, 3–4:30 p.m.

7 Sunday

Beginner Ukulele
Portola, 2 p.m.*

LEGO Robotics
Sunset, 2 p.m.
Merced, 3 p.m.

7, 14, 21, 28 Sundays

Board Games
Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

7, 21 Sundays

Coding Club
Ortega, 1–2 p.m.

9 Tuesday

Lego Free Play
Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

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

10 Wednesday

Alka-Seltzer Rockets
Potrero, 1 p.m.

Nicho Box/Small Shrine
Park, 3:30 p.m.*

Art Club Excelsior, 4 p.m.

10, 17 Wednesdays

LEGO Free Play
Presidio, 3 p.m.

12 Friday

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

13 Saturday

Origami Sunset, 2 p.m.

Coding Club
West Portal, 2 p.m.

Ride & Read w/ Muni
Park, 3–4 p.m.

14 Sunday

Rock Painting
West Portal, 2 p.m.

National Coloring Day
Merced, 2–4 p.m.

Teens

The Mix at SFPL

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

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays

Sewing, 4–5 p.m.

17, 24 Wednesdays

Snack Trials, 4–5 p.m.

The Mix Recording Studio

Guitar & Bass Lessons
• Saturdays, 2–2:30 p.m

Recording Studio Orientation
• Wednesdays, 4:30–5:30 p.m.
• Saturdays, 4–5 p.m.
• Sundays, 2–3 p.m.

Teens at Branches

3 Wednesday

Gaming
Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

16 Tuesday

Mexican Candy Trials/ Loteria Scavenger Hunt
Bayview, 4–5 p.m.

Kaleidoscope DIY
Golden Gate Valley, 4 p.m.

DIY Pencil Cases
Noe Valley, 4 p.m.

17 Wednesday

Jumping Beans
Ingleside, 3:30 p.m.

18 Thursday

Tissue Paper Flowers
Portola, 2 p.m.

Maracas
Chinatown, 3:45 p.m.*

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

Mola Paper Cutouts
Ocean View, 4–5:30 p.m.

19 Friday

Jr Readers Glen Park, 4 p.m.

19 Friday

Open Art Time
Western Addition, 4 p.m.

20 Saturday

Paint Pokémon Cards
Parkside, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Make Your Own Papel Picado Sunset, 3 p.m.

4, 11, 18, 25 Thursdays

Art Studio Merced, 5–6 p.m.

6 Saturday

Ride & Read w/ Muni
Glen Park, 4–5 p.m.

6, 20, 27 Saturdays

Gardening
Merced, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

9 Tuesday

Perler Beads
Golden Gate Valley, 4 p.m.

10 Wednesday

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

19 Friday

Flower Tissue Paper
墨西哥式薄紙花
Chinatown, 3:30 p.m.*

28 Sunday

Sones de Mexicanas
North Beach, 2–3:30 p.m.

Octoplay

Excelsior, 11:45 a.m.–1 p.m.

21 Sunday

Latinx Story Read-Along
Mission Bay, 2–3 p.m.

Create with Nature
Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

24 Wednesday

Bunny Decoration
Chinatown, 3:45 p.m.*

25 Thursday

Mooncake Craft
Sunset, 2:30 p.m.

26 Friday

Comics & Drawing
Sunset, 3 p.m.

27 Saturday

Parachuting People
Merced, 2 p.m.

Origami
Sunset, 2 p.m.

Planting Seeds Sunset, 3 p.m.

LEGO Robotics
West Portal, 3–4:30 p.m.

28 Sunday

Coding Club
West Portal, 2 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, 10:15–10:45 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 – 11, 18, 25, Thursdays, 11:30–12 p.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 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
Western Addition – Every Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.–12:15 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.*
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 Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.*
Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.*
10, 24, Wednesdays, 7–7:30 p.m.
Ingleside – Every Monday, 8–9 a.m.
Every Sunday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.
Main – Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Merced – Every Monday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Mission – Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m. (en Español)
Mission Bay – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.*
Noe Valley – Every Monday, 11:15–11:45 a.m.*
30, Tuesday, 6:30–7 p.m.
North Beach – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Ocean View – Every Thursday, 11:30–12 p.m.
Every Tuesday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
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 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.
Marina – Every Friday, 2–3 p.m.
Mission Bay – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 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 – 26, Friday, 2–3 p.m.
6, 13, 20, Saturdays, 11–11:30 a.m.
Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m. (English/ 粵語課程 Cantonese)
Every Tuesday, 10:30–11:15 a.m.
Every Wednesday, 10–10:30 a.m. (Salesforce Park Rooftop)
Marina – Every Saturday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Merced – Every Wednesday, 2–2:30 p.m.
Mission Bay – 15, Monday, 11:15–11:45 a.m. (SPARK Social SF)
Noe Valley – 4, Thursday, 10:15 a.m. & 11 a.m.*
Ortega – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Parkside – Every Sunday, 1:30–2 p.m.
Portola – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Every Thursday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Potrero – Every Thursday, 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*
Sunset – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Western Addition – Every Monday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.

