

AT THE LIBRARY

Events and Happenings at San Francisco Public Library

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Holiday Train

The *ho ho ho...* holiday train makes its triumphant return to San Francisco Public Library this holiday season. Every year, from mid-November to early January, the interactive miniature model train chugs around a track outside the Main Library's Fisher Children's Center on the 2nd Floor. Children can push the buttons to start up the train and glimpse the magical snowy



world around the track.

For the past several years, the train has been designed and built by the railroad aficionados from the Carquinez Model Railroad Society, who seek to encourage a love of model railroading for future generations. And a big thanks to the Fisher Children's Center and Library engineering staff who support the train display.

Holiday Train – Main Library, Children's Center, 2nd Floor



December Open Houses

Celebrate the winter season at the Mission Branch Temporary Site with warm drinks, treats, crafts and music by Bay Beats violinist Patrick Galvin.

At the Bernal Heights Branch, enjoy Danza Azteca Xitlalli-Xolotl, readings by Alejandro Murguía and Susan Hara plus live music from the Bernal Jazz Quintet. Participate in children's crafts and visit community partner tables throughout the day.

Join us for cocoa, candy canes and a series of seasonal crafts for all ages, starting at 11 a.m. at Ortega Branch. Starting at 2:30 p.m., enjoy a performance of holiday music from the Hoover Jazz Band.



Mission Open House – Dec. 6, 2 p.m.

Bernal Heights Open House – Dec. 13, 11 a.m.

Ortega Open House – Dec. 13, 11 a.m.

Kwanzaa at the Library

Habari Gani? Celebrate Kwanzaa at two SFPL locations this season! The yearly holiday honors African cultural traditions from December 26 through January 1. At the African American Center, observe the principal of Ujima, collective work and responsibility, with a live performance by musician and storyteller Azere Wilson and Nigerian-born percussionist Manas Itene, playing original and classic African American tunes. The Bayview Branch honors the principle of Nia, meaning purpose, with Library ambassador Toni Hines. Enjoy a craft, learn about Kwanzaa symbols and reflect on the holiday with community. Both celebrations include refreshments.

Kwanzaa (Ujima) – Dec. 28, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Kwanzaa (Nia) – Dec. 30, 3 p.m., Bayview Branch. Reservations required



One City One Book and AI Week

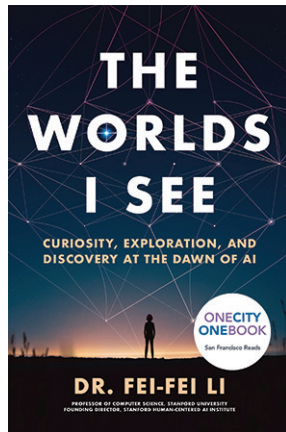


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SF AI Week (Dec. 11 – 17)

SF AI Week highlights San Francisco as an AI hub, bringing together staff, technologists and residents. The Library has partnered with the Emerging Technologies Division to host events that explore new tools and creative AI applications, showcasing the various ways AI intersects with daily life.

Panel: AI and the Environment—Shaping a Sustainable Future – Dec. 11, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Travel with AI – Dec. 12, 2 p.m., Main Library, Computer Training Center, 5th Floor

Panel: AI, Labor and the Future of San Francisco – Dec. 13, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Thinking in Music: An AI Jam at the Library – Dec. 14, 2 p.m., Main Library, Learning Studio, 5th Floor

Cooking with AI – Dec. 15, 2 p.m., Main Library, Computer Training Center, 5th Floor

Practical AI for Small Businesses and Community Organizations – Dec. 15, 3:30 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Room, Lower Level

Write Your World: Memoir Versus Oral History – Dec. 16, 1 p.m., Main Library, Talking Books and Braille Center, 2nd Floor

Discover the story behind San Francisco's 2025 One City One Book selection, *The Worlds I See*, as the author Dr. Li sits down with technology journalist Adam Lashinsky, *SF Standard* Editor-at-Large.

Dr. Fei-Fei Li in Conversation with Adam Lashinsky – Dec. 17, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

One City One Book Related Programs

Write Your World: Memoir Versus Autoethnography – Dec. 4, 3 p.m., Potrero Branch

AI for Efficiency: Work Smarter, Save Time and Reduce Stress – Dec. 4, 6 p.m., Virtual Library

Author: Scott Shigeoka, *Seek: How Curiosity Can Transform Your Life* – Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m., Virtual Library

Write Your World: Memoir Versus Autofiction – Dec. 10, 3 p.m., Excelsior Branch

Navigating AI: An Intro to AI Tools – Dec. 18, 10 a.m., Tenderloin Technology Lab, 150 Golden Gate Ave.

Exploring the Future of AI Robotics – Dec. 20, 12:30 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Room, Lower Level

Write Your World: Memoir Versus Autobiography – Dec. 20, 2 p.m., North Beach Branch

Panel: The Worlds We Built: Resilience, Entrepreneurship and Belonging – Jan. 13, 2026, 5 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Book Clubs: Fei-Fei Li's *The Worlds I See*

Dec. 13, 10 a.m., Main Library, Chinese Center, 3rd Floor (Cantonese and Mandarin)

Dec. 18, 6 p.m., Main Library, Stong Room, 1st Floor

Dec. 21, 2 p.m., Virtual Library

Dec. 28, 2 3:30 p.m., Marina Branch



New Library Card Celebrates City Monument

In recognition of the 150th anniversary of Lotta's Fountain, the first public monument in the City's Civic Art Collection and one of San Francisco's most beloved monuments, the Library is launching a new library card design featuring the monument this month.

Lotta's Fountain (shown at left) was gifted to the people of San Francisco by famed entertainer Charlotte Mignon "Lotta" Crabtree (1847–1924) and officially unveiled and dedicated by then-mayor of San Francisco James Otis on September 9, 1875, at the intersection of Market and Kearny Streets.

T(w)een Winter Read

Winter is the perfect time to curl up with a good book, sip on matcha lattes or hot chocolate (with marshmallows, of course!) and hang out with friends.

Even better? It's time for T(w)een Winter Read, SFPL's winter activity just for tweens and teens!

Visit sfpl.org/tween-winter-read for all the details—like craft kit tips, prize info and awesome book recommendations. Don't forget to bring a friend to events like making decoden or needle-felting ornaments, card making or cookie decorating!

Here's how to join the fun:

- Sign up at any SFPL location to get a free book and your activity log.
- Read, listen, craft or join Library programs for a total of 10 hours. Keep track of your progress on your log.
- Turn in your completed log at any Library branch to get a craft kit or another free book AND a chance to win a prize you'll love!

