

# AT THE LIBRARY

Events and Happenings at San Francisco Public Library

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## Living Tattoo Traditions: American Irezumi and Beyond

In Japanese, irezumi means “inserting ink” and is a common word for tattooing. American Irezumi is the name given to what tattoo artist and State of Grace tattoo shop owner Takahiro (Taki) Kitamura has spent the better part of his life pursuing. Like the artists and wearers featured in the Main Library’s newest exhibition, *Living Tattoo Traditions: American Irezumi and Beyond*, Kitamura learns and expresses lessons about culture, art, perseverance, humanity and life through tattooing. The manifestation of this diasporic experience through the practice of tattooing is part of a larger story evolving in the U.S.: the story of how we grow comfortable in our skin, our tattooed skin.

Featuring photographs and interviews with 25 artists, *Living Tattoo Traditions* explores the unique way that tattoo art tells stories of identity, place and cross-cultural embodiment and experience. Satellite displays on the 3rd, 5th and 6th floors showcase thematically related works from the SFPL archives.

**Opening Reception** – Oct. 2, 5 p.m., Main Library, Jewett Gallery, Lower Level

**Exhibition** – Oct. 2, 2025–March 1, 2026. Main Library, Jewett Gallery, Lower Level



Monique, tattooed by John Henry Gloyne. Photo by John Agcaoli, 2024.

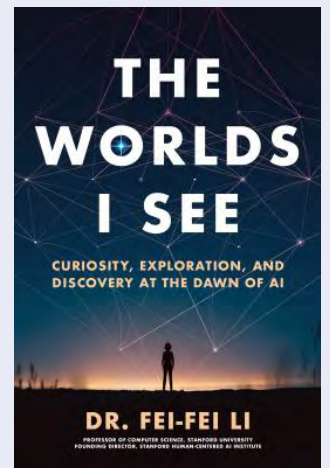
## One City One Book: 20th Anniversary Selection

San Francisco Public Library is delighted to announce the 20th One City One Book selection: *The Worlds I See: Curiosity, Exploration, and Discovery at the Dawn of AI* by Dr. Fei-Fei Li.

In this memoir, renowned computer scientist Li traces her journey from a childhood in China to becoming a leading voice in artificial intelligence. Her story reflects on resilience, identity, mentorship and the ethical responsibilities of innovation.

Throughout November and December, *The Worlds I See* will be the focus of citywide programs, discussions and events exploring its themes.

Learn more at [sfpl.org/one-city-one-book](https://sfpl.org/one-city-one-book).



Gabriel “Flash” Elorde, 1956  
SF History Center, SFPL

**Celebrate Filipino American History Month across the City with the Library.** Whether it’s crafts, food, song or dance, learn more about this vibrant culture and its mark on U.S. history.

## Celebrate Filipino American History Month on Fulton Plaza

The Filipino American Center presents Bangon Kabayan: Pistahan sa Fulton, a barrio fiesta-style celebration for Filipino American History Month. This family-friendly event pays tribute to the powerful legacy of Filipino boxing in San Francisco and beyond—from early 20th-century pioneers to today’s champions. Celebrate the resilience, cultural pride and community spirit of Filipino Americans through live music with Power Struggle, dance with LIKHA Pilipino Folk Ensemble and a boxing demonstration with Master Danovis “Dee” Pooler on the Fulton Steps. Enjoy Fil-Mex at Los Kuyas food truck and support local Filipino small businesses and community organizations.

“Bangon Kabayan” means “Rise, fellow countrymen”—a fitting theme to celebrate resilience and community.

Come celebrate, connect and experience heritage and history in motion—Mabuhay!

**Oct. 11, 12 p.m., Main Library, Fulton Plaza**

## Financial Planning Day: Smart Choices Start Here

Take control of your finances at Financial Planning Day, a free, full-day event offering one-on-one counseling with Certified Financial Planner™ professionals and expert-led presentations. Get clear, objective advice tailored to your financial life and learn practical strategies to plan for the future.

Topics this year include investing, what 2025 tax reform means for you, property tax and intergenerational transfers, resources to strengthen your financial skills and insights from behavioral finance. Sessions will be held in person at the Main Library and livestreamed on Zoom for remote participants.

This is your chance to access accurate, up-to-date information and connect directly with professionals—no strings attached.

More information and registration at [sfpl.org/financial-planning](https://sfpl.org/financial-planning).

**Financial Planning Day** – Oct. 18, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room, Lower Level



## October Open Houses

Celebrate the Parkside Branch and community during our annual open house. Crafting programs include mini pumpkin painting at 1 p.m. and felt plushie creations at 2:30 p.m.

Enjoy live music from Anna Hillburg at 2 p.m. followed by a Tricycle Music Fest performance from the Grammy-nominated, Bay Beats artist Megan Schoenbohm. Enjoy light refreshments, a library scavenger hunt and book giveaways for all ages.

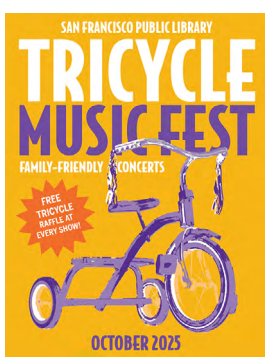
The staff at Excelsior Branch is excited to have you at our Open House during Sunday Streets. Enjoy a Tricycle Music Fest performance by René y Familia at 1 p.m. followed by bike decorating at 2 p.m. Outside fun includes book giveaways, sidewalk chalk, bubbles and chess. Inside, enjoy the baby play zone from 1 to 4 p.m. and chair yoga at 2 p.m.

At the Ocean View Branch Open House, expect a fun-filled day with activities for the whole family. Enjoy crafts, book giveaways, refreshments and information-sharing from community partners. Join us for Halloween mask-making at 10:30 a.m., drop by the Costume Showcase at 12 p.m., and wrap up the day with adult pottery painting at 1 p.m. and a giveaway of succulent plants.

**Parkside Branch** – Oct. 4, 1–4 p.m.

**Excelsior Branch** – Oct. 19, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

**Ocean View Branch** – Oct. 25, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.



## Tricycle Music Fest Turns 14

Rock out this fall as we kick off our 14th annual Tricycle Music Fest! Families are invited to the Library for a unique early literacy experience. We are excited to host some of the best award-winning children’s music artists. Plus, after each event, one lucky concertgoer will win a shiny red tricycle to roll away in style. With eight shows this month, there are eight chances to win. This year’s lineup includes 2015 Latin Grammy winner and best-selling author Lucky Diaz, 2023 Grammy Award winners Alphabet Rockers and Bay Beats artists Megan Schoenbohm and René y Familia.

Learn more at [sfpl.org/tricycle](https://sfpl.org/tricycle) and [baybeats.sfpl.org](https://baybeats.sfpl.org).



## Coming Up:

Throughout November  
**20th One City One Book: Book Clubs**

Nov. 1  
**Bernal Community Día de los Muertos**  
Bernal Heights Branch

Nov. 6  
**Zine Making**  
Main Library, Skylight Gallery

Nov. 6  
**Tattoo Design Open Houses**  
Main Library, 4th and 6th floors

Nov. 22  
**Bay Beats Goth Concert**  
Main Library, Koret Auditorium



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## Getting Started with Family History Research

October is Family Research Month! Whether you're just starting out or an experienced genealogist, here are some tips and tools to advance your family history research.

