

AT THE LIBRARY

Events and Happenings at San Francisco Public Library

February 2026

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February Open House

Celebrate our open house with the Golden Gate Valley Branch Library community and enjoy a visit from an SFFD fire truck as well as hands-on LEGO letterpress prints with Arion Press. Listen to Bay Beats artists Eli Knowles and Rent Romus for a performance of romantic jazz ballads and slow, ambient music. The open house also features improvisational theatre with Louise Voge, button-making, book giveaways for all ages and more.

Golden Gate Valley Branch Open House –
Feb. 28, 2–5 p.m.

Audition with Katie Kitamura



Katie Kitamura

Join acclaimed novelist Katie Kitamura and author Karen Russell as they explore Kitamura's latest novel, *Audition*. Kitamura

discusses her writing process and the ideas that shape this psychologically rich work, probing performance, intimacy and the stories we tell about ourselves. Known for her incisive prose and keen insight into human relationships, Kitamura offers a thoughtful look at how identity is formed and tested—on the page and in life.

Author Talk: Katie Kitamura in Conversation with Karen Russell – Feb. 20, 4 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Experience the Magic of Theater and Storytelling



followed by a conversation with the creative team — including Eggers! At our Ortega Branch, bring the book to life with movement, theater games and imaginative play in a workshop setting. For children ages 6 and older. See all programs throughout SFPL related to this exciting project: on.sfpl.org/eyes.

The Eyes and the Impossible Sample Stage Production with Dave Eggers – Feb. 20, 11 a.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level. Reservations required: email sfplcpp@sfpl.org.

Coming Up:

March 5
SPECTRA Showcase
Main Library,
Fulton Street Steps

March 7
Author Dr. Sonia C. Gomez with Dr. Curtiss Takada
Rooks Main Library,
Koret Auditorium

March 14
Small Business Stroll
Dogpatch Hub

March 15
Chinese Herbal Medicine Day
Main Library,
Koret Auditorium

March 21
Patricia Owen Design Bookbinding Gallery Walkthrough
Main Library, Skylight Gallery,
6th Floor

MORE THAN A MONTH

Black History, Culture & Heritage

More Than a Month

Mark more than 100 years of Black History commemorations at our celebration, More Than a Month, with fun, all-ages events at libraries across the City. Find hands-on craft activities, musical performances, films, book clubs and lectures on important moments in Black life, along with events that also highlight Black roots in Africa. For a full listing, visit sfpl.org/more-than-a-month.

YOUTH

Paper Quilts

Learn about Faith Ringgold, read her picture book, *Tar Beach* and use her famous story quilts as inspiration to make your own. For children ages 5 and older.

Feb. 7, 2 p.m., Sunset Branch

Ethiopian Music and Dance with Ada Kassaye

Experience the musical traditions and history of Ethiopia through instruments, movement and dance with Ada Kassaye. For children ages 7 and younger.

Feb. 8, 2 p.m., Ocean View Branch

Anansi and the Power of Sharing Stories with Asé Arts

Hear an Anansi tale, craft a spider and explore creativity, resilience and cultural heritage. Inspired by West African and Caribbean folklore. For children ages 5–10.

Feb. 19, 4 p.m., Main Library, Children's Center, 2nd Floor

Lonnie Johnson Invention Lab

Inspired by Lonnie Johnson, NASA engineer and Super Soaker inventor, design creative solutions to real-world problems through hands-on activities. For children ages 5 and older.

Feb. 21, 11 a.m., Western Addition Branch



Harpist
Destiny
Muhammad
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ADULT EVENTS

The Black Pack: Comedy, Race and Resistance with Author Dr. Artel Great

Learn about how five comedic pioneers, including Eddie Murphy, Keenen Ivory Wayans and Arsenio Hall, formed a comedy supergroup known as "The Black Pack."

Feb. 11, 5:30 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

City of Color: Black History Collage with Honey Art Studio

Celebrate the impact of Black San Franciscans through a mixed-media art tribute.

Feb. 17, 1 p.m., Excelsior Branch

Destiny Muhammad: Harpist from the Hood

Harpist Destiny Muhammad shares Black History through the sound of African ancestry, field hollers and jazz, taking listeners on a sonic journey from Africa to Alice Coltrane.