Storytime: Swing Into Stories

Outdoor storytime in the park for children ages 5 and younger. 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	Helen Wills Playground 1401 Broadway at Larkin
4th Tuesday	Redwood Grove Playground McLaren Park, 200 John F. Shelley Dr.

Family

6 Saturday

Ride & Read w/ Muni
Richmond, 2–3 p.m.

Origami
Bernal Heights, 2–5 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Saturdays

Family Music Circle
Potrero, 10:15–11 a.m.

Playtime
Potrero, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

7 Sunday

Family Music Circle
West Portal, 2–3 p.m.

7, 14 Sundays

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

7, 14, 21, 28 Sundays

Chess Club
Ingleside, 2:30–4 p.m.

9 Tuesday

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

13 Saturday

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

LEGO Robots
Ortega, 12–1 p.m.

14 Sunday

Mola Paper Cutouts
Parkside, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

16 Tuesday

Make Mangonada
Bayview, 4–5 p.m.

18 Thursday

Therapy Pet
Richmond, 3–4 p.m.

20 Saturday

Pan Dulce Party/ Fiesta de Pan Dulce
Portola, 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

Open House

Noe Valley, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Danza Azteca Xitlalli-Xolotl
Visitacion Valley, 2 p.m.

Collage Art
Glen Park, 3–5 p.m.

24 Wednesday

Page Street Lounge
Park, 2–4 p.m.

27 Saturday

Open House
North Beach, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Ride & Read w/ Muni
Visitacion Valley, 3–4 p.m.

Family Dance Party
Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

Gardening
Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

28 Sunday

Mirroring Gestures
Main, Koret, 2–4 p.m.

Game Day

West Portal, 3–4 p.m.

Middle School Age

3 Wednesday

Gaming
Bayview, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

6 Saturday

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

13 Saturday

Ride & Read w/ Muni
Ingleside, 1–4 p.m.

15 Monday

Magnet Making
Glen Park, 4:30 p.m.

20 Saturday

Woodblock Printmaking
West Portal, 2 p.m.

20 Saturday

Ride & Read w/ Muni
Marina, 3–4:30 p.m.

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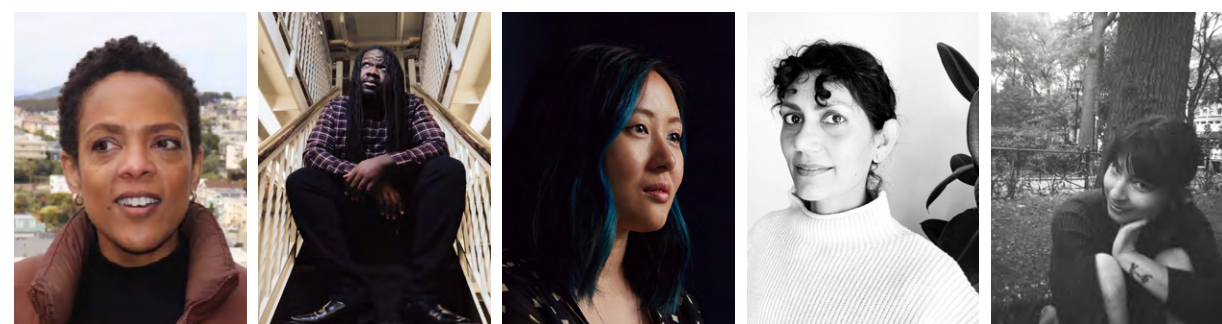
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This year marks the seventh year of the Lisa Brown and Daniel Handler Residency. With this new cohort, 35 writers will have participated in this distinguished program. Made possible through the generosity of Lisa Brown and Daniel Handler, the residency supports emerging and established San Francisco-based writers and has become a fixture of the City’s literary life. Writers across genres and backgrounds have utilized the studio space at the Friends of the Library offices (right across from Jackson Park in Potrero) to develop their work and strengthen connections between the Library and the literary world. Please join us in welcoming this fantastic group of writers! To learn more about the residency and explore the exciting projects underway, visit friendssfpl.org/residency.