- 1. Identify What You Know.** Begin with yourself and work backward. Document everything about your parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.
- 2. Organize Your Information.** Use pedigree charts and family group sheets to record names, dates and locations.
- 3. Interview Relatives.** Speak with older family members. Record conversations and ask about family stories and traditions.
- 4. Collect Documents and Photos.** Gather family letters, diaries and photographs that may contain valuable clues.
- 5. Access Subscription Databases.** Access SFPL's genealogy databases such as Ancestry Library Edition, Fold3 Military Records and My China Roots, which provide access to billions of records.

By following these steps, you can begin uncovering your family's history and create a meaningful record for future generations. For more information, visit [sfpl.org/genealogy](https://sfpl.org/genealogy).



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## Banned Books Week

Celebrate the freedom to read what you want and join us to check out a banned book during Banned Books Week, starting October 5.



**BANNED BOOKS WEEK, OCT. 5-11**

Taking a cue from the American Library Association and the Banned Books Week Coalition, SFPL is highlighting the importance of our First Amendment right to read freely with posters around the City proclaiming: "Censorship Is So 1984: Read for Your Rights." Read for Your Rights. Each poster will include QR code to a curated list of frequently banned books that anyone can check out, even without a library card.

Current efforts to ban books and information held in schools, libraries, archives, and bookstores are a truth close to fiction – namely, the depiction of extreme censorship by an oppressive regime in George Orwell's cautionary and prescient tale *1984*. The Banned Books Week 2025 theme reminds us that the right to read belongs to all of us, that censorship has no place in contemporary society and that we must defend our rights.

Also in celebration of Banned Books Week, the Library has partnered with Litquake and the nonprofit group, Books Not Bans, for a special free event: The Transformative Power of Fiction with authors Charlie Jane Anders (*Lessons in Magic and Disasters*), Kate Folk (*Sky Daddy*) and special guests.

**Books Not Bans: The Transformative Power of Fiction** – Oct. 14, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

## More Free Local Streaming Music Coming to Bay Beats—Plus a Party!

We're excited to announce the release of our Bay Beats 2025 Collection on Saturday, Oct. 18. Bay Beats is the Library's local music streaming platform, which launched in 2023. We'll be adding 180 new albums by local artists to our already wide-ranging collection. Like the albums we brought you in 2023 and 2024, this new batch represents the Bay Area's diverse musical communities, demographics and points of view. Anyone can stream the music on the Bay Beats platform, but SFPL library card holders can also download mp3s from the site. Celebrate the release of the Bay Beats 2025 Collection at our launch party featuring new Bay Beats artists Naked Roommate, Casey Cope, The Strange Ones and more. To learn more, visit [baybeats.sfpl.org](https://baybeats.sfpl.org).

**Bay Beats Launch Party** – Oct. 18, 1 p.m., Golden Gate Park Bandshell



## Hey SF High Schoolers!

Looking for support with school or planning for college? Take advantage of free workshops on SAT/ACT prep, financial aid, scholarships, college essays (PIQs & CommonApp), resume building, budgeting and even topics like environmental racism. Plus, check out our Student Support Sessions—a welcoming virtual space where you can get help with assignments, college applications, mentoring or anything else you're working through, with experienced educators and mentors, one on one. Workshops are powered



by Study Smart Tutors and open to 9th–12th graders who live or go to school in San Francisco. Learn more or sign up at [StudySmart.us/SFPL](https://StudySmart.us/SFPL).

### October – November

**Financial Aid & Scholarships** – Oct. 2, 5:30 p.m., Richmond Branch; Oct. 30, 4:30 p.m., Ingleside Branch; Nov. 9, 2 p.m., Sunset Branch

**ACT Test Prep** – Oct. 14, 5 p.m., Bayview Branch

**Environmental Racism** – Oct. 18, 2 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

**College Essay Writing** – Oct. 21, 4 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch

**SAT Test Prep** – Oct. 26, 12:30 p.m., Western Addition Branch; Nov. 2, 1 p.m., Main Library, The Mix, 2nd Floor; Nov. 8, 1 p.m., Anza Branch; Nov. 15, 12:30 p.m., Portola Branch

**Basic Budgeting** – Nov. 16, 1:30 p.m., Marina Branch

**Résumé Building** – Nov. 22, 10:30 a.m., Chinatown Branch

## Halloween Programs

**Reuse and Resurrect Costumes**  
Bring gently used and clean Halloween costumes for youth and pick up something scary to wear for the ghostly season.  
Oct. 12, 2 p.m., Glen Park Branch;  
Oct. 11 and Oct. 14, 11 a.m., Marina Branch

**Malevolent Mixers**  
Trip, sway, spin and twirl the day away with family and friends at a Halloween-themed dance party. For children and their caregivers.  
Oct. 29, 1 p.m., Potrero Branch;  
3:30 p.m., Excelsior Branch

**A Cauldron of Challenges**  
Solve riddles and puzzles to get out of a scary escape room. You'll be rewarded with a sweet treat at the end. For ages 6–10. Space limited.  
Oct. 31, 2 p.m., Portola Branch



## Collections Corner:

### The Bookbinding of Louise Averill Cole

One of the recently discovered highlights of the Grabhorn Bookbinding Specimens Collection is *Paroles d'un Croyant* by Félicité Robert de Lamennais, printed in 1908. What makes this particular volume special is that it was bound by Louise Averill Cole (1880–1971), a San Francisco native, whose work was exhibited at the Panama Pacific Exposition in 1915.



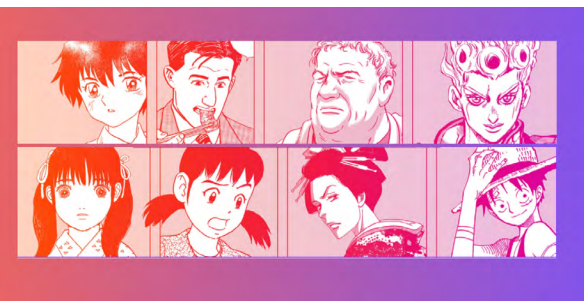
*Paroles d'un Croyant* by Félicité Robert de Lamennais. Paris: Imprimé pour Charles Meunier, 1908. Robert Grabhorn Collection on the History of Printing & the Development of the Book, SFPL

Cole began her bookbinding career in Europe studying in Germany, Belgium and England with Louis Jacobs, Joseph Hendricks, T.J. Cobden-Sanderson and Douglas Cockerell.

Cole returned to the U.S., soon landing a job as the head of fine binding at Houghton Mifflin's Riverside Press in 1908. She was the first woman to hold such a position at a publishing house and received a salary equivalent to that of a man. She was the most successful female bookbinder in the country.

In 1915, William Randolph Keltie Young, bibliophile and cofounder of the Book Club of California, submitted some of Cole's books to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco, where they won the grand prize. Reporters at the time were amused that the bookbinder, who was too modest to submit her own work, didn't even know she was in the competition.

