

AT THE LIBRARY

Events and Happenings at San Francisco Public Library

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Photos L to R: Atrium, Main Library. Aerial, looking west, 3/8/1993. Pasting library card wallpaper on 3rd Floor, 9/18/1995. Hoisting precast over Hyde & Grove, 8/18/1994. Historical photos from the SFPL Records, SF History Center.



30 Years Under the Nautilus

We're celebrating the Main Library's 30th anniversary by honoring the building's past while looking toward the future.

On April 14, a panel of San Francisco Public Library leaders from the past and present will talk about the momentous achievement of opening the "new" Main Library in 1996 and what they foresee for the future. The panel will feature Steven Coulter, former Library Commission President and Dale Carlson, former chair of the Library Foundation along with current City Librarian Michael Lambert, Chief of Public Services Dolly Goyal and Main Library manager Naomi Jelks. The talk will be moderated by Marcia Schneider, former Chief of Branches and Communications.

We'll mark the anniversary of the James C. Hormel LGBTQIA Center on April 18. Three decades ago, Hormel Center became the first center of its kind in a public building and remains a unique beacon for the general public, researchers, writers and artists from the San Francisco Bay Area and worldwide. Celebrate 30 years of trailblazing public programming, exhibitions and world-class archival and book collections from 1996 through the

present and beyond.

Because April also marks National Library Week, we'll have some fun on April 15 with a program titled "Quiet Please: Librarians on Film," featuring film clips and a talk by librarian and historian Jim Van Buskirk about how librarians, including San Francisco Public librarians, have been depicted in Hollywood over the years.

We'll also look back more than 30 years to what lies beneath the Main Library, with a history panel on April 21 on the Civic Center's cemetery origins, featuring historian Woody La Bounty, journalist Beth Winegarner and cemetery researcher Alex Ryder. They'll reveal the history of this Gold Rush graveyard and the burials that remain beneath our feet.

San Francisco Public Library Past, Present and Future – April 14, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Quiet Please: Librarians on Film – April 15, 6 p.m., Koret Auditorium

30 Years of the James C. Hormel Center – April 18, 3 p.m., Hormel Center, 3rd Floor

What Lies Beneath the Main – April 21, 6 p.m., Virtual Program



April Open Houses

Celebrate the West Portal Branch at our annual Open House. Enjoy face painting with Diego Flores, a musical performance by Penelope Houston with Tom Heyman and Michael Montalto, crafts with Youth Librarians, free books for all ages and light refreshments.

Join us at the annual Visitation Valley Open House—full of fun for all ages. Enjoy book giveaways, dance to music by René y Familia, meet animals with Tree Frog Treks and learn from community organizations sharing information.

West Portal Branch – April 18, 1–4 p.m.

Visitation Valley Branch – April 25, 1–4 p.m.

25 Years of *Hamburger Eyes*



Photo: Stevie Dacanay, *Untitled*, 2012

Hamburger Eyes, a magazine devoted to black-and-white photography, celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. Its creator and editor, Ray Potes, started the zine in 2001 as a way to exchange photos, naming it after a colloquialism he and his friends used — "that girl is giving you hamburger eyes." What began as a DIY project morphed into an established magazine featuring work from a global network of photographers.

Works from 80-plus photographers will be on view in the Main Library's newest exhibition, *The Continuing Story of Life on Earth: 25 Years of Hamburger Eyes*, featuring every issue of *Hamburger Eyes*, books by well-known photographers, ephemera, merch and Ray's most recent publication, *Hamburger Eyes—The First 25 Years*, which will be released to coincide with the opening of the exhibition.

Opening Reception – April 23, 5 p.m., Main Library, Jewett Gallery, Lower Level

Exhibition – April 23–Sept. 24, Main Library, Jewett Gallery, Lower Level

Lighting the Way



Our remarkable springtime event, the Afternoon and Night of Ideas, returns to the San Francisco Main Library, Fulton Plaza and the Asian Art Museum on April 11.