Feb. 21, 3 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

ALL AGES

Guitar Trifecta

Merging their many influences, styles and professional experiences, musicians Carl Lockett, Lloyd Gregory and Eddie Pasternak fuse classical, jazz and R&B for a smooth, soulful performance.

Feb. 7, 1:30 p.m., Noe Valley Branch

Michael Jones Trio

Enjoy an afternoon of jazz with the incomparable sounds of Michael Jones Trio, featuring Ranzel Randy Merritt, Lorenzo Hawkins and Michael Jones.

Feb. 9, 4 p.m., Parkside Branch

African Music and Arts Village with Baba Shibambo

Experience an interactive, high-energy performance that takes you into the heart of ancient Africa through music and story. Performed by master South African percussionist Baba Shibambo.

Feb. 24, 5 p.m., Park Branch

Comic Drawing with Ajuan Mance

Draw a superhero self-portrait with author and illustrator Ajuan Mance. Limited copies of Mance's book, *What Do Brothas Do All Day?*, are available.

Feb. 25, 6 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch

Drumbeats, Heartbeats: Communities as One

The Library's annual Drumbeats, Heartbeats: Communities as One, a celebration of Black History Month and the Lunar New Year, returns to the Main Library on February 24.

The event opens with an interactive procession from the Main Library's front steps with Duniya Dance and Drum Co. and Lion DanceME. The full celebration includes youth poetry readings and performances by Loco Bloco and musicians Francis Wong and David Boyce. Come at 4:45 p.m. to see a thrilling procession kick off at Larkin Plaza leading down to Koret Auditorium.

The event is presented in partnership with the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, APA Heritage Foundation, Booker T. Washington Community Service Center and Friends of the San Francisco Public Library.

Drumbeats, Heartbeats – Feb. 24, 4:45 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Events, Collections and Services

Valentine's Day at the Library

Happy Valentine's Day from the Library! The Book Arts & Special Collections Center is pleased to present the 14th Annual Valentine Printing Event. Experience hands-on letterpress printing with the Library's 1909 Albion hand press and take home a broadside keepsake for you or your loved one. Print an image from the Center's own collection with the assistance of printers from the American Printing History Association's NorCal Chapter. Everyone is invited, but keepsakes are limited to the first 100 guests.



collections by visiting the Library's website at sfpl.org/bookarts, and make your own discoveries by visiting us seven days a week, no appointment necessary. We are free and open to the public!

For more information, please contact Book Arts & Special Collections at (415) 557-4560.

14th Annual Valentine Printing Event – Feb. 14, 2–4 p.m., Main Library, Book Arts & Special Collections Center, 6th Floor



Tax Season Success

Take the stress out of taxes with a series of expert-led workshops covering everything you need to file your tax return safely and accurately. Topics include income tax basics, how to choose a tax preparer, important 2026 updates—including potential tax breaks—and tips for avoiding trouble. Special sessions focus on

strategies for families, artists and creative small businesses. From February through March. Register at sfpl.org/tax-season-success.

Income Taxes: The Basics – Feb. 6, 1 p.m., Virtual

2026 Tax Season Update – Feb. 24, 1 p.m., Virtual

How to Choose a Paid Tax Preparer – Feb. 27, 1 p.m., Virtual



Tackle Tax Season and More with Nolo

Tax Day 2026 is approaching and now is a great time to get prepared. The Library's Nolo Legal Information Reference Center offers reliable guidance to help you navigate both personal and business taxes with confidence.

Visit the Library's Articles & Databases page and select Nolo Legal Information Reference Center. Under Money & Financial Planning, you'll find Your Personal Taxes and Your Business Taxes, with full-text PDFs from Nolo—a long-standing, respected provider of legal information for consumers and small businesses. Materials can be read online, downloaded or printed to reference later or shared with a tax professional.

Nolo also covers other legal topics, including landlord-tenant issues, wills and estates, bankruptcy and consumer rights, all written in clear, approachable language.

Whether you're starting early on your taxes or exploring another legal question, Nolo is a dependable, free resource available anytime with your library card. Start now at sfpl.org/articles-databases.



More Than a Month Recommended Reading

To see the full booklists, visit sfpl.org/more-than-a-month.