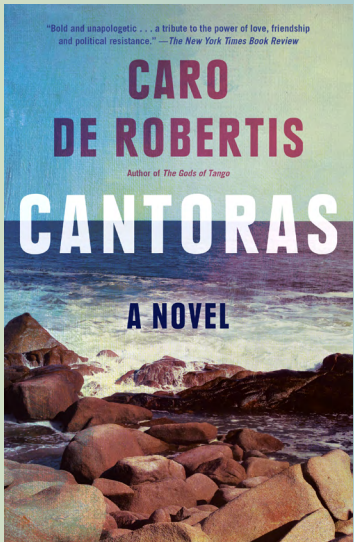
## Manga as Art



Comic books are a longstanding mainstay of U.S. culture, and over the years, manga from Japan has permeated popular culture. Reimagined stories ranging from historical fiction and contemporary magical realism to fantasy and science fiction have earned a section in bookstores and libraries, enchanting readers young and old. In conjunction with the *Art of Manga* exhibition at the de Young Museum, humanities professor Hanako Asakura, author and manga/anime expert Gilles Poitras and curator Nicole Coolidge Rousmaniere, PhD, will discuss the allure of this vibrant, artistic storytelling medium, one that continues to fascinate new generations of readers.

**Manga as Art** – Oct. 26, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level





## ON THE SAME PAGE

SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER 2025  
San Francisco Reads

## Caro De Robertis' *Cantoras*

### OTSP Read-Alikes



If you liked *Cantoras* by Caro de Robertis, you'll find these powerful books just as moving, with stories that center queer identity, chosen family and the fight for freedom under repression. Spanning continents and genres, each title echoes the emotional depth, resilience and quiet defiance that made *Cantoras* unforgettable.

#### Related Events

**Author Talk: Caro De Robertis in Conversation with Kate Schatz**  
Sunday, Oct. 5, 3 p.m., Skylight Gallery, 6th Floor, Main Library  
Visit [on.sfpl.org/CantorasAuthor](https://on.sfpl.org/CantorasAuthor)

**Book Club:** Tuesday, Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m., Virtual Library.  
Register: [on.sfpl.org/CantorasBook](https://on.sfpl.org/CantorasBook)

*Under the Udala Trees*  
by Chinelo Okparanta

*Notes of a Crocodile*  
by Miaojin Qiu

*The Prophets* by Robert Jones, Jr.

*Rubyfruit Jungle*  
by Rita Mae Brown

*Bolla* by Pajtim Statovci

*Tipping the Velvet* by Sarah Waters

*Guatemalan Rhapsody: Stories*  
by Jared Lemus

*Hijab Butch Blues: A Memoir*  
by Lamya H

*The Price of Salt* by Patricia Highsmith

*A Place of Our Own: Six Spaces That Shaped Queer Women's Culture*  
by June Thomas

### Tech Time

[1, 6, 15, 22, 29 Wednesdays](#)

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

[2 Thursday](#)

**Drop-in eResources**  
Potrero, 1:15–2 p.m.

[2, 9, 16 Thursdays](#)

**Computers: Beginners**  
Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 9:30–11:30 a.m.\*

[2, 9, 16, 24, 30 Thursdays](#)

**Computer Basics**  
Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 6–7 p.m.

[4 Saturday](#)

**A.I. for Regular People**  
Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 11–12 p.m.\*

**Connect w/ Tech Day**

Main, Lower Level, 11–3:30 p.m.

**Use your Android Phone**

Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 1–2 p.m.\*

**Make a Photo Book**

Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 2–3:30 p.m.

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

**Tech Help**

West Portal, 12–4 p.m.\*

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

**Tech Help**

Sunset, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

[7, 14, 21, 28 Tuesdays](#)

**Tech Drop-In**

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

[8 Wednesday](#)

**Drop-in Tech Help**

Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

[8, 22 Wednesdays](#)

**Tech Savvy (60+)**

Richmond, 2–3:30 p.m.

[9 Thursday](#)

**Intro to Legal Research**

Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 1–2 p.m.

**Drop-In Tech Help (Older Adults)**

Visitation Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

[10 Friday](#)

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

[10, 24 Fridays](#)

**Smartphones (60+, Cantonese)**

Sunset, 1–2:30 p.m.

[11 Saturday](#)

**3D Printing/Tinkercad**

**Tinker Club**

Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 2–4 p.m.

**eBook Drop-In**

Main, Atrium, 3–4:30 p.m.

[15, 22, 29 Wednesdays](#)

**Book A Librarian**

Ingleside, 3–4 p.m.\*

[17 Friday](#)

**Smartphones (60+)**

Sunset, 1–2:30 p.m.\*

[23 Thursday](#)

**eBook Drop-In**

Main, Atrium, 4–5:30 p.m.

[24 Friday](#)

**Drop-In Tech Help (Older Adults)**

Ortega, 1:30–3 p.m.

[28 Tuesday](#)

**Drop-in Tech Help**

Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

[29 Wednesday](#)

**Certificate: Digital Comp. Skills**

Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 4–6 p.m.

## Litquake at the Library

Litquake returns to the Main Library this fall with an exciting lineup of author events that coincide with the annual literary festival.

A hidden photographic history of queer love comes into focus on Oct. 15 in *Loving II: More Photographic History of Men in Love, 1850s–1950s*, a powerful new collection by authors and collectors Hugh Nini and Neal Treadwell.

Marking 50 years of the Vietnamese postwar diaspora, this event features three members of the Diasporic Vietnamese Artists Network, Van Hoang (*Silver and Smoke*), Hieu Minh Nguyen (*Ink Knows No Borders*) and Christina Vo (*My Vietnam, Your Vietnam*), on the future of Vietnamese literature.

What happens when today's headlines read like yesterday's dystopian thrillers? Find out Oct. 22 when Laura M. Holson, award-winning former *New York Times* journalist and founder of the Box Sessions, leads a dynamic conversation with authors Evette Davis (*The Others*), Sheri T. Joseph (*Edge of the Known World*) and Julia Vee (*Pearl City*), as they examine the astonishing ways our current world not only mirrors but frequently surpasses the wildest imaginings of fiction.

On Oct. 23, author and award-winning translator Niloufar Talebi joins renowned poet and publisher Matthew Zapruder to discuss *Elegies of the Earth: Selected Poems* by Ahmad Shamlou, a groundbreaking bilingual edition that marks the Iranian poet's centennial.

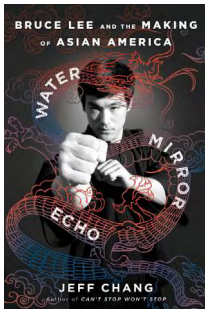
Book sales will be offered by Borderlands Books at all events.