Coming Up:

January 6
Drag Laureate Inauguration
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

January 22
A Look at the Legacy of Hip Hop Fashion
Main Library, African American Center, 3rd Floor

January 20
Broke-Ass Stuart in Conversation with Tayler Mehit
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

January 23
Youth Poet Laureate Inauguration
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

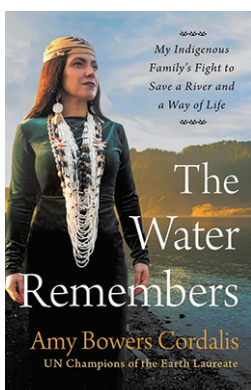
Events, Collections and Services

eResources: Kanopy and Hoopla

Commercial streaming services are increasing their fees at a fast clip. Apple+, Netflix and Hulu all upped their monthly costs last fall. However, the Library, always free, offers a bounty of movies, shows, documentaries and more to stream on Kanopy and Hoopla.

These aren't boring movies that no one wants to watch! You'll find winners of the Academy Awards and other prizes (*Parasite* and *Perfect Days*); literary and lighthearted binges (Shakespeare and Hallmark); classics (*This Is Spinal Tap* and *Sunset Boulevard*); engaging documentaries (*Zappa* and *Endurance: Race to the Pole*); lifelong learning offerings (Great Courses); international and indie films (*Triangle of Sadness*); offerings for kids (Mo Willems Collection and Daniel Tiger) and a whole lot more. One librarian's personal golden nugget find is the German TV comedy *Der Tatortreiniger* (*Crime Scene Cleaner*) on Hoopla.

Watch your selections immediately (no waiting!). Go to the Library's FAQs (sfpl.libanswers.com) to find out how to stream on your phone, tablet, computer or TV. You'll definitely find something to watch and save money with your SFPL library card.



First Person Programs

Indigenous Resistance and Environmental Justice

Amy Bowers Cordalis discusses her book *The Water Remembers*, a multigenerational memoir of Indigenous resistance, environmental justice and a family's fight to preserve its legacy. Cordalis discusses her involvement with the undamming of the Klamath River—a vital source of food, income and cultural identity for members of the Yurok nation. Dec. 9, 5:30 p.m., Virtual Library, Register: on.sfpl.org/AmyBowersCordalis

Painting Workshop

Create your own artwork using acrylic paints, led by local artist Felicia Gabaldon. Take home a unique painting using Gabaldon's images as inspiration. Space limited. Seats available first come, first served. Dec. 6, 2 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch



Felicia Gabaldon, Paul Steward

Native Stories and Sounds

Listen to music and tales from Paul Steward, a tribal member of Elem Indian Colony of Pomo Indians of the Sulphur Bank Rancheria. Dec. 13, 2:30 p.m., Western Addition Branch; Dec. 14, 3:15 p.m., Parkside Branch

SFPL Celebrates 10 Years of Partnership with Drag Story Hour



Ten years ago, a spark of glitter and imagination lit up the San Francisco Public Library when beloved local icon Per Sia performed the world's first-ever Drag Story Hour at the Eureka Valley Branch Library. In the years since, SFPL has brought Drag Story Hour to library locations across the City, offering free, family-friendly celebrations packed with stories, songs, music, crafts and magical surprises around every corner.

What began as drag queens reading books to children in libraries quickly blossomed into a global phenomenon. Today, Drag Story Hour programs are led by drag queens, kings and all royal beings, offering literary and creative programming for kids and audiences of all ages. Over the past decade, what started in San Francisco has grown into a national nonprofit with an international network of local chapters—each independently run yet united by the mission to inspire imagination, self-expression and acceptance.

Celebrate what the next 10 years has in store for Drag Story Hour with us on Sunday, December 14, at the Main Library. Activities for all ages, including an adult book club and, of course, drag story hours!

Drag Story Hour 10th Anniversary Celebration – Dec. 14, 12 p.m., Main Library, Children's Center, 2nd Floor and Hormel LGBTQIA Center, 3rd Floor

Hear From Tattoo Experts

Early in the month, come to a panel discussion that explores the role of women tattoo artists who continue to shape the practice as a form of healing, affirmation, self-expression and empowerment. Hear stories from three icons of the Bay Area tattoo scene: Junii Shimada of Diamond Club Tattoo, Molly Kitamura of State of Grace Tattoo and Quiana Dempsey of Sacred Rose Tattoo.

When you see a tattooed body, often you see animals inked on skin. With their strong and distinct symbolism, Chinese zodiac animals are popular tattoo motifs worn as talismans by people all over the world. *Inked Zodiac: The Art of Jimmy Shy* showcases the 12 zodiac animals as tattoo illustrations drawn by the renowned artist, whose work is inspired by the legendary Hong Kong tattoo artist Pinky Yun.

Featuring 12 hanging panels with reproductions of hand-drawn designs, *Inked Zodiac* celebrates the Year of the Horse and art of the tattoo.

Women in Tattooing Panel Discussion – Dec. 4, 6 p.m. Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Revitalizing Indigenous Okinawan Tattoos Hajichi – Dec. 17, 6 p.m. Virtual

Inked Zodiac: The Art of Jimmy Shy – Dec. 19, 2025–March 26, 2026, Main Library, Chinese Center, 3rd Floor



Art by Jimmy Shy

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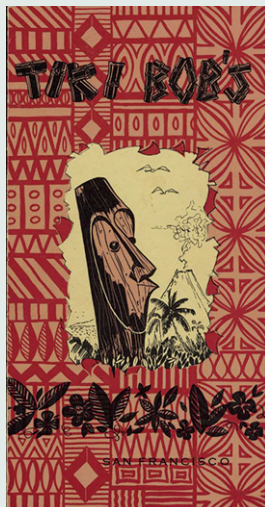
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youtube.com/user/SanFranciscoLibrary

Collections Corner: The Culinary Life of San Francisco: What's on the Menu



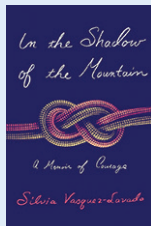
Cover of Tiki Bob's Menu, 1964. SF History Center.

San Francisco Public Library's menu collection, housed in the San Francisco History Center, began with the dedicated efforts of past librarians who gathered menus on the Library's behalf. It has since grown through generous donations of menus with graphic, gastronomic or sociological interest—each tied to San Francisco. The collection spans all types of dining,

from lunch counters to fine dining, including steamship and hotel banquet menus. The oldest menu dates back to the early 1850s.

Researchers use the collection to explore the City's culinary evolution, tracking changes in cuisine, pricing and dining culture over time. Today, the collection includes approximately 4,000 menus as part of the San Francisco Ephemera Collection.

These materials are available for research in the San Francisco History Center, Main Library, 6th Floor. To learn more about this and other treasures in our holdings, visit: on.sfpl.org/sf-history.