Kicking off with family programs that start at 3 p.m. on the Library's second floor, the Afternoon of Ideas will include

playful, interactive workshops with San Francisco Ballet, Prescott Circus and the Exploratorium, plus talks and panels with authors Kristina Wong and Elizabeth Partridge, plus much more.

Art making and performances in the afternoon continue outside on Fulton Plaza until 10 p.m., accompanied by food trucks, bike riding workshops and the Parks Conservancy's Roving Ranger mobile. Stay for the late night light show.

Doors to the Main Library reopen at 7 p.m. for the full Night of Ideas. From cultural expression to shared responsibility, this year's theme, "Lighting the Way" asks what guides us, what inspires positive change and how we can actively shape a more connected future together. Panel discussions on ethical AI, reimagining our monuments and memorials and Afrofuturism will be interspersed with a night filled with interactive creative workshops, digital explorations, a small business marketplace and musical performances. The night culminates in a dance party in the atrium, under the nautilus skylight.

This annual event is presented by Villa Albertine San Francisco, Asian Art Museum, Circuit Network, KQED and San Francisco Public Library.

Register for free tickets at nightofideas.org/san-francisco/

Afternoon and Night of Ideas – April 11, 3 p.m.–Midnight

Coming Up:

May 1
We've Got Hamburger Eyes for SFPL's Magazines
Main Library, Magazines and Newspapers Center, 5th Floor

May 4–9
Small Business Week
Virtual; Various locations

May 9–16
Tech Week
Virtual; Various locations

May 9
65th Annual Potrero Hill Artists' Exhibition
Potrero Branch

May 31
Livestream Viewing: One Book, One Coast with George Takei
Main Library, Chinese Center, 3rd Floor

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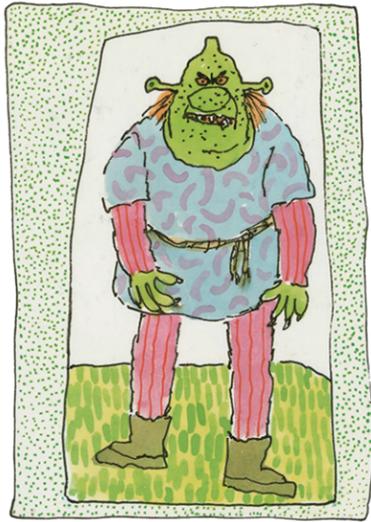
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Events, Collections and Services



Shrek! by William Steig. New York: Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 1990

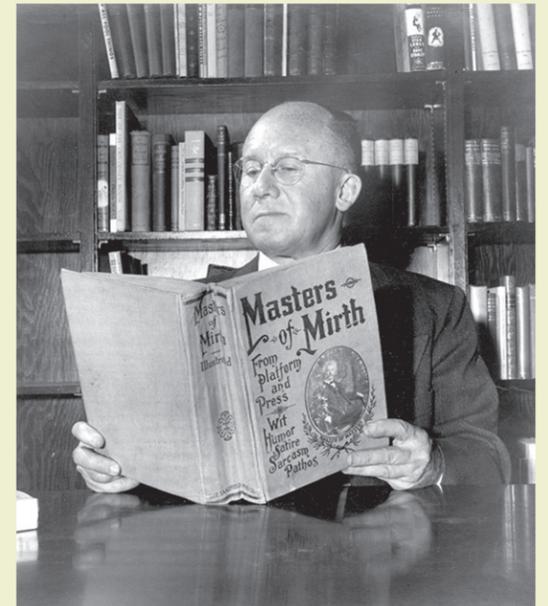
Under the Bed: Monstrous Selections from the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor

Nightmares, things that go bump in the night and “what’s under the bed?” are enduring features of childhood’s dream time. One element continues to terrify us into adulthood, namely the monstrous population occupying the space under our beds.

The Library’s annual wit and humor exhibition reduces our night frights to the silly, absurd and ridiculously funny in *Under the Bed: Monstrous Selections from the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor*. Presented by Book Arts & Special Collections.