***Men in Love, 1850s–1950s: A Visual Conversation*** – Oct. 15, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

**DVAN presents: The Future of Vietnamese Diasporic Writing** – Oct. 18, 3 p.m., Main Library, Saroyan Space, 6th Floor

**When Did Reality Become Stranger Than Fiction?** – Oct. 22, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

**Poetry as Resistance: Ahmad Shamlou's Enduring Voice** – Oct. 23, 6 p.m., Main Library, Latino Hispanic Community Room, Lower Level



## Bruce Lee-Inspired Street Fair Coming to Chinatown

The streets of San Francisco's historic Chinatown will come alive on October 4, for “Under the Sky, the One Family Festival: A Mid-Autumn Street Festival for Unity, Safety, and Solidarity,” a free, family-friendly celebration inspired by the life and legacy of Bruce Lee.

Presented by the Chinese Historical Society of America (CHSA), Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA), and On Waverly, in partnership with SFPL and with support from the Civic Joy Fund, Stand With Asian Americans, and others, the festival honors Bruce Lee's enduring influence as a global cultural icon, martial artist, and advocate for self-knowledge, resilience and community unity. Highlights include live hip hop performances and DJ sets, a presentation and book signing of brand-new Bruce Lee biography *Water Mirror Echo: Bruce Lee and the Making of Asian America* by author Jeff Chang, silkscreening, art-making and the Library Bookmobile.

**Oct. 4, 12–3 p.m., Waverly Place between Clay & Washington Streets**

## 10 Years of Silent Book Clubs

Silent Book Club (SBC) is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year! Founded in 2014, SBC began as a small gathering of friends who loved to read together without the pressure of assigned books or structured discussions. At an SBC, everyone brings their own book and enjoys quiet reading time in community, followed by optional conversation. No homework, no deadlines—just the joy of reading at your own pace with others around you. San Francisco Public Library hosts our own SBC gatherings, offering a welcoming, judgment-free space for readers of all kinds to connect and unwind.

**Read Together** – Oct. 1, 15 and 29, 3 p.m., Richmond Branch

**Chinatown Readers** – Oct. 8, 5:15 p.m., Chinatown Branch

**Silent Book Club at Saluhall** – Oct. 23, 6 p.m., 945 Market St

### Book Clubs

[1 Wednesday](#)

**Bren Bataclan, Fe**  
Noe Valley, 5 p.m.

[1, 15, 29 Wednesdays](#)

**Silent Book Club**

Richmond, 3 p.m.

[2 Thursday](#)

**César Aira, The Musical Brain**  
Virtual, 6 p.m.

[7, 21 Tuesdays](#)

**Elena Ferrante, My Brilliant Friend**  
Glen Park, 1 p.m.

[8 Wednesday](#)

**Chinatown Readers**

Chinatown, 5:15 p.m.

[9 Thursday](#)

**Discuss Talking Books**

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

[14 Tuesday](#)

**Kristen Perrin, How to Solve Your Own Murder**  
Presidio, 3 p.m.

[15 Wednesday](#)

**Sabina Murray, The Human Zoo**  
West Portal, 6 p.m.

[17 Friday](#)

**Damon Galgu, The Promise**  
Noe Valley, 3 p.m.

[18 Saturday](#)

**Percival Everett, James**  
Ortega, 11 a.m.

[19 Sunday](#)

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

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

[21 Tuesday](#)

**Caro De Robertis, Cantoras**  
Virtual, 6:30 p.m.

**Rincón Literario**

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

[22 Wednesday](#)

**Book & Movie Club**  
Western Addition, 4 p.m.

[26 Sunday](#)

**Ann Patchett, Tom Lake**  
Marina, 2 p.m.

[26 Sunday](#)

**Silvia Moreno Garcia, Mexican Gothic**  
Eureka Valley, Virtual, 3:30 p.m.

[28 Tuesday](#)

**Robin Wall Kimmere, Braiding Sweetgrass**  
Bernal Heights, 2 p.m.

**Caitlin Doughty, From Here to Eternity**  
Visitation Valley, 4 p.m.

**Margaret Atwood, The Testaments**  
Excelsior, 6:30 p.m.

[29 Wednesday](#)

**Ray Bradbury, Something Wicked This Way Comes**  
Mission Bay, 6:30 p.m.

[30 Thursday](#)

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



# October Event Calendar

## Adults

### [1 Wednesday](#)

**Mandarin Bilingual Convo Club** Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 10 a.m.\*

**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.

**Golden Gate Biosphere Reserve**  
Main, Environmental Ctr - 5th Fl, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

**Readiness Clinic: Mixed Status Families**  
Virtual, 6–7:30 p.m.

[1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Wednesdays](#)  
**Beginning Tai-Chi**  
Anza, 1:30–3 p.m.

[1, 15 Wednesdays](#)  
**Yoga** Ingleside, 6 p.m.\*

[2 Thursday](#)  
**Aging & Disability Resources**  
Main, Atrium, 2–4 p.m.

**Living Tattoo Traditions**  
Main, Lower Level, 5–7:30 p.m.

**Hands on History**  
Main, History Ctr - 6th Fl, 6–7:30 p.m.

[2, 9, 16, 23 Thursdays](#)  
**Dialogue: SF Cohousing**  
Noe Valley, 5:30–7 p.m.

[2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Thursdays](#)  
**Breath Meditation**  
Richmond, 11 a.m.

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

**Wild Goose Qigong**  
Presidio, 2–3 p.m.

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

[3 Friday](#)  
**Therapy Pets**  
Visitacion Valley, 4–5 p.m.

**Living Tattoo Traditions**  
Main, Koret, 4–5:30 p.m.

[3, 17 Fridays](#)  
**Knitting** Anza, 3–5 p.m.

[3, 17, 31 Fridays](#)  
**Watercolor**  
Bernal Heights, 1–5 p.m.

[4 Saturday](#)  
**Tai Chi**  
Golden Gate Valley, 1:30 p.m.

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

**Watermelon Basket**  
West Portal, 1–2:30 p.m.

**National AIDS Quilt**  
Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 12–4 p.m.

**Plants for Spring Color**  
Virtual, 2–3 p.m.

**Clothing Repair Clinic**  
Merced, 2–4 p.m.

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

[4, 18 Saturdays](#)  
**Knitting**  
Sunset, 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

[5 Sunday](#)  
**Tachyon Publications 30th Anniv.**  
Main, Koret, 12:30–5 p.m.

**Karaoke**  
Glen Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Mooncake Tasting**  
Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Therapy Cats**  
Bernal Heights, 2–4 p.m.

**Dear Banned Author**  
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

**Caro De Robertis w/ Kate Schatz**  
Main - 6th Floor, 3–4 p.m.

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

[5, 12, 19, 26 Sundays](#)  
**Wild Goose Qigong**  
Marina, 3 p.m.

[6 Monday](#)  
**Mooncake Tasting**  
Noe Valley, 4–5 p.m.

[6, 13, 20, 27 Mondays](#)  
**Tai Chi with Patrick Lau**  
Presidio  
• 1:30 p.m., Beginners  
• 2:15 p.m. Advanced

[6, 20 Mondays](#)  
**Older Writers Lab**  
Bernal Heights, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

[6, 20, 27 Mondays](#)  
**Shut Up & Write**  
Potrero, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

[7 Tuesday](#)  
**Crafting**  
Visitacion Valley, 4:30–6 p.m.