Recommended Reads

Crafty Crafting: Handmade Gifts in a Hurry

Magical Crochet: 13 Charming Patterns for Imaginative Crowns, Wings, Unicorns, and More by Jeanette Bøgelund Bentzen

Live Lightly, Stay Rooted

In the Shadow of the Mountain: A Memoir of Courage by Silvia Vasequez-Lavado

Celebrating Letters and Correspondence

Wicked Little Letters (DVD)

Time Travel Movies

Toki O Kakeru Shōjo (The Girl Who Leapt Through Time) (DVD)

Winter Picture Books

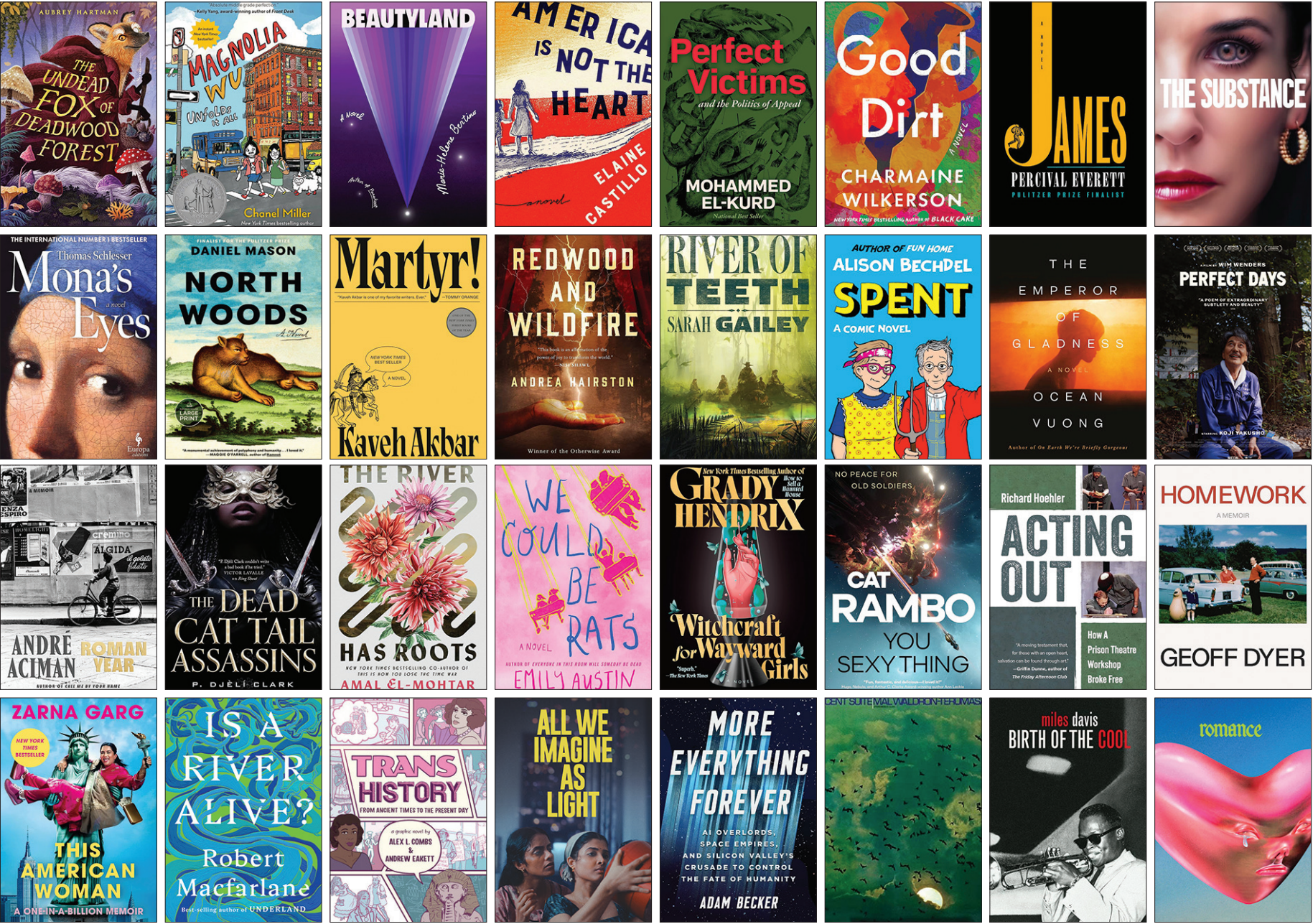
Raven Gets Tricked by Andrea Fritz

Lotta's Fountain: Discover San Francisco's Golden History

Lotta Crabtree: Gold Rush Fairy Star by Lois V. Harris

SFPL Recommends

Our staff picked their favorite books, movies and music that they discovered in 2025 for you.



Discover your new favorites: visit sfpl.org.

Adult Fiction

Dream Count, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Martyr!, Kaveh Akbar
We Could Be Rats, Emily Austin
Spent: A Comic Novel, Alison Bechdel
Beautyland, Marie-Helene Bertino
All the Water in the World, Eiren Cafall
America Is Not the Heart, Elaine Castillo
The Dead Cat Tail Assassins, P. Djèli Clark
The River Has Roots, Amal El-Mohtar
The Correspondent, Virginia Evans
James, Percival Everett
River of Teeth, Sarah Gailey
The Book of I, David Greig
Redwood and Wildfire, Andrea Hairston
Witchcraft for Wayward Girls, Grady Hendrix
North Woods, Daniel Mason
You Sexy Thing, Cat Rambo
Mona's Eyes, Thomas Schlessor
Colored Television, Danzy Senna
Lucky Day, Chuck Tingle
The Emperor of Gladness, Ocean Vuong
Good Dirt, Charmaine Wilkerson



Adult Nonfiction

Roman Year: A Memoir, Andre Aciman
The Hollow Half, Sarah Aziza
More Everything Forever: AI Overlords, Space Empires, and Silicon Valley's Crusade to Control the Fate of Humanity, Adam Becker
Trans History: A Graphic Novel: From Ancient Times to the Present Day, Alex L. Combs and Andrew Eakett
Homework: A Memoir, Geoff Dyer
One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This, Omar El Akkad
Perfect Victims: And the Politics of Appeal, Mohammed El-Kurd
Murderland: Crime and Bloodlust in the Time of Serial Killers, Caroline Fraser
This American Woman: A One-in-a-billion Memoir, Zarna Garg
Acting Out: How a Prison Theatre Workshop Broke Free, Richard Hoehler
Lovely One: A Memoir, Ketanji Brown Jackson
Sift: The Elements of Great Baking, Nicola Lamb
Is a River Alive, Robert Macfarlane
How To Love Better, Yung Pueblo
High Conflict: Why We Get Trapped and How We Get Out, Amanda Ripley
Mother Mary Comes to Me, Arundhati Roy
Magical/Realism: Essays on Music, Memory, Fantasy, and Borders, Vanessa Angélica Villarreal