Exhibition: Under the Bed: Monstrous Selections from the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor – Saroyan Gallery, Main Library, 6th Floor, April 1–June 30.

Collections Corner: 79 Years of Funny Business



Nat Schmulowitz in the Rare Book Room, SFPL, circa 1964

Who knew that April 1, 1947, would be a date celebrated 79 years later? On this day, Nat Schmulowitz (1889–1966), a collector of humor books with an international scope, donated 93 jest books and merry tales as a measure of his great love for San Francisco Public Library. Nat was a civic leader and humanitarian who traveled the world sightseeing and visiting bookshops, where he scooped up books on every humorous topic imaginable. Eventually becoming the pre-eminent public library humor collection in the world, the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor (SCOWAH) is an international trove including 41 languages and dialects with more than 24,000 volumes. And that’s no joke!

Visit Archives & Special Collections, where everyone is invited to read, learn and research our collections, at the Main Library, 6th Floor. Humor is the great leveler, and Nat’s motto remains true today: “Without humor the world is doomed.”

Unlock Industry Insights with IBISWorld

Thinking about starting a business or growing your current one? SFPL is excited to offer free access to IBISWorld, the leading industry and market research database. Perfect for entrepreneurs, small business owners and anyone curious about market trends, IBISWorld provides comprehensive reports on more than 1,300 U.S. and global industries.

Each report includes market-size data, five-year forecasts, competitor analysis, cost structures and supply chain insights—everything you need

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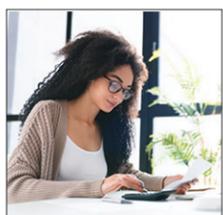
Reports also feature SWOT analysis (identifying Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats), financial benchmarks and geographic data, making it easy to compare performance and plan strategically. Download charts and tables in PDF or Excel for quick integration into presentations.

Access IBISWorld through SFPL’s Business, Science & Technology Center at the Main Library, 4th Floor. Contact us at BusSciTech@SFPL.org or call (415) 557-4488 for assistance.



Financial Capability Month

Take control of your financial future! Throughout April, the Main Library’s Business, Science & Technology Center—along with various branches—will host presentations on a wide range of financial topics, from the basics of financial planning and managing debt to investing,



insurance, property taxes, paying for education, protecting your money, retirement, estate planning and more!

You can also access free, confidential one-on-one financial guidance through our partners, San Francisco Financial Counseling and Advisers Give Back.

Wherever you are on your financial journey, we’ve got you covered!

Financial Capability Month – April 1–29, Virtual Library and various library locations. See on.sfpl.org/fcm for event details.



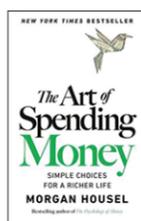
Financial Capability Month Booklist

Take control of your money with these personal finance titles. Visit sfpl.org/financial-capability-month for more recommendations.



The Money Habit: The Worry-Free Way to Financial Independence by Mike Michalowicz

In the follow-up to his international bestseller *Profit First*, entrepreneur and money expert Mike Michalowicz reveals how to achieve financial freedom by working with your natural habits rather than trying to change them.



The Art of Spending Money: Simple Choices for a Richer Life by Morgan Houzel

Award-winning author Morgan

Houzel offers a refreshingly practical approach to managing wealth while finding deeper meaning and contentment. Instead of cookie-cutter financial advice, Houzel provides you with psychological tools to navigate your personal relationship between money and optimizing for happiness.