**Life of a Wikipedia Editor**  
North Beach, 6–7:30 p.m.

**Mushrooms for Beginners**  
Virtual, 6–7:30 p.m.

[7, 21, 28 Tuesdays](#)  
**ESL Online Convo Club**  
Virtual, 3–4 p.m.

[8 Wednesday](#)  
**Genealogy Group**  
Virtual, 1–3 p.m.

**Crochet**  
Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

**Mini Nicho** Mission, 6 p.m.\*

[9 Thursday](#)  
**Medicare Clear & Easy**  
Golden Gate Valley, 2–3:15 p.m.

**Cascada de Flores**  
Marina, 3–4 p.m.

**Crafts**  
West Portal, 5:45–7:15 p.m.\*

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

**Kim Shuck’s Poem Jam**  
Main, Lower Level, 6–7 p.m.

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

### [9, 23 Thursdays](#)

**French Convo**  
Excel

[10 Friday](#)  
**粵語講座: 災難前的準備 / Disaster Prep (Cantonese)**  
Visitacion Valley, 2–3 p.m.

**Woodwind Quintet**  
Glen Park, 4–4:45 p.m.

**Karaoke**  
Excelsior, 4–5:30 p.m.

[10, 17, 24, 31 Fridays](#)  
**Diabetes Education**  
Noe Valley, 1–3 p.m.

### [11 Saturday](#)

**讀書會：素食者**  
Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 10–11:30 a.m.

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

**Woodwind Quintet**  
Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

**Mid-Autumn Moon Fest**  
Richmond, 2–5 p.m.

**Woodwind Quintet**  
Sunset, 8–9 a.m.

[11, 18, 25 Saturdays](#)  
**Creative Afternoons / 創意無限周六午**  
Chinatown, 2:30–4 p.m.

[11, 25 Saturdays](#)  
**Gentle Yoga**  
Mission Bay, 10–11 a.m.

**Tai Chi for Beginners**  
Mission Bay, 1 p.m.

[12 Sunday](#)  
**Plant Swap**  
Main, Sycip Rm - 4th Fl, 1–2 p.m.

**Button Making: Famous Puerto Ricans** Main, Paley Rm - 3rd Fl, 1–2:30 p.m.

**Prof. Paul Steward**  
Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

[12, 26 Sundays](#)  
**Village within a City**  
Noe Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

[14 Tuesday](#)  
**Cantonese Bilingual Convo Club** Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 3 p.m.\*

**Clay Sugar Skulls**  
Bernal Heights, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

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

**Author Nina Bogdan**  
Visitacion Valley, 6–7 p.m.

**Books Not Bans**  
Main, Koret, 6–7:30 p.m.

**Spark Joy At Home**  
North Beach, 6–7:30 p.m.

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

[14, 28 Tuesdays](#)  
**Knitting** Glen Park, 1–2:30 p.m.

[15 Wednesday](#)  
**Aging & Disability Resources**  
Main, Atrium, 10–12 p.m.

**Journaling**  
Golden Gate Valley, 1 p.m.

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

**Workout: Older Adults**  
North Beach, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Made in CA: Sequoia Sake**  
Main, Lower Level, 4–7:30 p.m.\*

**Spooky Mod Podge Lanterns**  
Mission Bay, 5:30–7 p.m.

**Demons, Creatures & Monsters** Virtual, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

**Aging & End of Life**  
Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

**Men in Love, 1850s–1950s**  
Main, Lower Level, 6–7:30 p.m.

[16 Thursday](#)  
**Dist. 7 Affordable Housing**  
Sunset, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

**Embroidery Corner Bookmark** Chinatown, 2 p.m.\*

**Veterans Health Admin.**  
Main, Atrium, 2–5 p.m.

**工作坊：三藩市第七區可負擔房屋** Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

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

**Modern Tarot**  
Bayview, 5–6:30 p.m.

**Hospitality House**  
Main, Lower Level, 6–7:15 p.m.

[18 Saturday](#)  
**Ecotopia by Ernest Callenbach** Presidio, 2–3 p.m.

**The Sampaguitas**  
West Portal, 2–3 p.m.

**Watercolor**  
Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Behavioral Finance**  
Virtual, 3:15–4:45 p.m.

**Vietnamese Diasporic Writing**  
Main - 6th Floor, 3–4:30 p.m.

**Repujado Metal Embossing**  
Park, 3 p.m.\*

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

**Bay Beats Launch Party**  
Main, Fulton Steps, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

[19 Sunday](#)  
**Lacemaking & Fiber Arts**  
North Beach, 1:30 p.m.\*

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

**Drop-In Collage**  
Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 1–3 p.m.

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

**Tahô** Portola, 2 p.m.\*

**SF Symphony’s Community Chamber** Richmond, 2–3 p.m.

**Potty Training 101**  
Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

[20 Monday](#)  
**TBBC Writer’s Salon**  
Main, TBBC - 2nd Floor, 12–1:30 p.m.

**Use Mango & Rosetta Stone**  
Golden Gate Valley, 3–4 p.m.

[21 Tuesday](#)  
**歡唱華語金曲 / Chinese Pop Karaoke** Chinatown, 1:30 p.m.\*

**Citizenship Lawyers**  
Lower Level, 1 p.m.\*

**Holiday Cards w/ Embossing Powder**  
Sunset, 4 p.m.\*

**Mixed Media Mini Nicho**  
Excelsior, 4 p.m.\*

**Afterlife Beliefs & Rites**  
Virtual, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

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

**Italian American Voices**  
North Beach, 6–7:30 p.m.

[22 Wednesday](#)  
**Scrap Quilting**  
Bernal Heights, 2–4 p.m.

**Feel Calm & Centered**  
Noe Valley, 5–6 p.m.

**Keana Aguila Labra**  
Mission Bay, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

**Making a FOIA Request**  
Virtual, 6–7 p.m.

**Chess**  
Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

## On View

### [Jewett Gallery, Lower Level](#)

#### ***Living Tattoo Traditions: American Irezumi and Beyond***

Featuring photographs and interviews with 25 artists, *Living Tattoo Traditions* explores the unique way in which the art of the tattoo tells stories of identity, place and cross-cultural embodiment and experience. Satellite displays on the 5th and 6th floors showcase thematically related works from the SFPL’s archives. Through March 1, 2026. Jewett Gallery, Lower Level.

#### **Related Events**

**Opening Reception** – Oct. 2, 5 p.m.

**Living Tattoo Traditions Panel** – Oct. 3, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

### [Other Exhibits, Main Library](#)

#### ***Fashioning Bay Area Punk: Style, Self-Expression and Subversion***

Explore the themes of fashion, style and subversion found through the SFPL’s Punk Rock Archive and Little Maga/Zine collection. Oct. 31, 2025–March 15, 2026. South Salon, 6th Fl.

#### ***80th WWII Anniversary: Remember “Comfort Women”***

Photos and original artwork highlight the “Comfort Women’s” history, activism and ongoing struggle for redress and justice. Through Feb. 1, 2026. International Center, 3rd Fl.

#### ***30 Years of Tachyon Press***

Tachyon Publications, a San Francisco-based publisher of science fiction and fantasy, commemorates its 30th anniversary. Through Nov. 20. General Collections, 3rd Fl.