Children's

I Dream of Popo, Livia Blackburne
The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest, Aubrey Hartman
Magnolia Wu Unfolds It All, Chanel Miller

Young Adult

Lord of Mysteries, Vol. 1, Cuttlefish That Loves Diving

Movies

All We Imagine as Light
The Amateur
A Complete Unknown
Clueless
The Colors Within
Fantastic Mr. Fox
La La Land
Layla
Mickey 17
One Battle After Another
Perfect Days
Petite Maman
Sinners
Sorry, Baby
Stalker
The Substance
Superman
스윙 키즈 Swing kids
Thunderbolts
Weapons
Wicked

Music

Birth of Cool, Miles Davis
The Art of Loving, Olivia Dean
Alligator Bites Never Heal, Doechii
Romance, Fontaines D.C.
KPOP Demon Hunters – Soundtrack, HUNTR/X
Wild and Clear and Blue, I'm With Her
For Melancholy Brunettes (& Sad Women), Japanese Breakfast
Volcano, Jungle
My Fair Lady, Frederick Loewe
Imaginal Disk, Magdalena Bay
Princess of Power, Marina & the Diamonds
Electra Heart, Marina & the Diamonds
Dance Called Memory, Nation of Language
TRON: Ares (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Nine Inch Nails
The Rise and Fall of a Midwest Princess, Chappell Roan
Ensoulment, The The
Don't Tap the Glass, Tyler the Creator
Remincent Suite, Mal Waldron & Terumasa Hino



December 2025 Event Calendar



Adults

[1, 15, 29 Mondays](#)

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

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

Tai Chi with Patrick Lau Presidio
Beginners: 1:30 p.m.
Advanced: 2:15 p.m.

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

[2 Tuesday](#)

Needle Felted Snowman
Presidio, 3 p.m.*

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

Author: Benedict Nguyễn, Hot Girls with Balls
Virtual, 6 p.m.

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

Bocce Ball
North Beach, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Fit for Life
North Beach, 1 p.m.*

[2, 9, 16 Tuesdays](#)

ESL Convo Club
Virtual, 3 p.m.

[3 Wednesday](#)

Mandarin Bilingual Convo Club Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 10–11:30 a.m.*

Book Swap
Golden Gate Valley, 1–2 p.m.

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

Coloring For Adults/Teens
Mission Bay, 5:30–7 p.m.

Author: Aric Prather, The Sleep Prescription
Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 6 p.m.

[3, 10, 17 Wednesdays](#)

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

[4 Thursday](#)

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

Memoir vs Autoethnography
Potrero, 3–5 p.m.

Women in Tattooing
Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

[4, 11, 18 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 p.m.

[5 Friday](#)

Food Waste Prevention
Visitacion Valley, 2 p.m.

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

[5, 19 Fridays](#)

Knitting Anza, 3–5 p.m.

[6 Saturday](#)

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

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

Del Sol Quartet
Ingleside, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

SF Ballet’s Nutcracker History/Chair Dance Class
Main, Lower Level, 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

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

Sound Bath North Beach, 2 p.m.*

Origami Craft
Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

Aurora Mandolin Holiday Concert Main, Koret, 2–4 p.m.

Flower Pincushion
Ocean View, 2 p.m.*

Puzzle Swap
Visitacion Valley, 2–4 p.m.

Open House Mission, 2–5 p.m.

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

Author: Ruby Dee Philippa
Main, The Page - 1st Fl, 4 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](#)

Author: Scott Shigeoka
Virtual, 10:30 a.m.

Spanish Language Holiday Cards Main, Paley Rm - 3rd Fl, 1–2:30 p.m.

Jing Ying Cantonese Opera
Main, Lower Level, 12–5 p.m.

Karaoke Glen Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

Queer Collage Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2–3:30 p.m.

Sashiko Noe Valley, 2 p.m.*

Financial Literacy
North Beach, 3:15–4:30 p.m.

DIY Hot Cocoa Mix
Eureka Valley, 3 p.m.

Holiday Sing-Along
Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 3 p.m.

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

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

Wild Goose Qigong
Marina, 9 a.m.

[7, 21 Sundays](#)

Handicraft Circle
Chinatown, 2 p.m.

[8 Monday](#)

TBBC Writer’s Salon Main, TBBC - 2nd Fl, 12–1:30 p.m.

[8, 22 Mondays](#)

Coloring w/ Coffee Anza, 11 a.m.

[9 Tuesday](#)

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

Food Waste Workshop
Excelsior, 1 p.m.

Cantonese Bilingual Convo Club Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 3 p.m.*

Author: Amy Bowers Cordalis
Virtual, 5:30 p.m.

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

[9, 23 Tuesdays](#)

Knitting Glen Park, 1–2:30 p.m.

[10 Wednesday](#)

Genealogy Group Virtual, 1–3 p.m.

Soapmaking Park, 5 p.m.*

Crochet
Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

[11 Thursday](#)

Senior Fitness Ortega, 1 p.m.

Line Dancing Potrero, 12 p.m.

Drawstring Gift Bag
Chinatown, 2 p.m.*

Crafts West Portal, 5:45 p.m.*

French Conversation
Excelsior, 5 p.m.

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

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

AI & the Environment
Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

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

[12 Friday](#)

Travel w/ AI Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 2 p.m.

粵語講座: 災難後的行動
Post-Disaster Prep (Cantonese) Visitacion Valley, 2 p.m.

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

Karaoke Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

[12, 26 Fridays](#)

Watercolor
Glen Park, 1:30–5 p.m.
Bernal Heights, 1–5 p.m.

[13 Saturday](#)

Plant Swap
Ingleside, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Author: Anne Whiteside, The Moon in Splinters
Golden Gate Valley, 11 a.m.

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

Sound Bath Merced, 2 p.m.

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

AI, Labor & The Future of SF
Main, Koret, 2–6 p.m.

[13, 27 Saturdays](#)

Gentle Yoga Mission Bay, 10 a.m.

Tai Chi (Beginners)
Mission Bay, 1 p.m.

[14 Sunday](#)

Lacemaking/Fiber Arts
North Beach, 1:30 p.m.*

Puzzle Swap Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

Felt Wreath Portola, 2 p.m.*

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

OWLs Poetry Reading
Bernal Heights, 2–4 p.m.

Thinking in Music: An AI Jam
Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 2–4 p.m.

Seasonal Greeting Cards
Eureka Valley, 3 p.m.