Money for Couples: No More Stress, No More Fights, Just a 10-Step Plan to Create Your Rich Life Together by Ramit Sethi

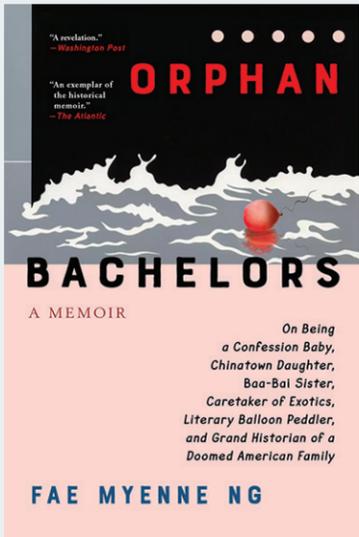
Drawing on Ramit Sethi’s deep experience working with thousands of couples, this book will help readers go from financial frustration to joy and possibility as they finally discover a way to connect over money.

Staff Stories on Social



day-to-day in their roles to serve the public and what they enjoy most about working at SFPL.

Just in time for National Library Week (April 19–25), your beloved SFPL staff will be sharing their “library stories” on our Instagram and YouTube channels! Find out about how these staff members came to work at the Library, what they do



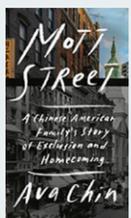
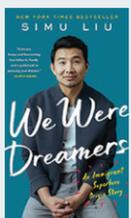
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Selection

Fae Myenne Ng's
Orphan Bachelors

– On the Same Page Read-Alikes –

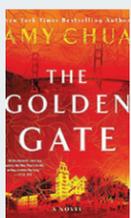
If you liked *Orphan Bachelors*: These books explore themes of immigration, family and identity, offering intimate stories of how history, exclusion and belonging shape personal and cultural lives. on.sfpl.org/LikeOrphanBachelors



Real Americans by Rachel Khong

We Were Dreamers: An Immigrant Superhero Origin Story by Simu Liu

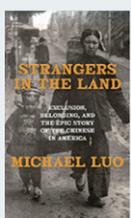
Mott Street: A Chinese American Family's Story of Exclusion and Homecoming by Ava Chin



A Man of Two Faces: A Memoir, A History, A Memorial by Viet Thanh Nguyen

Dreaming of Home: How We Turn Fear Into Pride, Power, and Real Change by Cristina Jimenez

The Golden Gate by Amy Chua



Interior Chinatown by Charles Yu

Strangers in the Land: Exclusion, Belonging, and the Epic Story of the Chinese in America by Michael Luo

The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts by Maxine Hong Kingston

– Related Events –

Author Talk: Fae Myenne Ng in Conversation with Ben Fong-Torres
– April 30, 6 p.m., Virtual Library

Book Club: Fae Myenne Ng's Orphan Bachelors
April 15, 6 p.m., Main Library,
Stong Conference Room, 1st Floor
April 18, 11 a.m., Virtual Library

Workshop: Finding Chinese Ancestors with My China Roots –
May 13, 10:30 a.m., Virtual Library

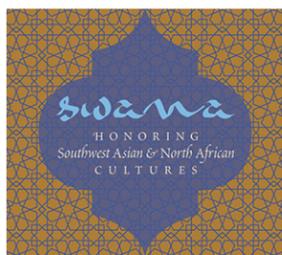
Learn more: sfpl.org/on-the-same-page



Fae Myenne Ng
Photo: Emma Marie Chiang



Ben Fong-Torres
Photo: Nob Hill Gazette



SWANA Booklists

Explore books highlighting Southwest Asian and North African histories, cultures and voices across genres, generations and lived experiences. Visit sfpl.org/SWANA for more recommendations for all ages.

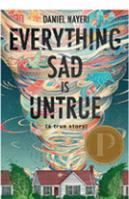
ADULT

Upside-Down Love: A Memoir in Two Voices by Sari Bashi

Osama, a Palestinian professor in Ramallah, and Sari, an Israeli-American lawyer, fall in love while she petitions Israel's Supreme Court for his travel rights, forging an unexpected enduring bond.

Against the Loveless World: A Novel by Susan Abulhawa

Follows a young Palestinian refugee as she slowly becomes radicalized while seeking a better life for her family throughout the Middle East.