#### ***Celebrating Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater***

An exploration of movement and memory through the lens of dance, with images that pay tribute to Alvin Ailey’s impact and artistry. Through Dec. 29. Art, Music & Recreation Center, 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.

### [Other Locations](#)

#### ***Skateboarding San Francisco: Concrete, Community, Continuity***

Satellite display celebrating the city’s unique terrain and icons in skateboarding. Through Jan. 30, 2026. Ortega Branch.

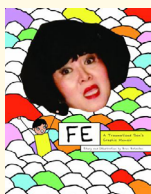
<b>Strranger than Fiction</b> Main, Koret, 6–7:30 p.m.	<b>Sidewalk Music Series</b> Richmond, 2–5 p.m.
<a href="#">23 Thursday</a> <b>讀書會：共讀·共賞</b> Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.	<a href="#">26 Sunday</a> <b>Author: Nick Rosenlicht</b> Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 2–3:30 p.m.
<b>Poetry Open Mic</b> North Beach, 4–6 p.m.	<b>Manga as Art</b> Main, Koret, 2–4:30 p.m.
<b>Lieberman Lecture (BASC)</b> Main, Koret, 5:30–7:45 p.m.	<b>The Monster Within</b> North Beach, 3–4:30 p.m.
<a href="#">Ahmad Shamlou’s Enduring Voice</a> Main, Lower Level, 6–7:15 p.m.	<a href="#">27 Monday</a> <b>Coloring w/ Coffee</b> Anza, 11 a.m.
<b>SF’s 2013 Nudity Ban</b> Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 6–7:30 p.m.	<a href="#">28 Tuesday</a> <b>Aging &amp; Disability Resources</b> Main, Atrium, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. & 1–3 p.m.
<b>Paint Pequeño Planters</b> Potrero, 6 p.m.*	<b>Opera in the Latin World</b> Mission, 6–7:30 p.m.
<b>SF Ready Seminar</b> West Portal, 6–7:30 p.m.	<b>Writing Group</b> North Beach, 6–7:30 p.m.
<a href="#">24 Friday</a> <b>Watercolor</b> Glen Park, 1:30–5 p.m.	<b>Bay Bridge in Film</b> West Portal, 6–7:30 p.m.
<b>Pedaling Across the US</b> Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.	<a href="#">29 Wednesday</a> <b>Therapy Pet</b> Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.
<a href="#">25 Saturday</a> <b>Li Min Chang Solo Concert</b> Lower Level, 1:30–4 p.m.	<b>Fraud Protection</b> Noe Valley, 5:30–6:30 p.m.
<b>Plant Swap</b> • Ingleside, 10:30–11:30 a.m. • Sunset, 10:30–11:30 a.m.	<b>Author: Kathy Fang</b> Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 6–7:30 p.m.
<b>Walking Tour</b> North Beach, 10:30 a.m.*	<b>Brutalist Glen Park BART</b> Glen Park, 6–7:45 p.m.
<b>Open House</b> Ocean View, 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.	<a href="#">30 Thursday</a> <b>Line Dancing &amp; eResources</b> Potrero, 12–1:15 p.m.
<b>Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein</b> Golden Gate Valley, 11 a.m.	<b>Embroidery Corner Bookmark</b> Chinatown, 2 p.m.*
<b>Biking in SF</b> Ortega, 11 a.m.	<b>Medicare Basics</b> Virtual, 2–3:30 p.m.
<b>Age Well &amp; Navigate End-of-Life</b> Noe Valley, 2 p.m.*	<b>SF Cohousing</b> Noe Valley, 6:30–8 p.m.



# Filipino American History Month Programs

## Events for Adults

**Graphic Novel Memoir Book Club *Fe* by Bren Bataclan**  
Meets 1st Wednesday of the month.  
Oct. 1, 5 p.m., Noe Valley Branch



**Film: *Bitter Melon***  
When a Filipino-American family reunites for a Christmas party in the Excelsior neighborhood, the holiday takes a dark turn when they conspire to murder the abusive bully of the family in this dark

comedy by filmmaker H.P. Mendoza.  
Oct. 8, 3 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch  
First Floor Film Club Discussion – Oct. 9, 6 p.m., Main Library, Mary Louise Stong Conference Room, 1st Floor

**Ulloa Reading Corner: *The Human Zoo* by Sabina Murray**  
Meetings held third Wednesday of every month.  
Oct. 15, 6 p.m., West Portal Branch



**Performance: The Language of Unbreaking Book Tour Continues**  
Keana Aguila Labra, author of *The Language of Breaking*, invites Bay Area Filipino-American and Brown Poets to read their works.  
Oct. 15, 6:30–7:30 p.m., Ortega Branch  
Oct. 22, 6:30–7:30 p.m. Mission Bay Branch



**Tahô**  
Learn about tahô (sweet tofu pudding), a Philippine street food. Use tofu, sago or tapioca pearls and brown sugar syrup for this sweet treat. Space limited. Reservations required:

(415) 355-5660.  
Oct. 19, 2 p.m., Portola Branch

## Events for Youth and Families

**Filipino Snack Trials**  
Celebrate Filipino American History at the Library by tasting different snacks. Pick your favorite!  
Oct. 5, 2 p.m., Portola Branch

**Weave Yourself into Your Story with Cristina Edwards**  
Make a bookmark, wall hanging or patch with local textile artist Cristina Edwards while learning about weaving throughout the world. For ages 8–18. Space limited. Reservations required: (415) 355-5615.  
Oct. 15, 3:30 p.m., Ocean View Branch  
Oct. 17, 4 p.m., Bayview Branch

**The Sampaguitas**  
Drawing influences from folk, blues, doo-wop girl groups and the Filipinx-American diaspora, Jenevieve Francisco, Cristina Ibarra and Aireene Espiritu share music from their roots and explore what it means to be in a “third culture” between worlds.  
Oct. 18, 2 p.m., West Portal Branch

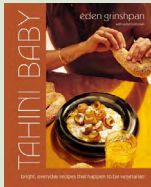
**Sarimanok Craft**  
Create your own sarimanok, a bird from Filipino mythology, out of cardboard tubes. For children and their caregivers.  
Oct. 18, 2:30 p.m., Noe Valley Branch

**Mini-Collage**  
Create a mini-collage with pieces of Filipino American art and graphics—then make it a button. For ages 13–18.  
Oct. 23, 5 p.m., Merced Branch

**Filipino Weaving with Rachel Lozada**  
Local artist Rachel Lozada presents a Filipino-themed traditional weaving workshop with a socio-historical and decolonizing context. Designed to encourage participants to connect and even reclaim their own family, regional or cultural link to traditional and indigenous weaving. Space limited. Reservations required: (415) 355-5727 or sign up at the reference desk.  
Oct. 25, 2 p.m., Western Addition Branch

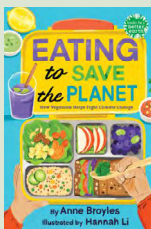
# Vegetarian Cooking Around the World

Celebrate World Vegetarian Day by exploring recipes and techniques from cultures around the globe with the newest vegetarian cookbooks available at SFPL for adventurous chefs.