[15 Monday](#)

Youth Art Exhibition Main, Lower Level, 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Youth Art Exhibition Ceremony Main, Koret, 1–5 p.m.

Cooking with AI Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 2 p.m.

eBooks/Audiobooks: Multiple Languages
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

[16 Tuesday](#)

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

Memoir vs Oral History
Main, TBBC - 2nd Fl, 1–3 p.m.

Rose Care Richmond, 2 p.m.

Affordable Housing (English & Chinese) Sunset, 3–5 p.m.

Spellbound Crafts Anza, 4 p.m.

Reagan & the SF Housing Crisis North Beach, 6 p.m.

Grotto Nights
Main, Lower Level, 6 p.m.

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

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

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

工作坊：三藩市第七區可負擔房屋 Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

Walking Club Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

Vinyl Listening Party
Western Addition, 5–6:30 p.m.

Practices to Feel Calm
Glen Park, 6:30 p.m.

Chess
Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

Dr. Fei-Fei Li in Conversation with Adam Lashinsky
Main, Lower Level, 6–7:30 p.m.

[17 Wednesday](#)

Revitalizing Indigenous Okinawan Tattoos Hajichi
Virtual, 6 p.m.

[17, 24, 31 Wednesday](#)

Yoga North Beach, 1 p.m.*

[18 Thursday](#)

Intro to AI Tools Main, 10 a.m.*

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

Aging & Dying Dialogue
Glen Park, 3 p.m.

Fantasy Trees Excelsior, 4 p.m.*

[19 Friday](#)

Drawstring Gift Bag
Chinatown, 2 p.m.*

Walking Club Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

[20 Saturday](#)

Walking Tour
North Beach, 10:30 p.m.*

Future of AI Robotics Main, Lower Level, 12:30–4:30 p.m.

Puzzle Swap Ortega, 2–3 p.m.

Favorite SF Opera Scenes
Noe Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.



On View

Jewett Gallery, Main Library, Lower Level

Living Tattoo Traditions: American Irezumi and Beyond

Featuring photographs and interviews with 25 artists, *American Irezumi and Beyond* 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 archives. Through March 1, 2026

Skylight Galleries, Main Library, 6th Floor

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

Through contemporary art and writings, the exhibition explores a date that impacts many Vietnamese Americans: April 30, 1975, the end of the Vietnam War. Featuring works by 25 artists and writers, these narratives texturize the Vietnamese diasporic experience, in which refugees are not objects of rescue but instead subjects of artistic and political transformation. Through Jan. 9, 2026

Fashioning Bay Area Punk: Style, Subversion, Shock!

Explore the themes of fashion, style and subversion found through the SFPL’s Punk Rock Archive and Little Maga/Zine collection. Through March 15, 2026

Other Exhibits, Main Library

First Person Mural: atemtuhe (to listen)

Created by artist Belen Islas in close collaboration with Dr. Jonathan Cordero, Executive Director of the Association of the Ramaytush Ohlone, to honor the Ramaytush people, whose enduring presence on the San Francisco Peninsula continues today through deep relationship with their homelands. Through 2027. Atrium, 1st Floor

Display: A Magazine for Every Interest, a Magazine for Every Tattoo

Drawing from bound volumes of magazines in the archives and the loose issues often on display in the Reading Room, this pop-up display both drills deeper into the theme of American Irezumi and demonstrates broader themes that unite tattoos across cultures. Through Jan. 8, 2026. Magazines and Newspapers Center, 5th Floor

80th WWII Anniversary: Remember “Comfort Women”

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

Display: 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 Floor

Exhibits At the Branches

Skateboarding San Francisco:

Concrete, Community, Continuity

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

Louis Feuillade’s Les Vampires
Golden Gate Valley, 2–4 p.m.

Memoir vs Autobiography
North Beach, 2–4 p.m.

Gift Wrap Swap
Visitacion Valley, 2–4 p.m.

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

[21 Sunday](#)

Holiday Tea Blending
Western Addition, 1:30 p.m.*

Furoshiki Excelsior, 2–3:30 p.m.

Terry Riley: A Piano Celebration Main, Lower Level, 2–3:30 p.m.

Holiday Tea Blending
Western Addition, 3 p.m.*

[23 Tuesday](#)

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

Jewelry Making
Richmond, 2 p.m.*

Sugar Body Scrub
Sunset, 4 p.m.*

[26 Friday](#)

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

[27 Saturday](#)

Mahjong (Beginners)
Sunset, 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

[28 Sunday](#)

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

Kwanzaa
Main, Lower Level, 2–4:30 p.m.

[29 Monday](#)

New Year’s Reflective Writing
Glen Park, 3–4:30 p.m.

[31 Wednesday](#)

NYE Karaoke
Portola, 3–4 p.m.



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

Book Clubs

[2, 16 Tuesdays](#)

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

[4 Thursday](#)

Amin Maalouf, *Leo Africanus* Virtual, 6 p.m.

[9 Tuesday](#)

Ann Claire, *Dead & Gondola* Presidio, 3 p.m.

Silent Book Club North Beach, 6 p.m.

[10 Wednesday](#)

Chinatown Readers Chinatown, 5:15 p.m.

[10, 24 Wednesdays](#)

Silent Book Club Richmond, 3 p.m.

[11 Thursday](#)

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

[13 Saturday](#)

讀書會：AI科學家李飛飛的視界之旅
Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 10 a.m.

[14 Sunday](#)

Literary Drag Salon Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 4 p.m.

[16 Tuesday](#)

讀書會：共讀·共賞
Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 10 a.m.

bell hooks, *All About Love* Virtual, 6 p.m.

[17 Wednesday](#)

Reader's Choice Mission Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Ulloa Reading Corner West Portal, 6 p.m.

[18 Thursday](#)

Fei-Fei Li, *The Worlds I See* Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl, 6 p.m.

Silent Book Club at Saluhall Main, 6–7:30 p.m.

[19 Friday](#)

Samantha Harvey, *Orbital* Noe Valley, 3 p.m.

[20 Saturday](#)

Ariel Lowhon, *The Frozen River* Ortega, 11 a.m.

[21 Sunday](#)

Great Books Discussion Anza, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Fei-Fei Li, *The Worlds I See* Virtual, 2 p.m.

[23 Tuesday](#)

M. E. O'Brien, *Everything for Everyone* Visitacion Valley, 4 p.m.

Excelsior Reads Excelsior, 6:30 p.m.

[28 Sunday](#)

Fei-Fei Li, *The Worlds I See* Marina, 2 p.m.

Films

[2 Tuesday](#)

Starring the Bay Bridge Potrero, 6:30 p.m.

[3 Wednesday](#)

Fruit Fly Glen Park, 6 p.m.