KIDS

Everything Sad Is Untrue (A True Story) by Daniel Nayeri

A powerful memoir blending childhood memories and storytelling, chronicling an Iranian refugee's journey, identity struggles and resilience while navigating a new country, culture and sense of belonging.

Poetry for Young Readers: Fun, Wonder and Imagination

Celebrate Poetry Month with a delightful collection of books that inspire kids to read, explore and enjoy verse. Visit on.sfpl.org/kidspoetry for more recommendations.



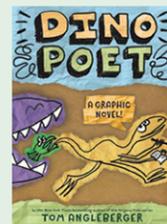
Poetry for Kids by Emily Dickinson

Discover the not-so-simple-as-they-look poems of Emily Dickinson in this 38-poem collection.



Of the Sun: A Poem for the Land's First Peoples by Xelena Gonzalez

A lyrical celebration of Indigenous and First Nations children, our cherished connection to the land and our ancestral right to belong.



Dino Poet by Tom Angleberger

Energetic and ever-observant Dino Poet sees poetry everywhere.

Are Dino Poet's poems any good? Find out!

Outdoor Fun in Spring

Rain is falling, seeds are sprouting, animals are playing and everyone is celebrating spring. From crafts to nature exploration, youth and their caregivers are invited to celebrate spring at the Library with nature-themed events.

Pastel Color Slime – April 2, 4 p.m., North Beach Branch

Earth Month Art Club – April 8, 4 p.m., Excelsior Branch

Insect Discovery Lab with SaveNature.org – April 15, 4 p.m., Excelsior Branch

Noe's Garden Music Performance – April 18, 11 a.m., Mission Bay Branch

Library Fix-It Clinics

Throughout April, the Library is partnering with SF Environment to bring you a series of Fix-It Clinics for clothing and bicycles. Whether it's a torn seam or a missing button, extend the life of your garments and reduce textile waste with our partners at SCRAP. Bring one clothing item in need of repair and our skilled repair coaches will mend it for you while you learn about the process. Bring your bicycle for a free tune-up and basic repairs provided by BikeMobile. Expert bike mechanics will assess your bike and fix common issues such as flat tires, brake and gear adjustments, and chain and tire replacements.



Sunset Branch Bike Fix-It Clinic – April 9, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Ortega Branch Bike Fix-It Clinic – April 11, 2–4 p.m.

Chinatown Branch Clothing Fix-It Clinic – April 24, 2–4 p.m.

Community Baby Shower

Expecting families and those with little ones 24 months or younger are welcome at our Community Baby Shower. Enjoy fun activities, refreshments and more. Meet community agencies eager to let new families know about available resources, and receive a gift for attending the event while supplies last.

Community Baby Shower – April 4, 2:30 p.m., Main Library, Children's Center, 2nd Floor

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros is back, marking 27 years of celebrating children, books and literacy! Laugh, dance and be inspired during performances throughout the day, and take home free books and activities provided by the Library and our community partners. Back by popular demand, our sensory-friendly family hour with no amplified sound returns at the start of the day to accommodate individuals with auditory sensitivity. We hope to see you there on a day filled with joy for the entire family!

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros has been a beloved, free literacy celebration in San Francisco since 1999. Día was started in 1996 by author Pat Mora with support from ALA's Spanish-speaking advocacy affiliate, Reforma and the Association for Library Service to Children. For more details on Día San Francisco, the organizing team and resources, visit diasf.org.

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros – April 26, 11 a.m., Parque Niños Unidos, 3090 23rd St. (at Folsom)



April 2026 Event Calendar



On View

Jewett Gallery, Main Library, Lower Level

The Continuing Story of Life on Earth: 25 Years of Hamburger Eyes

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, the black-and-white photography magazine *Hamburger Eyes* has blazed a trail in documentary photo publishing and is lauded for its punchy photographs and minimal design. The exhibition will feature more than 80 black-and-white photographs, zines, ephemera, merch and a new book coinciding with the exhibition titled *Hamburger Eyes—The First 25 Years*, that commemorates this important milestone. April 23– Sept. 24