**Tahini Baby**  
by Eden Grinshpan  
Offers Mediterranean and Middle Eastern recipes full of big, bold flavors that are simple to create and impressive to enjoy.

**FOR KIDS AND TEENS**  
Recipes and techniques from cultures around the globe in the newest vegetarian cookbooks available at SFPL for young chefs.



**Eating to Save the Planet**  
by Anne Broyles  
Explores why we eat what we eat and its impacts, and offers plant-based recipes accompanied by bright illustrations and infographics.

## Films

[1 Wednesday](#)

**Deep Web** Glen Park, 4 p.m.

**The Dead Pool** Glen Park, 6 p.m.

[3 Friday](#)

**Conclave** Bayview, 2 p.m.

**The Ancestral: Bông Dè**  
Excelsior, 3:30 p.m.

[4 Saturday](#)

**SF Dance Film Fest**  
Main, Koret, 2–3:15 p.m.

[6 Monday](#)

**A Kiss Before Dying**  
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

[7 Tuesday](#)

**Instruments of a Beating Heart & Koshien**  
Main, Koret, 4 p.m.

[8 Wednesday](#)

**Bitter Melon**  
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

[9 Thursday](#)

**1st Floor Film Club**  
Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl, 6 p.m.

[15 Wednesday](#)

**Scott Pilgrim vs. the World**  
Park, 5 p.m.

[18 Saturday](#)

**Bride of Frankenstein**  
Mission Bay, 3 p.m.

[22 Wednesday](#)

**The Heiress**  
Chinatown, 1 p.m.

[27 Monday](#)

**Criss Cross**  
Golden Gate Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

# ¡VIVA! Program Roundup

¡VIVA! continues in October with more crafts, music and celebrations! We will hear stories with music from Cascada de Flores, screen our Latinx stories with *The Unbroken Sky* and conclude with our annual Día de los Muertos ofrenda building with musical accompaniment. ¡Que viva!

## Youth Programming

**Painting Big Feelings: Pintando Sentimientos Grandes**  
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.  
Oct. 4, 2 p.m., Potrero Branch

**Musical Performance: Mariela’s Music Time**  
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. For children 5 and younger and their families.  
Oct. 7, 3 p.m., Presidio Branch

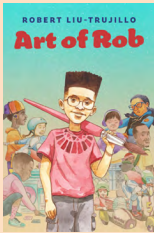


**Chanchitos de la Suerte: Lucky Little Piggies**  
Learn to make Chilean Chanchitos de la Suerte (Lucky Little Piggies), traditional ceramics that are used as gifts for good luck and prosperity, led by Piscola Mami. Space limited.  
Oct. 8, 4 p.m., Main Library, Children’s Center, 2nd Floor



**Cuentos Cantados: Stories With Music**  
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

**Character Design with Robert Liu-Trujillo**  
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 Programming

**Virtual Presentation: Family Readiness Clinic for Mixed Status Families**  
The Justice & Diversity Center (JDC) of the Bar Association of San Francisco invites immigrant families—especially those with U.S. citizen children—to attend a free legal clinic focused on advance planning.  
Oct. 1, 6 p.m., Virtual Library, Registration required.



**Patio Concert with La Familia Peña-Govea**  
Original and traditional bilingual Spanish/English children’s music played by La Familia Peña-Govea, including cumbia, ranchera and sones. La Familia Peña-Govea brings the party wherever it goes!  
Oct. 5, 2 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch

**Short Film: *The Unbroken Sky***  
Based on Dr. Francisco Jiménez’s beloved memoirs *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



**Community Building: Día de los Muertos Ofrenda/Offering**  
Calixto Robles returns for his annual ofrenda building and offering at Bernal Heights Library. Musical accompaniment provided by La Familia Peña-Govea.  
Nov. 1, 2 p.m., Bernal Heights





## Nooworks: Local Style, Local Strength

As part of Manufacturing Month, the Small Business Center spotlights Nooworks, a San Francisco clothing brand known for playful prints, inclusive sizing and a strong commitment to local production. Founded in 2005 by Jennifer D'Angelo, Nooworks has grown from a small apartment venture into a nationally recognized line while remaining dedicated to ethical, U.S.-based manufacturing.

In conversation with Isobel Schofield of Bryr Studio, a Dogpatch-based maker of handcrafted clogs, D'Angelo will share Nooworks’ journey—from artist collaborations to embracing sustainability and fair labor. Together they'll explore the ways keeping production local strengthens community, supports skilled jobs and sparks creativity.

Show your love for local design—wear your favorite Nooworks piece to the event! To learn more, visit [on.sfpl.org/nooworks](https://on.sfpl.org/nooworks).

**Made in SF: Nooworks and the Creative Power of Local Manufacturing**  
Oct. 28, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

## Children

### Early Childhood

#### 2 Thursday

##### Mini-Makers

Merced, 11–11:30 a.m.

#### 4 Saturday

##### Megan Schoenbohm

Eureka Valley, 11–12 p.m.

##### Kaleidoscopes

Excelsior, 2–3 p.m.

##### Group Bike Ride

Marina, 2–3:30 p.m.

#### 4, 11, 18, 25 Saturdays

##### Playtime

Glen Park, 10:30–12:30 p.m.

#### 6, 20 Mondays

##### Family Dance Party

Glen Park, 10–11 a.m.

#### 6, 20 Mondays

##### Infant Parent Support Group

Glen Park, 2–3 p.m.

#### 7 Tuesday

##### Mariela's Music Time

Presidio, 3–4 p.m.

#### 9 Thursday

##### STEM Playdate

Ocean View, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

#### 9, 23 Thursdays

##### Playtime in Japanese /

日本語 Western Addition, 11–11:30 a.m.

#### 11 Saturday

##### Costume Swap

Marina, 11–1 p.m.

##### Lucky Diaz

Visitacion Valley, 11–12 p.m.

#### 14 Tuesday

##### Costume Swap

Marina, 11–1 p.m.

#### 15 Wednesday

##### LEGOs/Magna-Tiles

Anza, 3:30–5 p.m.

#### 19 Sunday

##### René y Familia

Excelsior, 1–1:45 p.m.

##### René y Familia

Marina, 3:30–4:15 p.m.

#### 21 Tuesday

##### Spooky Dance Party!

Merced, 11–12 p.m.

##### Quiet Dog Reading Circle

Parkside, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

#### 25 Saturday

##### STEM Playtime

Visitacion Valley, 10–11 a.m.

##### Alphabet Rockers

North Beach, 11–12 p.m.

##### Alphabet Rockers

Potrero, 3–3:30 p.m.

#### 26 Sunday

##### Baby Playtime

Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

#### 27 Monday

##### Halloween Storytime

Merced, 10:15–10:45 a.m.

## Elementary

#### 1 Wednesday

LEGOs Bayview, 3–5 p.m.

##### Junior Readers

Marina, 6 p.m.

##### LEGOs/Robotics

Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

#### 1, 22, 29 Wednesdays

##### Learning Lounge

North Beach, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

#### 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Wednesday

##### Homework Help

Ortega, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

#### 2 Thursday

LEGOs Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

##### FilAm Inspired LEGOs/STEM

North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

#### 3 Friday

##### Junior Readers

Glen Park, 4 p.m.