ADULT ADULT FICTION

Ghetto Koans: A Personal Archive by James Cagney

Carceral Apartheid: How Lies and White Supremacists Run Our Prisons by Brittany Friedman

ADULT FICTION
Good Dirt by Charmaine Wilkerson
Death of the Author by Nnedi Okorafor

MOVIES

Summer of Soul (...or When the Revolution Could Not Be Televised)

A Raisin in the Sun

TEEN FICTION
All the Noise at Once by DeAndra Davis

Audre & Bash Are Just Friends by Tia Williams

CHILDREN'S FICTION AND NONFICTION

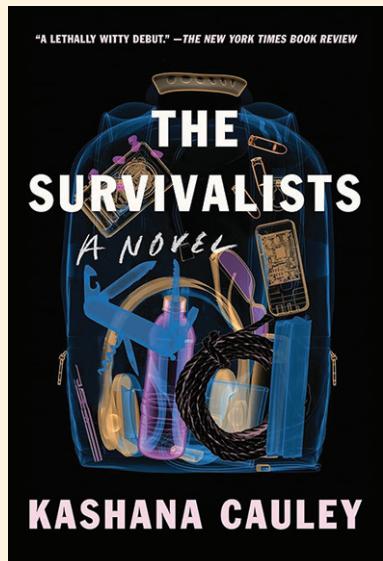
Coach by Jason Reynolds

American Wings: Chicago's Pioneering Black Aviators and the Race for Equality in the Sky by Sherri L. Smith

PICTURE STORIES

A Change Is Gonna Come by Sam Cooke

When Black Girls Dream Big by Tanisia Moore



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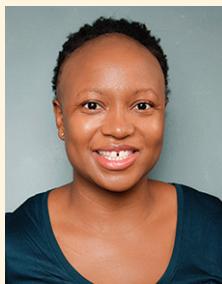
JANUARY-FEBRUARY
Selection

Kashana Cauley's *The Survivalists*

Explore *The Survivalists* through conversations and book clubs that dig into Kashana Cauley's sharp, darkly funny take on ambition, friendship and fear. The novel follows rising lawyer Aretha as her carefully planned life unravels after moving in with a gun-dealing boyfriend and his apocalypse-ready circle. Blending satire with social insight, Cauley examines race, class and the modern hustle—making this a timely pick for readers drawn to witty, unsettling novels about security and survival.

Related Events

Author Talk: Kashana Cauley in Conversation with Audrey T. Williams – Feb. 22, 3 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level



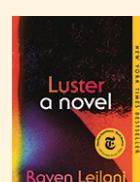
Kashana Cauley

Book Club: *The Survivalists*
Feb. 11, 6 p.m., Main Library, Stong Room, 1st Floor
Feb. 17, 7 p.m., Virtual Library

Learn more: sfpl.org/on-the-same-page

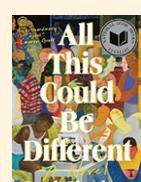
If you liked *The Survivalists*...

Like *The Survivalists*, these books explore the tension between ambition, identity and the uneasy pursuit of stability in a world that often feels on the brink. Blending sharp social commentary with dark humor and emotional insight, they reveal what it means to seek success, connection and survival amid modern chaos. Check the booklist out at on.sfpl.org/TheSurvivalists.



Luster by Raven Leilani

A sharp, darkly funny debut about a young Black woman navigating ambition, desire and moral compromise amid creativity, capitalism and unequal power.



All This Could Be Different by Sarah Thankam Mathews

A darkly comic story of a young immigrant woman building chosen family while navigating precarity, instability and redefined ideas of success.



Assembly by Natasha Brown

A minimalist, piercing portrait of a Black British woman confronting the hidden costs of success, respectability and social expectation.



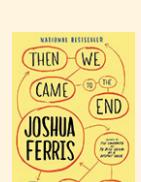
Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid

A biting social satire that examines race, class and performative progressivism through a young woman caught in a moment gone viral.



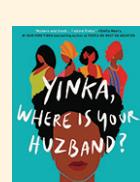
Nightcrawling by Leila Mottley

An unsettling coming-of-age novel about survival and exploitation, revealing how vulnerability is preyed upon in an unforgiving urban system.



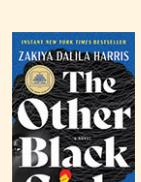
Then We Came to the End by Joshua Ferris

An absurd, suspenseful look at office life and collective anxiety, capturing modern work culture with humor and empathy.