Skylight Galleries, Main Library, 6th Floor

Patricia Owen Design Bookbinding: A Retrospective
Featuring more than 30 design bookbindings, the exhibit showcases the prolific bookbinder Patricia (Patty) Owen, whose works are both functional and sculptural. Inspired by her 25-year career as an architect as well as by rocks and other geologic formations, Patty's bindings are renowned for being beautifully constructed with attention to material, craftsmanship and design. Through June 4. Skylight Gallery

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Other Exhibits, Main Library

atemtuhe

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

We've Got Sole: Hip Hop, Hoops, and the Rise of Sneaker Culture

A celebration of the Black community's influence, the exhibit pays homage to the legacy of the Black and Brown communities whose creativity, perseverance and style helped develop and shape what is now referred to as Sneaker Culture. Through May 15. African American Center, 3rd Floor

Wood Engravers' Network 5th Triennial Exhibition

The Wood Engravers' Network proudly presents its 5th Triennial Exhibition, a traveling show featuring work by 55 artists working in six countries. This exhibition celebrates the vibrant world of wood engraving, where tradition meets innovation, and craftsmanship intertwines with artistic expression. Through May 17. 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. Ongoing. Western Addition Branch

Piano Recital
Main, Lower Level, 2–3:30 p.m.

Crochet Granny Square
Ocean View, 2 p.m.*

Pour & Glow Candles
Western Addition, 4 p.m.*

26 Sunday
Genny Lim & Youth Poet Laureates Main, Lower Level, 1–3 p.m.

Composting w/ Worms in the City Richmond, 2–3:30 p.m.

Justin Feinstein & Samantha Mills Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 3–5 p.m.

28 Tuesday
Aging/Disability Resources Main, Atrium, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

DIY Stamp Making
Chinatown, 2–4 p.m.

Affordable Housing: Richmond & Sunset
Richmond, 2 p.m.*

Cantonese Bilingual Convo Club Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 3:30 p.m.

Ralph Remington w/ Paul Henderson Main, African American Ctr - 3rd Fl, 6 p.m.

Grotto's Caroline Paul, Why Fly Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

Opera in the Latin World
Virtual, 6 p.m.

30 Thursday
How Fusion Works
Virtual, 4 p.m.

Author: Fae Myenne Ng w/ Ben Fong-Torres
Virtual, 6 p.m.

Glen Park BART's History
Virtual, 6 p.m.

Adults

1 Wednesday

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

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

1, 15 Wednesdays

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

Yoga Ingleside, 6 p.m.*

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Wednesdays

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

2 Thursday

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

Exhibit Opening: Wood Engravers Main, AMR Ctr - 4th Fl, 6–7:45 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 p.m.

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

3 Friday

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

3, 17 Fridays

Watercolor
Bernal Heights, 1–5 p.m.

Creative Art Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2:30–4 p.m.

Knitting Anza, 3–5 p.m.

4 Saturday

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

Knitting Circle
Noe Valley, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Chair Yoga
Visitacion Valley, 11 a.m.*

Bay Beats: American Roots
Main, Koret, 1–4 p.m.

Memoir Writing
Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

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

Birding at Tunnel Tops Park
North Beach, 8–9 a.m.

4, 11, 18, 25 Saturdays

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

4, 18 Saturdays

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

5 Sunday

SF Beekeeper's Assoc.
Portola, 2–3 p.m.

Karaoke Glen Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

Chutney Demo Ortega, 2 p.m.*

Garden Swap
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

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

SPECTRA Light Showcase
Main, Fulton St. Steps, 5–8 p.m.

6 Monday

活動：棋樂無窮 Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Sound Bath Main, Silver Ctr - 4th Fl, 12–1 a.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Mondays

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

Tai Chi with Patrick Lau
-Presidio
Beginners: 1:30–2:15 p.m.
Advanced: 2:15–3 p.m.

ESL Convo Club
Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

6, 20 Mondays

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

7 Tuesday

Job Seeker Meetup Main, Jobs Ctr - 4th Fl, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Genealogy Club Virtual, 12 p.m.