Left to Right: Keli Dailey, Kevin Dublin, Ash Huang, Maya Kini and Akiko Neumann

Keli Dailey is a nonfiction writer, adjunct professor, comedian and journalist with experience at the *Los Angeles Times*, *San Diego Union-Tribune* and UC Berkeley’s Graduate School of Journalism. A 2014 John S. Knight Journalism Fellow at Stanford, she received a First Look Media fellowship for her 2015 comedy-news web series *News Hangover*. Keli is managing editor of *Globus* magazine and founder of the MenoPower Writing Hour, which uses humor and storytelling to explore menopause. She teaches at Mills College at Northeastern University and the University of San Francisco.

Kevin Dublin is an educator, filmmaker and writer of grants, poetry, prose, scripts and code. As founder of Living Room SF, he produces readings, publishes others and facilitates partnerships in the Bay. He’s taught writing at Duke University’s Youth Programs, San Diego State, East Carolina University and in the community at various K–12 schools and non-profits across the U.S. Kevin is the author of *Eulogy* (2023) and *How to Fall in Love in San Diego* (2017). You can find his recent work in *Brooklyn Rail*, *Ploughshares* and *Apocrypha Magazine*. He believes in you and the power of collective transformation.

Ash Huang is a writer. Her speculative fiction examines themes such as inherited and intergenerational stories, nostalgia and misremembering, our complicated relationship with social media and technology, her particular slice of Chinese America and diasporic co-creation. She is published or forthcoming in *Nightmare*, *Lightspeed*, *Ecotone*, *Apparition Literary*, *Orion’s Belt*, *Alien Magazine*, *Catapult*, *Fast Company* and elsewhere. In 2022, she won the Diverse Worlds Grant from the Speculative Literature Foundation, and is an alum of the Roots. Wounds. Words. Retreat, the Tin House Winter Workshop and the 2024–2025 Reading Fellowship and the Periplus Fellowship.

Maya Kini is a poet and goldsmith whose interdisciplinary practice links ideas of family, the body, material and craft and her relationship to the natural world. Her poems have appeared in *BLR*, *Current Obsession*, *Metalsmith*, *River Heron Review* and *Wildfire*. Maya studied Spanish Literature at Reed College before going on to receive an MFA from Cranbrook Academy of Art. She just completed her 2nd semester in the Master of Library and Information Science program at San José State University and looks forward to collaborating with San Francisco Public Library on community-based projects around poetry and storytelling. She lives on a foggy hill in Glen Park with her partner, two children and the family dog that she walks in the Canyon. Maya is working on a memoir that weaves her father’s voice from his early years in North America together with her travels.

Akiko Neumann is a writer and visual artist based in San Francisco. Her graphic narrative work is created for both child and adult readers, exploring the overlap between our unguarded subconscious and operational consciousness that moves us through the world. Akiko’s residency will be utilized towards a 12-installment mailing series, entitled *Miniform Newsletter*. Mailings will consist of text- and image-based collages sourced and scanned from SFPL Archives and distributed via USPS. Subscription is free and open to all: bit.ly/4eR6IDs.

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Geny Mejia, photographed by John Agcaoili at Hubble Studios. Tattoo artist, Antonio Mejia



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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	9–6	9–8	9–8	9–8	12–6	10–6
MARINA	1890 Chestnut St.	355-2823	1–5	10–6	10–6	1–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
MERCED	155 Winston Dr.	355-2825	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
MISSION - Temporary Branch	1234 Valencia St.	355-2800	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
MISSION BAY	960 Fourth St.	355-2838	1–5	10–6	10–6	11–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
NOE VALLEY/BRUNN	451 Jersey St.	355-5707	1–5	11–6	10–8	12–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
NORTH BEACH	850 Columbus Ave.	355-5626	1–5	10–6	10–8	1–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
OCEAN VIEW	345 Randolph St.	355-5615	1–5	10–6	10–6	12–8	10–7	1–6	10–6
ORTEGA	3223 Ortega St.	355-5700	1–5	10–6	10–6	12–8	11–8	1–6	10–6
PARK	1833 Page St.	355-5656	1–5	11–6	10–8	12–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
PARKSIDE	1200 Taraval St.	355-5770	1–5	1–6	10–8	10–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
PORTOLA	380 Bacon St.	355-5660	1–5	10–6	10–6	12–8	10–7	1–6	10–6
POTRERO	1616 20th St.	355-2822	1–5	1–6	10–8	12–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
PRESIDIO	3150 Sacramento St.	355-2880	1–5	1–6	10–8	10–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
RICHMOND/MARKS	351 9th Ave.	355-5600	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
SUNSET	1305 18th Ave.	355-2808	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
VISITACION VALLEY	201 Leland Ave.	355-2848	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
WEST PORTAL	190 Lenox Way	355-2886	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
WESTERN ADDITION	1550 Scott St.	355-5727	1–5	10–6	10–6	12–8	10–7	1–6	10–6

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