Yinka, Where Is Your Husband? by Lizzie Damilola Blackburn

A witty, voice-driven novel about friendship, family pressure and defining happiness on one's own terms.



The Other Black Girl by Zakiya Dalila Harris

A psychological workplace novel about ambition and assimilation, where a new coworker exposes the dangers of belonging at any cost.

Patricia Owen's Sculptural Design Bookbindings

Patricia (Patty) Owen was a prolific bookbinder whose education in ceramics and painting and professional career as an architect inspired her passion and love for bookbinding. Well known in the bookbinding community, Owen's design bookbindings are sculptural and materially sumptuous, often combining leathers with onlays of different materials. After many successful years working as an architect alongside her husband, Rob, Owen dedicated herself full-time to bookbinding. She worked tirelessly on her bindings, studied with many teachers and attended workshops and seminars. Owen continued to regularly exhibit her design bindings both internationally and in the United States.



In 2024, Owen passed away from cancer. For the last 30 years of her life, she spent most days constructing her design bindings and boxes in her studio in Santa Monica, California. Stacked on shelves in her studio are many fine-print text blocks waiting to be bound. If she had had more time, it is certain Owen would have created many more wonderful bindings.

Exhibit: Patricia Owen Design Bookbinding – Feb. 6–June 4, Main Library, Skylight Gallery, 6th Floor

Inked Zodiac with Tattoo Artist Jimmy Shy



For the past 15 years, Taiwanese tattoo artist Jimmy Shy has been at the forefront of a new generation of tattooers focusing on Asian sailor tattoos, Hong Kong traditional styles and the legacy of tattooist Pinky Yun. One of 25 artists showcased in the exhibition *Living Tattoo Traditions: American Irezumi and Beyond*, Shy has a satellite exhibition in the Chinese Center through March 26, titled *Inked Zodiac: The Art of Jimmy Shy*. In conversation with Takahiro "Taki" Kitamura, Shy discusses his work, his influences and bridging the worlds he inhabits.

Inked Zodiac Conversation with Tattoo Artist Jimmy Shy – Feb. 5, 6 p.m., Main Library, Chinese Center, 3rd Floor

Tattoos as Personal Archives

Archivist Terry Baxter and photographer Tenari Tuātagaloa join moderator Adrienne Storey, SF's City Archivist, to explore tattoos as personal archives—records of memory, identity and community that live on the body. Inspired by Baxter and Libby Coyner's book, *Stories on Skin: A Librarian's Guide to Tattoos as Personal Archives* and the Library's exhibition, *Living Tattoo Traditions: American Irezumi and Beyond*, the conversation considers how people use ink to honor lineage, resist erasure and carry stories forward.

Tattoos as Personal Archives – Feb. 12, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

The Librarians: A Special Screening

The *Librarians* follows library workers across the country as they respond to book bans and rising censorship. Through personal stories and firsthand accounts, the film highlights the essential role library staff play in protecting access to information and the right to read. A moderated conversation with Drag Laureate Per Sia and SFUSD librarian and author René Peña Govea follows the screening. Presented with KQED, San Francisco Public Library and Independent Lens. Space limited. Reservations required: sign up at kqed.org/events.

Premiere Screening: The Librarians – Feb. 8, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level



Making Waves: The Rise of Asian America

Over 50 years ago, the epicenter of student movements for ethnic studies led to the creation of Asian American Studies programs at UC Berkeley and San Francisco State University. Successive stories spanning a generation of student-led activism that impacted Asian American communities unfold in *Making Waves: The Rise of Asian America*.

This documentary encapsulates themes of resistance and a search for cultural identity rooted in and empowered by community activism amidst struggles against anti-Asian hate. A discussion featuring local filmmakers Jon Osaki (*Not Your Model Minority*) and Josh Chuck (*Chinatown Rising*) and members from AAPI Youth Rising follows the screening.

Reservations required: on.sfpl.org/makingwaves

Making Waves Screening and Panel Discussion – Feb. 21, 1 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level.

February 2026 Event Calendar

Adults

1 Sunday

Clothed Life Drawing
Potrero, 1:30 p.m.*

Karaoke
Glen Park, 2-3:30 p.m.