[5 Friday](#)

Superman (2025) Bayview, 2 p.m.

The 12 Days Of Christmas Eve Excelsior, 3:30 p.m.

[8 Monday](#)

Kansas City Confidential Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

[10 Wednesday](#)

Lilo & Stitch Bayview, 3 p.m.

[11 Thursday](#)

Intouchables Potrero, 5:30 p.m.

[12 Friday](#)

Carol Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

[14 Sunday](#)

Possession of Mara Main, Koret, 3 p.m.

[17 Wednesday](#)

Scrooge Chinatown, 1 p.m.

A Christmas Carol Park, 5 p.m.

[21 Sunday](#)

A Minecraft Movie Merced, 2 p.m.

[22 Monday](#)

Johnny Allegro Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

[24 Wednesday](#)

Fitzwilly Glen Park, 3 p.m.

[29 Monday](#)

Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone Excelsior, 2 p.m.

[30 Tuesday](#)

Harry Potter & the Chamber of Secrets Excelsior, 2 p.m.

[31 Wednesday](#)

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse Glen Park, 1:30 p.m.

Harry Potter & the Prisoner of Azkaban Excelsior, 2 p.m.

Jobs & Careers, Personal Finance and Small Business

[2 Tuesday](#)

Job Seeker Meetup Main, Lower Level, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

[3 Wednesday](#)

Financial Skills Building Virtual, 2 p.m.

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

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

[4 Thursday](#)

Intro to QuickBooks Part 2 Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

AI for Efficiency Virtual, 6 p.m.

[6 Saturday](#)

Estate Planning Ingleside, 2–3 p.m.

Small Business Stroll Richmond, 2–5 p.m.

[8 Monday](#)

Profitability Boost Series Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

[10 Wednesday](#)

SFFD: Career Opportunities Ocean View, 6–7 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 Wednesdays](#)

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

[3, 17 Wednesdays](#)

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

[6 Saturday](#)

Tech Help West Portal, 12–4 p.m.

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

Tech Help / 科技協助
Sunset, 2–4 p.m.

[7, 14 Sundays](#)

Tech Help Sunset, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

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

Basic Tech Help (Cantonese/Mandarin) West Portal, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

[10 Wednesday](#)

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

[12 Friday](#)

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

[12, 26 Fridays](#)

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

[13 Saturday](#)

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

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

[15 Monday](#)

Practical AI for Small Organizations Main, Lower Level, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

[18 Thursday](#)

Zoom Basics /Zoom 簡介
Chinatown, 2–3:30 p.m.*

[19 Friday](#)

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

[23 Tuesday](#)

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

Clement Street Small Business Stroll

Shop small, meet your neighbors and support local businesses during the holiday season with the Clement Street Small Business Stroll. Hosted by the Library’s Small Business Center and the Richmond Branch, this neighborhood walk highlights beloved businesses along the corridor, including Fleetwood, Green Apple Books, Tantrum and more. We’ll start at the Richmond Branch Library before strolling down Clement Street together. Hear the owners’ stories, explore hidden gems and end the afternoon with a community raffle and plenty of Richmond District holiday spirit.

Small Business Stroll – Dec. 6, 2 p.m., Richmond Branch
Learn more: on.sfpl.org/clementstroll



Teens

[2 Tuesday](#)

Anime Character Drawing Noe Valley, 10:30 a.m.

[3 Wednesday](#)

Laminating North Beach, 3 p.m.

Teen Gaming

Excelsior, 3:30 p.m.

Teen Book Swap

青少年讀書交換寫書評
Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.

[4 Thursdays](#)

Art Studio Merced, 5 p.m.

[5 Friday](#)

PEN 2 Power Showcase Main, Lower Level, 6–8:30 p.m.

[6 Saturday](#)

Mini Art Studio Pop Up Glen Park, 1–2:30 p.m.

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

Gardening Merced, 11 a.m.

[7 Sunday](#)

Silent Reading Café Bayview, 2 p.m.

Needle Felting Ornaments

Visitacion Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

[9 Tuesday](#)

Zine-Making Portola, 4:30 p.m.

[10 Wednesday](#)

MARS Project Concert Main, Koret, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Nintendo Switch

North Beach, 3 p.m.

Memoir vs Autofiction Excelsior, 3–5 p.m.

[11 Thursday](#)

Mini-Collage Buttonmaking Merced, 5 p.m.

[12 Friday](#)

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

[14 Sunday](#)

Faux Stained Glass Bookmark Bayview, 2 p.m.

[17 Wednesday](#)

K-Pop Photocards Excelsior, 3:30 p.m.

[18 Thursday](#)

Guitar Instruction Portola, 4 p.m.*

Art Studio Merced, 5 p.m.

[20 Saturday](#)

K-Pop Photocards Portola, 3 p.m.

[21 Sunday](#)

Filipino Parol Making Sunset, 2 p.m.

[The Mix at SFPL](#)

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

Recording Studio Orientation

-Wednesdays, 4:30–5:30 p.m.
-Sundays, 2–3 p.m.
-Saturdays, 3–4 p.m.

Family

[3 Wednesday](#)

Winter Paper Suncatchers Excelsior, 2:30 p.m.*

Bel Canto Flutes Ortega, 6:30 p.m.

[5, 26 Fridays](#)

Puppy Dog Tales West Portal, 3 p.m.

[6 Saturday](#)

Holiday Crafts North Beach, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Free Press Music Parkside, 1 p.m.

SF Forest Choir

Western Addition, 12:30 p.m.

Painting

Eureka Valley, 2 p.m.

Puppet Movie Studio Anza, 2 p.m.*

Origami

Bernal Heights, 2–5 p.m.

Parol Making

Main, Lower Level, 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](#)

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

Traditional Filipino Parol Ortega, 2–4 p.m.

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

Chess Club Ingleside, 2:30–4 p.m.

[8 Monday](#)

Create with Nature North Beach, 10:15 a.m.–1 p.m.

[9 Tuesday](#)

Paper Bag Snowflakes Bernal Heights, 4:30 p.m.

La Familia Peña-Govea Eureka Valley, 5–6:30 p.m.

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

[10 Wednesday](#)

Create with Nature North Beach, 1:30–4 p.m.

[11 Thursday](#)

Holiday Cards Ocean View, 3:30–5 p.m.

Dog Reading Circle

Bernal Heights, 4:30–5 p.m.

[13 Saturday](#)

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

Pop-Up Holiday Cards Presidio, 11 p.m.*

Open House Ortega, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Open House

Bernal Heights, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Native Stories & Sounds Western Addition, 2:30–3:15 p.m.

Design & Build Things Noe Valley, 2:30 p.m.

[14 Sunday](#)

Art Supplies Swap Glen Park, 1–2 p.m.