#### 4 Saturday

##### Mola Paper Cutouts

Sunset, 2 p.m.

##### Mid-Autumn Fest Lanterns

Portola, 3 p.m.

#### 4, 11, 18, 25 Saturdays

##### Rigamajigs

Chinatown, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

#### 4, 18, 25 Saturdays

##### Chess Club

Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

#### 5 Sunday

##### Halloween Spiderbots

Merced, 2 p.m.

##### LEGOs/STEM

Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

#### 5, 12, 19, 26 Sundays

##### Board Games

Sunset, 2 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

#### 1 Wednesday

Gaming Excelsior, 3:30 p.m.

##### Book Swap / 青少年圖書交換

寫書評 Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.

#### 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Wednesdays

Knitting Ortega, 2:30–4 p.m.

#### 2 Thursday

##### Financial Aid & Scholarships

Richmond, 5:30–7:30 p.m.\*

#### 2, 9, 16, 30 Thursdays

Art Studio Merced, 5 p.m.

#### 3 Friday

##### Electronic Snap Circuits /

電路模型工作坊

Chinatown, 3:30 p.m.\*

#### 4, 11, 18, 25 Saturdays

##### Gardening

Merced, 11 a.m.

##### Apply For a CA State Job

Virtual, 1–2:30 p.m.

##### Bookkeeping for Businesses

Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

#### 5 Sunday

##### Financial Literacy

North Beach, 3:15–4:30 p.m.

#### 7 Tuesday

##### Accessing Capital (Small Biz)

Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

#### 6, 20, 27 Mondays

##### Homework Help

Ortega, 3–4 p.m.

#### 7 Tuesday

##### Crafternoon

Bernal Heights, 4 p.m.

##### Sugar Skull Cookies

Golden Gate Valley, 4 p.m.

#### 8 Wednesday

##### Halloween Thaumatrope

Chinatown, 3:45 p.m.\*

##### Film: A Minecraft Movie

Bayview, 3 p.m.

##### Art Club

Excelsior, 4 p.m.

#### 9 Thursday

##### Frida Kahlo Flower Crowns

Sunset, 2:30 p.m.

#### 10 Friday

##### Therapy Dog

Eureka Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

#### 11 Saturday

##### Author: Lisa Brown

Parkside, 10:30 a.m.

##### Puppy Dog Tales

Potrero, 11 a.m.

##### Latin American Snack Trials

Noe Valley, 2:30 p.m.

#### 11 Saturday

##### LEGO Robotics

Parkside, 2:30 p.m.\*

##### Coding Club

West Portal, 2 p.m.

##### Mini Papel Picado Garland

Merced, 3 p.m.

#### 11, 25 Saturdays

##### Origami

Sunset, 2 p.m.

#### 12 Sunday

##### LEGO Robotics

Sunset, 2 p.m.

##### VIVA Art Studio

West Portal, 2 p.m.

#### 14 Tuesday

##### Lego Free Play

Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

#### 15 Wednesday

##### Filipino Jeepney 3D Craft

Ingleside, 3:30 p.m.

##### Weave Yourself into Your Story

Ocean View, 3:30 p.m.\*

##### Day of the Dead Hojalatas

Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

#### 5 Sunday

##### Tiny Banned Books

West Portal, 2 p.m.

#### 8 Wednesday

##### Homework Hangout

Noe Valley, 3:30–5 p.m.

##### Washi Tape Notebooks

Sunset, 3 p.m.

#### 9 Thursday

##### ¡VIVA! Snack Trials

Western Addition, 4 p.m.

##### Clay Planter Pots

Richmond, 4 p.m.\*

#### 14 Tuesday

##### ACT Test Prep

Bayview, 5–7 p.m.\*

#### 15 Wednesday

##### Moon Cake Snack Trials

North Beach, 2:45 p.m.

#### 16 Thursday

##### Clay Planter Pots

Richmond, 4 p.m.\*

#### 18 Saturday

##### Bookworms

Marina, 6 p.m.

##### Paper Craft Airplanes

Presidio, 6 p.m.

#### 16 Thursday

##### Therapy Pet

Richmond, 3 p.m.

##### LEGOs Build-O-Rama

North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

#### 17 Friday

##### Therapy Pet

Glen Park, 4 p.m.

##### Puppy Dog Tales

North Beach, 4 p.m.

##### Mexican Tin Folk Art, Hojalatas

Parkside, 4 p.m.

##### Paper Weaving Jack O’ Lantern

Chinatown, 8 a.m.\*

#### 18 Saturday

##### Arabic Story Hour

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

##### Costume Swap

Portola, 2 p.m.

##### LEGO Robotics

West Portal, 3–4:30 p.m.

#### 23 Thursday

##### Author: Lisa Brown

Portola, 11 a.m.

##### Upcycled Craft

Chinatown, 3:45–4:45 p.m.\*

#### 24 Friday

##### Author Lisa Brown

Visitacion Valley, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

#### 25 Saturday

##### Pokemon Booster Packs

Parkside, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

#### 26 Sunday

##### Coding Club

West Portal, 2 p.m.

##### LEGO Free Play

Merced, 2–4 p.m.

#### 27 Monday

##### Author: Lisa Brown

Bernal Heights, 4 p.m.

#### 30 Thursday

##### Filipino Games & Snacks

Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

#### 31 Friday

##### Halloween Escape Room

Portola, 2–3:30 p.m.

##### Comics & Drawing

Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

##### Environmental Racism

Visitacion Valley, 2–4 p.m.\*

#### 21 Tuesday

##### I, Too. Am America

Bernal Heights, 4–6 p.m.\*

##### ACT Test Prep

Bayview, 5–7 p.m.\*

#### 22 Wednesday

##### Italian Soda Tasting

North Beach, 2:45–3:45 p.m.

#### 23 Thursday

##### Mini-Collage

Merced, 5 p.m.

#### 24 Friday

##### Beaded Halloween Ornaments /

青少年萬聖節串珠手作

Chinatown, 3:30 p.m.\*

#### 25 Saturday

##### Make Mini-Comics

Visitacion Valley, 2 p.m.\*

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The Friends of the San Francisco Public Library and the Library joined the Popper family to celebrate the ribbon cutting of the Marcia Popper Memorial Bench on August 3, 2025, at the Presidio Branch Library. For more than 60 years, Marcia Popper was a devoted advocate for the Library, serving on the Council for Neighborhood Libraries (CNL) and championing the Library’s vital role in the community development and lifelong learning for all. Her selfless dedication to the Library remained constant throughout her life. The Marcia Popper Bench stands as a testament to her passion and inspires all of us to honor her commitment to help elevate our beloved Library branches to new heights.

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Marcia Popper, dedicated library advocate and supporter.



Top photo: City Librarian Michael Lambert speaks as guests gather outside the Presidio Branch Library for the ribbon-cutting of the Marcia Popper Memorial Bench.

Left photo: Friends, family, and community members gathered to honor Marcia with her photos, volunteer pins, and a book swap at the new memorial bench.

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Elchico Family, tattooed by Jeff Quintano. Photo by John Agcaoili, 2024.

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