Micro Art Gallery
Portola, 2 p.m.*

Violinist Bin Huang
Main, Lower Level, 2-4 p.m.

Nigerian Snack Trials
Eureka Valley, 3 p.m.*

Crafting Circle
Western Addition, 3-4:30 p.m.

2 Monday

Sound Bath
Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 12 p.m.

2, 9, 23 Mondays

Shut Up & Write
Potrero, 1:15-3:15 p.m.

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

ESL Convo Club
Excelsior, 4 p.m.*

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

Crafting Circle
Visitacion Valley, 4:30-6 p.m.

Black Voices in American Opera Virtual, 6 p.m.

3, 10, 24 Tuesdays

ESL Online Convo Club
Virtual, 3 p.m.

4 Wednesday

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

APACC Office Hrs
Visitacion Valley, 1-3 p.m.

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

Knitting
Ocean View, 3-5 p.m.

4, 11 Wednesdays

Diabetes Education
Glen Park, 3-5 p.m.

4, 11, 18, 25 Wednesdays

Tai-Chi Anza, 1:30-3 p.m.

4, 18 Wednesdays

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

Yoga Ingleside, 6 p.m.*

4, 18, 25 Wednesdays

Yoga North Beach, 1 p.m.*

5 Thursday

Aging & Disability Resources
Main, 2-4 p.m.

INKED ZODIAC Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 5-7 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Thursdays

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

Wild Goose Qigong
Presidio, 2 p.m.

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

Intro to ASL

Glen Park, 5:30-6:45 p.m.*

6 Friday

Life into Art
North Beach, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Karaoke

Glen Park, 2-3:30 p.m.

Micro Art Gallery

Portola, 2 p.m.*

Violinist Bin Huang

Main, Lower Level, 2-4 p.m.

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Yoga

Ingleside, 6 p.m.*

4, 18, 25 Wednesdays

Yoga

North Beach, 1 p.m.*

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Main, 2-4 p.m.

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Shut Up & Write

Glen Park, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Wild Goose Qigong

Presidio, 2 p.m.

English Convo Club

Mission, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

10, 24 Tuesdays

Knitting Glen Park, 1-2:30 p.m.

Cantonese Bilingual Convo Club

Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 3-4 p.m.

11 Wednesday

Home Match Excelsior, 1-2 p.m.

Lunar New Year Decorations

Mission Bay, 5:30-7 p.m.

Pour & Glow Candles

West Portal, 5:30 p.m.*

Author: Dr. Artel Great

Main, Koret, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Crochet Circle

Bernal Heights, 6-7:30 p.m.

12 Thursday

District 7 Affordable Housing

Sunset, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Senior Fitness

Ortega, 1-2 p.m.

Normalize Talking About Death

Glen Park, 3-4 p.m.

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Sunset, 3-4 p.m.

Zine Club

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

Kim Shuck's Poem Jam

Main, Saroyan, 6th Floor, 6 p.m.

Tattoos as Personal Archives

Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

Project Homeless Connect

Main, Atrium, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

12, 26 Thursdays

French Conversation

Excelsior, 5 p.m.

13 Friday

Personal Safety/Bystander Awareness

Visitacion Valley, 2-3 p.m.

Karaoke

Excelsior, 4-5 p.m.

13, 27 Fridays

Watercolor

Glen Park, 1:30-5 p.m.

Chess Club

Visitacion Valley, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

14 Saturday

Plant Swap

Ingleside, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Walking Tour

North Beach, 10:30 a.m.*

Pour & Glow Candles

Ingleside, 1 p.m.*

West African Music

Western Addition, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Chair Yoga/Breathing Technique

Merced, 2 p.m.

Flying Angels Chinese Dance Co.

Presidio, 2 p.m.