Remnants of SF
Eureka Valley, 6 p.m.

Smart Cycling w/ E-Bikes
North Beach, 6 p.m.

Weave Yourself Into Your Story West Portal, 6 p.m.*

7, 14, 21, 28 Tuesdays

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

ESL Online Convo Club
Virtual, 3 p.m.

8 Wednesday

Genealogy Group
Virtual, 1–3 p.m.

Decluttering
Ingleside, 4–5:30 p.m.

8, 15, 22, 29 Wednesdays

Yoga North Beach, 1:15 p.m.*

9 Thursday

Aging & Dying Circle
Glen Park, 3–4 p.m.

Bike Repair Clinic
Sunset, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Adults' Craft Club
West Portal, 5:45 p.m.*

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

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

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

9, 23 Thursdays

French Convo Excelsior, 5 p.m.

10 Friday

Karaoke Excelsior, 4 p.m.

10, 17 Fridays

Chess Club
Visitacion Valley, 4:30 p.m.

10, 24 Fridays

Watercolor
Glen Park, 1:30–5 p.m.

11 Saturday

Plant Swap
Sunset, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

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

Bel Canto Flute Choir
Merced, 2 p.m.

Grow Tomatoes in Containers
Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

Ballet Afsaneh Presidio, 2 p.m.

SF Symphony Chamber
Visitacion Valley, 2 p.m.

Suncatchers Potrero, 2 p.m.*

Bike Repair Clinic
Ortega, 2–4 p.m.

Read & Write w/ Ahmad Shamlou Ingleside, 3 p.m.

Afternoon & Night of Ideas
Main, 3 p.m.–Midnight

A Tale of Two Chutneys
Park, 3–4:30 p.m.

11, 25 Saturdays

Gentle Yoga Mission Bay, 10 a.m.

12 Sunday

Community Resource Fair
Eureka Valley, 1–3 p.m.

Plant Swap Glen Park, 2–4 p.m.

13 Monday

Author: Nathalie Martin, The Inspired Retirement
Virtual, 3 p.m.

13, 27 Mondays

Coloring Anza, 11 a.m.

14 Tuesday

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

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

Author: Dr. Rebecca Thompson w/ Kelly Burke Virtual, 6 p.m.

Main Library: Past, Present, Future Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

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

14, 28 Tuesdays

Knitting Glen Park, 1–2:30 p.m.

15 Wednesday

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

Knitting Ocean View, 3–5 p.m.

Tribal Perspectives on Rematriation Main, Environmental Ctr - 5th Fl, 5:30 p.m.

Crochet
Bernal Heights, 5–7:30 p.m.

Quiet Please, Librarians on Film Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

16 Thursday

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

Coloring for Adults
Excelsior, 4 p.m.

History of City Lights
Main, Lower Level, 6 p.m.

Wood Engraving Demo
Virtual, 6 p.m.

17 Friday

Walking Club Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

18 Saturday

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

Improv Anza, 1–2:30 p.m.

Open House West Portal, 1–4 p.m.

Docent Talk: Monet & Venice
Merced, 2 p.m.

Poetry & Guided Meditation
Ocean View, 2 p.m.

Performance: Julius Caesar
Main, Koret, 2–3:30 p.m.

Paper-cutting Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2 p.m.*

Puzzle Swap Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

Celebrate the Hormel Ctr Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 3–5 p.m.

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

19 Sunday

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

Way of Tea
Main, Lower Level, 1 p.m.*

Tarot Exploration
Glen Park, 2:30 p.m.

Mending Circle
Excelsior, 2–3:30 p.m.

Plant Swap and Q&A
Mission Bay, 2–3:30 p.m.

Village Within a City
Noe Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

Composting in Small Spaces
Virtual, 2–3:30 p.m.

20 Monday

活動：棋樂無窮 Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Mango/Rosetta Stone: Learn Languages
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

21 Tuesday

Spellbound Crafts Anza, 4 p.m.