Holiday Cards Mission Bay, 2–3:30 p.m.

Native Stories & Sounds Parkside, 3:15–4 p.m.

[18 Thursday](#)

Therapy Pet Richmond, 3–4 p.m.

Mother-Daughter, *The Long Way Around* West Portal, 6:45 p.m.

[20 Saturday](#)

Holiday Cards Western Addition, 12–2 p.m.

Mindful Moments Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

[21 Sunday](#)

Green Sound Band Mission Bay, 2–2:45 p.m.

Chess

West Portal, 2–4 p.m.

[22 Monday](#)

Design & Build Glen Park, 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Scandinavian Paper Hearts Glen Park, 3:30 p.m.

[27 Saturday](#)

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

[28 Sunday](#)

LEGO Free Play Glen Park, 1–4:30 p.m.

Chess Club Ortega, 2–4 p.m.

[30 Tuesday](#)

Kwanzaa Bayview, 3 p.m.*

December 2025

Children

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

Early Childhood

1 Monday

Nutcracker Sweets
Marina, 10:15–11 a.

1, 15 Mondays

Infant Parent Support Group
Glen Park, 2 p.m.

2, 16 Tuesdays

Guitar Sing-Along
Eureka Valley, 4–4:30 p.m.

4 Thursday

Mini-Makers
Merced, 11–11:30 a.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Saturdays

Playtime
Glen Park,
10:30 a.m.–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.

10 Wednesday

Play with Purpose
Glen Park, 1–2 p.m.

11 Thursday

Playtime in Japanese/日本語
Western Addition,
11 a.m.–12 p.m.

13 Saturday

Community Baby Shower
Portola, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Arabic Story Hour

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

14 Sunday

STEM Play
Ocean View, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

15 Monday

Toddler Dance Class
Merced, 11–11:30 a.m.

16 Tuesday

Little Artists
Parkside, 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

Quiet Dog Reading Circle

Parkside, 3:30 p.m.

22 Monday

Nutcracker Storytime
Merced, 10:15–10:45 a.m.

Elementary School Age

2 Tuesday

Crafternoon
Bernal Heights, 4 p.m.

Paper Plate Wreaths
Golden Gate Valley, 4 p.m.

2, 9, 16 Tuesdays

Math Tutoring
Glen Park, 4–5:30 p.m.

3 Wednesday

Pan American Plant Stories
Chinatown, 2:45 p.m.

LEGO & Robotics

Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

4 Thursday

LEGO
Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

LEGO & Lava Lamps

North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

Decoden Ornament

Bayview, 4 p.m.

5 Friday

Holiday Card Making
Chinatown, 3:45 p.m.*

Therapy Pet

Glen Park, 4–5 p.m.

Scratch Coding

Sunset, 4 p.m.

6 Saturday

Craft Club
Sunset, 2 p.m.

DIY Paper Stars

Merced, 3 p.m.

6, 13 Saturdays

Game Called Capoeira
Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl,
11 a.m.*

6, 13, 20 Saturdays

Chess Club
Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Saturdays

LEGO
Chinatown, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

7 Sunday

LEGO/STEM Play
Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

LEGO
Merced, 2–4 p.m.

7, 14, 21, 28 Sundays

Board Games
Sunset, 1–4 p.m.

8 Monday

Watercolors
Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

9 Tuesday

LEGO
Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

10 Wednesday

KEVA Contraptions
Presidio, 2–3 p.m.

Reindeer Finger Puppet

Ingleside, 3:30 p.m.

Popsicle Stick Snowflakes
Marina, 3–4:30 p.m.

Discover Winter Fun at Your Local Library

This winter recess, beat the chill and explore the warmth of your local public library! Libraries are for books—plus free programs and activities for youth and their families. From STEM activities to craft workshops, game nights to film showings, there's something for everyone. Looking for a cozy place to read or study? We've got that too. It's a great way to stay engaged, meet new friends and learn something new during the school break. Check your library's schedule and join the fun—adventure, creativity and community are just around the corner!



Art Club

Excelsior, 4 p.m.

Origami

Potrero, 4 p.m.

Jr. Readers

Marina, 6–7 p.m.

11 Thursday

Holiday Letter Writing
Sunset, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

12 Friday

Crafting
Anza, 3–4:30 p.m.

Therapy Dog

Eureka Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

13 Saturday

Puppy Dog Tales
Potrero, 11 a.m.

Coding Club

West Portal, 2 p.m.

13, 27 Saturdays

Origami
Sunset, 2 p.m.

14 Sunday

Traditional Filipino Parol
Merced, 2 p.m.

LEGO Robotics

Sunset, 2 p.m.

14, 28 Sundays

Crafts
Chinatown, 2 p.m.

16 Tuesday

Create with Nature
Richmond, 4 p.m.

17 Wednesday

LEGO/Magna-Tiles
Anza, 3:30–5 p.m.

Salt Dough Ornaments
Excelsior, 4 p.m.

Bookworms
Marina, 6 p.m.

18 Thursday

Festive Paper Decorations
Chinatown, 3:45 p.m.*

LEGO Build-O-Rama

North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

19 Friday

Portola's Got Talent
Portola, 2:30 p.m.*

Jr. Readers

Glen Park, 4 p.m.

20 Saturday

DIY Hot Cocoa Mix
Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl,
1 p.m.

Solstice Celebration
Sunset, 3–4:30 p.m.

20, 27 Saturdays

LEGO Builds
Glen Park, 3–5 p.m.

21 Sunday

Paper Snowflakes
Parkside, 2:30 p.m.

23 Tuesday

DIY Jewelry Making
Merced, 3 p.m.

26 Friday

Comics/Drawing
Sunset, 3 p.m.

27 Saturday

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

28 Sunday

Coding Club
West Portal, 2 p.m.

31 Wednesday

Learning Lounge
North Beach, 2:30–5 p.m.

Middle School Age

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Mondays

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

4 Thursday

For Boys, When Stars Are Scattered
West Portal, 6:45 p.m.

6 Saturday

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

10 Wednesday

Watercolor Class
Ortega, 3:30 p.m.*

11 Thursday

Native American Beading
Bayview, 4 p.m.*

Decorate Holiday Cookies
Western Addition, 4–5:30 p.m.

14 Sunday

Cozy Mini Living Room
West Portal, 2 p.m.*

17 Wednesday

Gaming
Bayview, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

18 Thursday

LED Paper Circuit Holiday Card
Bayview, 4 p.m.*

19 Friday

Journaling
Bernal Heights, 4 p.m.