Lunar New

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

Book Clubs

3, 17 Tuesdays	Silent Book Club North Beach, 6 p.m.
James McBride, Deacon King Kong Glen Park, 1 p.m.	11 Wednesday Kashana Cauley, The Survivalists Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl, 6 p.m.
Readers' Banquet North Beach, 6 p.m.	12 Thursday Discuss Talking Books Main, TBBC - 2nd Floor, 3 p.m.*
4 Wednesday	15 Sunday Saeed Jones, How We Fight for Our Lives Eureka Valley, Virtual, 3:30 p.m.
Chinatown Readers Chinatown, 5:15 p.m.	17 Tuesday Rincón Literario Main, Paley Rm - 3rd Fl, 6 p.m.
4, 18 Wednesdays	19 Saturday Luis Alberto Urrea, The Hummingbird's Daughter Ortega, 11 a.m.
Silent Book Club Richmond, 3 p.m.	20 Friday Sigrid Nunez, The Friend Noe Valley, 3 p.m.
5 Thursday	21 Saturday Rebecca Roanhorse, Trail of Lightning Mission Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Gaél Faye, Small Country Virtual, 6 p.m.	22 Sunday Percival Everett, James Marina, 2 p.m.
10 Tuesday	23 Monday Claude McKay, Romance in Marseille Eureka Valley, Virtual, 3:30 p.m.
Claudia Gray, The Murder of Mr. Wickham Presidio, 3 p.m.	24 Tuesday Excelsior Reads Excelsior, 6:30 p.m.

Films

4 Wednesday	9 Monday Night of the Hunter Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.
Crackers Glen Park, 6 p.m.	14 Saturday Hidden Legacy (w/ Koto Music performance) Main, Koret, 2 p.m.
6 Friday	17 Tuesday The Queen of Katwe Glen Park, 3:30 p.m.
Goebbels and the Führer (Führer und Verführer) Excelsior, 3:30 p.m.	18 Wednesday The Inquisitor Presidio, 3 p.m.
7 Saturday	19 Thursday Lady Sings The Blues Potrero, 5 p.m.
Community & Resistance in Puerto Rico Main, Koret, 2 p.m.	20 Friday Dog Man North Beach, 3 p.m.
8 Sunday	21 Saturday Coming to America Main, Koret, 5:30 p.m.
The Librarians Main, Koret, 2 p.m.	22 Sunday Possessed Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

Jobs & Careers, Personal Finance and Small Business

1 Sunday	5, 12, 19, 26 Thursdays Career Coaching Main, Sycip Rm - 4th Fl, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
2 Monday	Meet w/ a Financial Planner Virtual, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
eCommerce: Set Up & Grow Excelsior, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.	6 Friday Income Tax Basics Virtual, 1–2:30 p.m.
3 Tuesday	18, 25 Wednesdays Career Coaching Main, Sycip Rm - 4th Fl, 3–5 p.m.
Job Seeker Meetup Main, Lower Level, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.	19 Thursday Art & Business of Tattooing Main, Lower Level, 6–7:30 p.m.
3, 10, 17, 24 Tuesdays	20 Friday Business Website 101 Virtual, 1–2 p.m.
Meet w/ a Financial Counselor Main, Study Rm 439, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.	21 Saturday Free Tax Prep Drop-Off Service Visitacion Valley, 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Tech Time

1, 8, 15, 22 Sundays	4, 11, 18, 25 Wednesdays Computer Basics Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 12–1 p.m.
Tech Help Sunset, 1:30–3:30 p.m. West Portal, 1:30–4 p.m.	8 Sunday Kanopy Streaming Richmond, 2–3 p.m.
2 Monday	9 Monday Drop-in Tech Help Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.
Download eBooks/Audiobooks Bernal Heights, 3–4 p.m.	11 Wednesday Drop-in Tech Help Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.
Websites to Learn Spanish Golden Gate Valley, 3–4 p.m.	11, 25 Wednesdays Tech Savvy at 60+ Richmond, 2–3:30 p.m.
2, 9, 23 Mondays	12 Thursday Library Holds Marina, 2–3:30 p.m.
Drop-In eBook Help Mission Bay, 2–3 p.m.	13 Friday Drop-In Tech Help (Older Adults) Richmond, 1:30–3 p.m.
3, 10, 17, 24 Tuesdays	13, 27 Fridays Tech Coaches Visitacion Valley, 1:30–5:30 p.m.
預約圖書館員 / Book a Librarian Chinatown, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.*	14 Saturday eBook Drop-In Main, Atrium, 3–4:30 p.m.
Tech Drop-In Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 1–2:30 p.m.	18 Wednesday Tech Time Western Addition, 5–6 p.m.
Basic Tech Help Excelsior, 6–6:30 p.m.*	20 Friday Smartphone CLASS (60+) Sunset, 1–2:30 p.m.*
	24 Tuesday Drop-in Tech Help Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.
	25 Wednesday Digital Computer Skills Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 4–6 p.m.
	26 Thursday Discover & Go / 簡介 Chinatown, 2–3:30 p.m.*
	27 Friday eBook Drop-In Main, Atrium, 4–5:30 p.m.
	28 Saturday Drop-in Tech Help (Older Adults) Ortega, 1:30–3 p.m.
	29 Sunday Cantonese Tablets/Phones (60+) Sunset, 1–2:30 p.m.
	30 Monday Drop-In Tech Help (Older Adults) Ortega, 1:30–3 p.m.

