



SFPL Exhibitions

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Community Programs and Partnerships
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San Francisco Library Commission



On view



- ***Living Tattoo Traditions: American Irezumi and Beyond***
- 24 artists
- 100+ color photos, hand-painted mural, Cherokee Booger masks, hand-carved skateboard, video interviews, flyer from the SFPL collection and the *Black Wave* catalog
- Write a Wish to the Tattoo Gods
- 3 Center Displays
- Monthly programming
- Publicity
 - [Mission Local](#)
 - [KPIX CBS News](#)
 - KCBS Radio

On view: current + upcoming

Remaining 2025 Exhibitions + Displays

30 Years of Tachyon Press

Sept. 19–Nov. 20, 2025

80th WWII Anniversary: Remember "Comfort Women"

Sept. 26, 2025–Feb. 1, 2026

Living Tattoo Traditions: American Irezumi and Beyond

Oct. 2, 2025–March 1, 2026

Celebrating Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

Oct. 2–Dec. 29, 2025

Atemtuhe

Ongoing

Fashioning Bay Area Punk: Style, Subversion, Shock!

Oct. 31, 2025–March 15, 2026

A Magazine for Every Interest, a Magazine for Every Tattoo

Nov. 7, 2025–Jan. 8, 2026

Textures of Remembrance: Vietnamese Artists & Writers Reflect on the Diaspora

Nov. 16, 2025–Jan. 9, 2026

Inked Zodiac: The Art of Jimmy Shy

Dec. 19, 2025–March 26, 2026



Measuring success

Jewett Attendance

Sept. 2023–July 2025: 28,093 visitors

- *Mission Grafica: Reflecting a Community in Print*—**3,575**
- *Toward a Black Aesthetic: The Art of Kenneth P. Green, Sr.*—**5,157**
- *Ralph Chessé: A San Francisco Century*—**4,970**
- *50 Years of ArtSpan SF Open Studios*—**3,627**
- *Skateboarding San Francisco* total attendance—**10,764**

Publicity

- SFGOVTV
- New York Times
- KQED Arts
- KTVU
- NBC Bay Area
- 48 Hills
- SF Gate
- CBS News



Community engagement

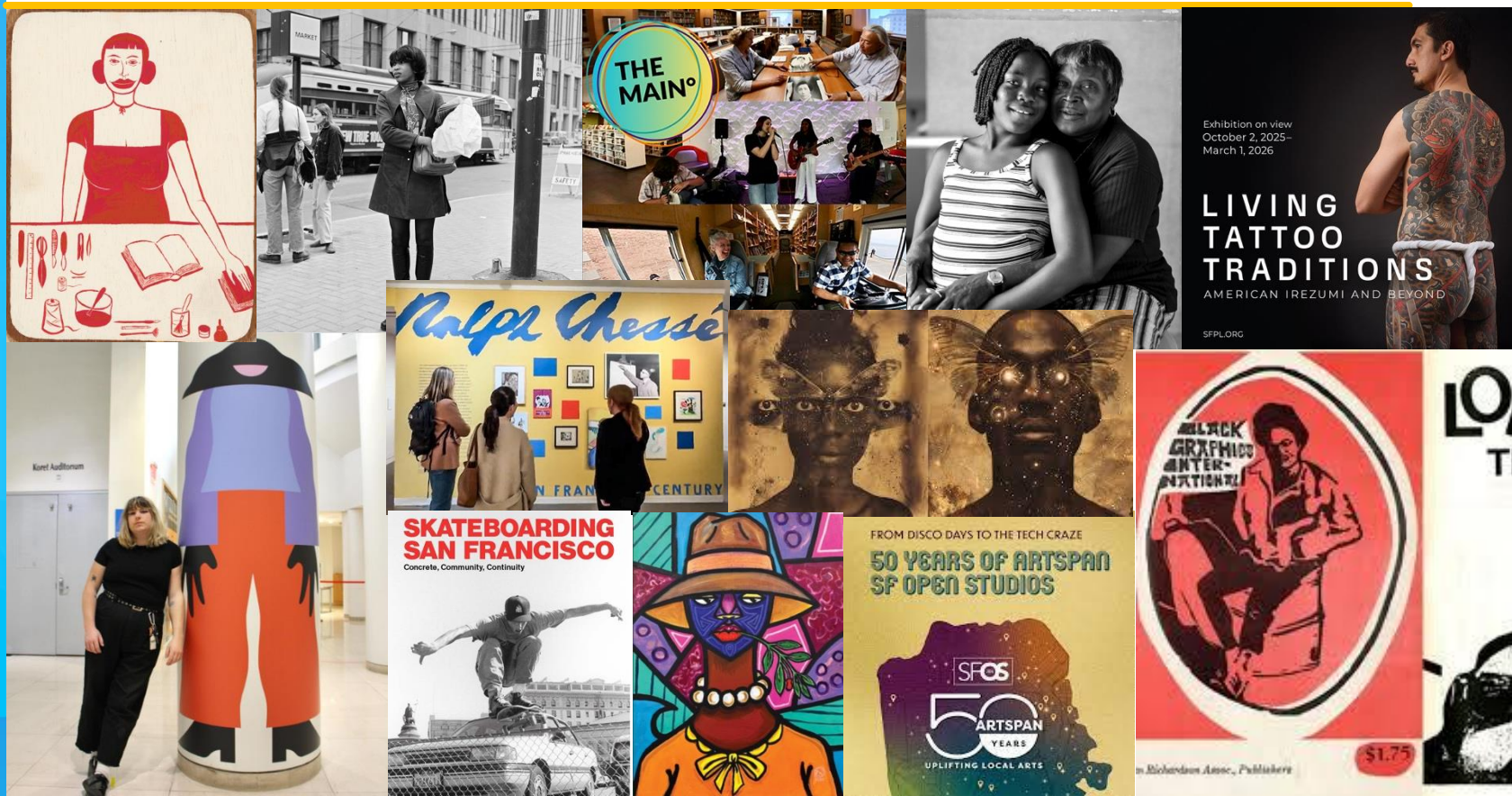
- Exhibition-related programs with internal + external partners
- Traveling shows to other venues

Visitor comments + participation

- Comment book + interactive exhibition elements



Building on the vision



SFPL Exhibitions



- New team
- Refreshed vision
- Curatorial expertise
- Cultural Amplifier Strategies
- Community engagement
- Drive attendance to SFPL physical branches
- Bring in a younger generation of visitors and diverse audiences mirroring the demographics of the City