22 Monday

Felt Ornaments
Chinatown, 4 p.m.*

29 Monday

Button Making
Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

30 Tuesday

Slime Time
Glen Park, 3 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 p.m.*
Chinatown – 4, 11, 18 Thursdays, 11–11:30 a.m.
Eureka Valley – Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Golden Gate Valley –Every Tuesday, 10:15 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 – 4, 11, 18 Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.*
North Beach – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Ortega – 4, 11, 18 Thursdays, 11:30–12 p.m.
Park – 6, 13, 20, 27 Saturdays, 11–11:30 a.m.
Potrero – Every Tuesday, 1:15 p.m.*
Presidio – 4, 11, 18 Thursdays, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Richmond – Every Monday, 11 a.m.*
Sunset – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Visitacion Valley – Every Monday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
West Portal – Every Wednesday, 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Western Addition – Every Tuesday, 11:45–12:15 p.m.

Storytimes for Toddlers

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

Bernal Heights – 4, 11, 18 Thursdays, 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.
Glen Park – 4, 11, 18 Thursdays, 11–11:30 a.m.*
Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.*
Ingleside – Every Monday, 11:30–12:30 p.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 – 4, 11, 18 Thurs., 10:15 a.m. & 11 a.m.* Español/English
3, 10, 17 Wednesdays, 11–11:30 a.m. Español
Mission Bay – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.*
Noe Valley – Every Monday, 11:15–11:45 a.m.*
North Beach – 4, 11, 18 Thursdays, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Ocean View – 4, 11, 18 Thursday, 11:30–12:30 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 – 2, 9, 16 Tuesdays, 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, 3–3:30 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 – 4, 11, 18 Thursdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Bernal Heights – Every Saturday, 10 a.m.*
Chinatown – Every Saturday, 2–2:30 p.m.
Excelsior – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
4, 11, 18 Thursdays, 10:30–11 a.m. (English/Español)
3, 10, 17 Wednesdays, 6–6:30 p.m. (Español/English)
Glen Park – 10 Wednesday, 7–7:30 p.m.
Golden Gate Valley – Every Friday, 1:15 p.m.*
Main – Every Saturday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Every Tuesday, 10:30–11:15 a.m.
Every Wednesday, 10–10:30 a.m. (Salesforce Rooftop)
4, 11, 18 Thurs., 10:30–11 a.m. (English/粵語課程 Cantonese)
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, 11, 18 Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. & 11 a.m.*
30 Tuesday, 6:30–7 p.m.
Ortega – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Parkside – Every Sunday, 1:30–2 p.m.
Portola – 6, 20, 27 Saturdays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Potrero – 4, 11, 18 Thursdays, 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.

Swing Into Stories

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.–12 noon., Storytime at 10:30 a.m.

1st Tuesday – Garfield Playground (Treat & 26th Streets)
2nd Tuesday – Koret Playground (Golden Gate Park, by the carousel)
3rd Tuesday – Hilltop Playground (Newcomb Ave & Whitney Young Circle)
4th Tuesday – Redwood Grove Playground (McLaren Park, 200 John F. Shelley Dr.)

Community Baby Shower

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

Community Baby Shower – Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m., Portola Branch

Join Us!

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Main Library, 100 Larkin St.
Grove Street Entrance

Bookstore Hours:

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Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday: 12–6 p.m.

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As the year winds down, we’re reminded how much our Library means to San Francisco, from the books that inspire us to the programs, resources and spaces that bring our community together. Your support ignites curiosity and wonder for learners of all ages. Every gift helps sustain these vital connections that strengthen our city and make a meaningful impact that you can see in every neighborhood. To make an end-of-year gift or to learn more about giving opportunities, please reach out to the Development Director of the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, Jessica Parker, at jessica.parker@friendssfpl.org.



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Treasure Island:
Avenue H & 11th St.,
near Island Cove Market,
Wed., 2–6 p.m.

Youth: Swing Into Stories

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Storytime 10:30 a.m.
Garfield Square Playground, Treat & 26th St
Koret Children’s Playground, Golden Gate Park, carousel
Hilltop Park, Newcomb Ave. & Whitney Young Circle
Redwood Grove Playground, McLaren Park, 200 John F. Shelley Dr.

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Treasure Island: Island Cove Market, 800 Avenue H,
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Dogpatch: Dogpatch Community Hub, 1278 Minnesota St.,
Tues–Fri, 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat, 12 p.m.–5 p.m.
Sunnydale: The Hub, 1538 Sunnydale Ave.



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Every Library, Every Day!			LIBRARY LOCATIONS AND HOURS						
			S	M	T	W	T	F	S
ANZA	550 37th Ave.	355-5717	1–5	10–6	10–8	1–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
BAYVIEW/BROOKS BURTON	5075 Third St.	355-5757	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
BERNAL HEIGHTS	500 Cortland Ave.	355-2810	1–5	10–6	10–7	12–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
CHINATOWN/LAI	1135 Powell St.	355-2888	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
EUREKA VALLEY/MILK	1 José Sarria Ct. (at 16th St., near Market)	355-5616	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
EXCELSIOR	4400 Mission St.	355-2868	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
GLEN PARK	2825 Diamond St.	355-2858	1–5	10–6	10–6	12–8	10–7	1–6	10–6
GOLDEN GATE VALLEY	1801 Green St.	355-5666	1–5	10–6	10–6	11–8	12–8	1–6	10–6
INGLESIDE	1298 Ocean Ave.	355-2898	1–5	10–6	10–6	10–8	12–7	1–6	10–6
MAIN LIBRARY	100 Larkin St.	557-4400	12–6	9–6	9–8	9–8	9–8	12–6	10–6
	The Mix at SFPL	557-4404	12–6	1–6	1–8	1–8	1–8	1–6	10–6
MARINA	1890 Chestnut St.	355-2823	1–5	10–6	10–6	1–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
MERCED	155 Winston Dr.	355-2825	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
MISSION - Temporary Branch	1234 Valencia St.	355-2800	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
MISSION BAY	960 Fourth St.	355-2838	1–5	10–6	10–6	11–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
NOE VALLEY/BRUNN	451 Jersey St.	355-5707	1–5	11–6	10–8	12–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
NORTH BEACH	850 Columbus Ave.	355-5626	1–5	10–6	10–8	1–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
OCEAN VIEW	345 Randolph St.	355-5615	1–5	10–6	10–6	12–8	10–7	1–6	10–6
ORTEGA	3223 Ortega St.	355-5700	1–5	10–6	10–6	12–8	11–8	1–6	10–6
PARK	1833 Page St.	355-5656	1–5	11–6	10–8	12–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
PARKSIDE	1200 Taraval St.	355-5770	1–5	1–6	10–8	10–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
PORTOLA	380 Bacon St.	355-5660	1–5	10–6	10–6	12–8	10–7	1–6	10–6
POTRERO	1616 20th St.	355-2822	1–5	1–6	10–8	12–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
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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