Programs are in person unless listed as virtual. Register for virtual programs at sfpl.org/events.

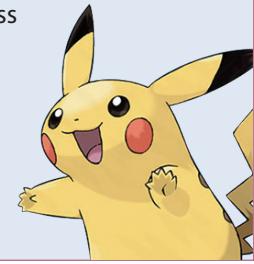
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Pokémon Community Day

Celebrate Pokémon Community Day at the Ortega and Richmond branches. Enjoy Pokémon-themed stations, fun activities and exciting giveaways for fans of all ages. Connect with fellow Pokémon enthusiasts, share tips and trade strategies to level up your Pokémon Go experience. Whether you're a seasoned trainer or just starting your journey, this event is the perfect opportunity to celebrate your love for Pokémon in a lively, interactive setting. Don't miss the fun because it's time to catch 'em all!

Feb. 27, 3 p.m.,
Ortega Branch

Feb. 27, 3:30 p.m.,
Richmond Branch



Explore Filmmaking with SF Art & Film

SF Art & Film guides teens ages 12–18 through the world of filmmaking in this weekly, hands-on program running every Tuesday through March 26. Participants learn the basics of filmmaking from start to finish, including scriptwriting, shot composition, filming and editing while working together to create a short film. This series encourages creativity, collaboration and visual storytelling. No prior experience is necessary—just bring your ideas and interest in film. Reservations required: artandfilm.org/mix.

Filmmaking with SF Art & Film – Feb. 14, 4:30 p.m., Main Library, The Mix, 2nd Floor

Teens

1 Sunday	Lunar New Year Notebooks Sunset, 3 p.m.
19 Thursday	Plant Identification Richmond, 4 p.m.
1, 15, 22 Sundays	Temporary Tattoos Western Addition, 4 p.m.
22 Sunday	Basic Budgeting Noe Valley, 1:30 p.m.*
3 Tuesday	Chinese New Year LED Greeting Card 中國新年 LED賀卡 Chinatown, 3:30 p.m.*
28 Saturday	SAT Test Prep Potrero, 1–5 p.m.*
4 Wednesday	The Mix at SFPL Main Library, 2nd Fl. SFPL's creative space for teens, ages 12–18.
3, 10, 17, 24 Tuesdays	D&D 8-week Campaigns 5–7 p.m.
5 Thursday	Valentine's Day Crafts North Beach, 3 p.m.
4, 11, 16, 25 Wednesdays	Girls on the Mic 4:30–6:30 p.m. (Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl)
5 Thursday	Filmmaking w/ SF Art & Film 4:30–7 p.m.
7 Saturday	Biblio Bistro 4–6 p.m.
18 Wednesday	Mario Kart 8 Tournament 4–5 p.m.
25 Wednesday	Snack Trials 4–5 p.m.
30 Monday	Mix Recording Studio
29 Sunday	Recording Studio Orientation -Tuesdays, 5–6 p.m. -Wednesdays, 4–5 p.m. -Thursdays, 4–5 p.m. -Saturdays, 3–4 p.m. -Sundays, 2–3 p.m.
11 Wednesday	Paper Flowers Excelsior, 3:30 p.m.
18 Wednesday	Button Making North Beach, 3 p.m.
5 Thursday	Guitar Pedals Workshop 5–6 p.m.

February 2026 Event Calendar

Children

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

Early Childhood

[2, 9, 23 Mondays](#)

Morning Play

North Beach, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Play with Purpose

Glen Park, 11:30 a.m.

[4 Wednesday](#)

Create with Nature

Mission Bay, 4 p.m.

[7 Saturday](#)

Mini-Makers Mission Bay, 10 a.m.

Very First Concerts

Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 11–11:30 a.m.

[7, 14, 21 Saturdays](#)

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

[9, 23 Mondays](#)

Family Dance Party

Glen Park, 10 a.m.

Infant Parent Group

Glen Park, 2 p.m.

[17 Tuesday](#)

Little Artists

Parkside, 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

[21 Saturday](#)

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

Elementary School Age

[1 Sunday](#)

LEGO/STEM Free Play

Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

LEGO Free Play

Merced, 2–4 p.m.

Valentine's Day Cards

Sunset, 2–4 p.m.

[1, 8, 15, 22 Sundays](#)

Board Games

Sunset, 1–4 p.m.

[2, 9, 23 Mondays](#)

Homework Help

Ortega, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

[3 Tuesday](#)

Crafters

Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

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

STEM Fun Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 4–5 p.m.

[3, 10, 24 Tuesdays](#)

Homework Tutoring

Glen Park, 4–5:30 p.m.

[4 Wednesday](#)

Jr Readers

Marina, 6 p.m.

LEGO/Robotics

Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

[5 Thursday](#)

LEGO Free Play

Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

Valentine's Day Cards

Ingleside, 3 p.m.

LEGO/Lunar New Year Paper

Dragons North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

[7 Saturday](#)

Year of the Horse Craft

Parkside, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

From the Book to the Stage

Glen Park, 2–2:45 p.m.

Paper Quilts

Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

Lunar New Year Craft

Portola, 3–4 p.m.

Heart Pillow Pins

Marina, 3–4:30 p.m.

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

STEM Fun

Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 11 a.m.

KEVA Contraptions

Chinatown, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

[8 Sunday](#)

Alma Thomas Painting

Parkside, 2:30 p.m.

LEGO Robotics

Sunset, 2 p.m.

Animal Paper Puppets

West Portal, 2 p.m.

Dragon Ball Launcher

Merced, 3 p.m.

[8, 22 Sundays](#)

Makerspace

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

[9 Monday](#)

Watercolor

Excelsior, 4 p.m.

[10 Tuesday](#)

LEGO Free Play

Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

From the Book to the Stage

Main, Koret, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

From the Book to the Stage

West Portal, 4–4:45 p.m.

Valentine's Day Cards

Golden Gate Valley, 4 p.m.

[11 Wednesday](#)

Year of the Horse Craft

Sunset, 2:30 p.m.

Origami Hearts

Portola, 2 p.m.

Red Envelope Fish

Chinatown, 3:45 p.m.*

LED Paper Circuits

Potrero, 3 p.m.

Art Club

Excelsior, 4 p.m.

[13 Friday](#)

Crafting

Anza, 3–4:30 p.m.

Therapy Dog

Eureka Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

Scratch Coding

Sunset, 4 p.m.

[14 Saturday](#)

Puppy Dog Tales

Potrero, 11 a.m.

Lunar New Year Paper

Dragons Excelsior, 1 p.m.

Brunch Club

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

Lip Balm

Ortega, 1 p.m.*

From the Book to the Stage

Bernal Heights, 3–3:45 p.m.

Pre-Algebra/Basic Algebra

Visitacion Valley, 4–5 p.m.

[14, 21, 28 Saturdays](#)

Chess Club

Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

[14, 28 Saturdays](#)

Origami

Sunset, 2 p.m.

[18 Wednesday](#)

LEGO/Magna-Tiles

Anza, 3:30–5 p.m.

Slime Time

Potrero, 3 p.m.

Marina Bookworms

Marina, 6 p.m.

[19 Thursday](#)

LEGO Build-O-Rama

North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

Power of Sharing Stories

Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 4–5 p.m.

[20 Friday](#)

From the Book to the Stage

Main, Koret, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

[13 Friday](#)

Journals

Bernal Heights, 4 p.m.

[15 Sunday](#)

D&D One-Shot

Park, 2 p.m.*

[18 Wednesday](#)

Gaming

Bayview, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

[23 Monday](#)

Improv Games

Glen Park, 4:30 p.m.

[25 Wednesday](#)

Mood Necklaces

Marina, 3–4:30 p.m.

[24 Tuesday](#)

African Music & Arts Village

Park, 5–6:15 p.m.

[26 Thursday](#)

Mother-Daughter Book Club:

The Girl Who Sang West Portal, 6:45 p.m.

[28 Saturday](#)

Lion Dance Troupe

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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
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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
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