Bracelet Making Sunset, 4 p.m.*

Fight Against Climate Change
Main, Koret, 5:30–7 p.m.

Yarn Craft Group
Eureka Valley, 5–6:30 p.m.

What lies beneath the Main
Virtual, 6 p.m.

Clay & Culture Virtual, 6:30 p.m.

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

22 Wednesday

Henna Mission Bay, 5:30 p.m.*

Chess
Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

Author: Golde, Reprise
Main, Koret, 6–7:30 p.m.

23 Thursday

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

Tatreez 101
Golden Gate Valley, 2–4 p.m.

Poetry Open Mic
North Beach, 3–5 p.m.

25 Years of Hamburger Eyes
Main, Lower Level, 5–7:30 p.m.

Kim Shuck's Poem Jam
Main, Koret, 6–7:30 p.m.

24 Friday

Yoga Main, Silver Ctr - 4th Fl, 2–3 p.m.

Fix-it Clinic: Clothes
Chinatown, 2–4 p.m.

Therapy Pets Excelsior, 8–9 a.m.

25 Saturday

Mahjong: Beginners
Sunset, 10:30 a.m.*

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

Plant Swap Ortega, 11 a.m.

Kalat Poetry Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Open House
Visitacion Valley, 1–5 p.m.

Intermediate Mahjong
Sunset, 2:30 p.m.*

SF Symphony Chamber
Merced, 2–3 p.m.

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

Thank You to the Youth Advisory Board

SFPL extends its heartfelt appreciation for our 2025–2026 Youth Advisory Board intern cohort, who worked diligently to advise on youth-centered improvements and served as ambassadors promoting our offerings to their peers. They have deepened their knowledge, grown as leaders and helped shape the future of Library services for youth citywide.

As their final project, the Youth Advisory Board is bringing youth-centered programs to our libraries all month long. Find details in the Teens section of the Event Calendar.

Book Clubs

[1 Wednesday](#)

Silent Book Club at Magnolia
Park, 5:30 p.m.

[1, 15, 29 Wednesdays](#)

Silent Book Club
Richmond, 3 p.m.

[2 Thursday](#)

Seamus Heaney, Beowulf
Virtual, 6 p.m.

[7, 21 Tuesdays](#)

Colson Whitehead, The Underground Railroad
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 Seal Your Own Fate Presidio, 3 p.m.

Silent Book Club
North Beach, 6 p.m.

[15 Wednesday](#)

Fae Myenne Ng, Orphan Bachelors
Main, Stong Rm- 1st Fl, 6 p.m.

Ghassan Zeineddine, Dearborn West Portal, 6 p.m.

[17 Friday](#)

Katie Kitamura, Audition
Noe Valley, 3 p.m.

[18 Saturday](#)

Geraldine Brooks, March
Ortega, 11 a.m.

Fae Myenne Ng, Orphan Bachelors Virtual, 11 a.m.

[19 Sunday](#)

Lama H, Hijab Butch Blues
Eureka Valley, Virtual, 3:30 p.m.

[21 Tuesday](#)

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

[22 Wednesday](#)

Book & Movie Club: The Joy Luck Club
Western Addition, 4 p.m.

George Takei, They Called Us Enemy
Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl, 6 p.m.

[23 Thursday](#)

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

Silent Book Club at Saluhall
Main, 6 p.m.

[25 Saturday](#)

讀書會：东京八平米 Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 10 a.m.

Longform Articles
North Beach, 10 a.m.

George Takei, They Called Us Enemy Virtual, 11 a.m.

[26 Sunday](#)

Taffy Brodesser-Akner, Long Island Compromise
Marina, 2 p.m.

Ausma Zehanat Khan, Blackwater Falls
Eureka Valley, Virtual, 3:30 p.m.

[28 Tuesday](#)

Michael Cunningham, The Hours Bernal Heights, 2 p.m.

Rebecca Solnit, A Paradise Built in Hell
Excelsior, 6:30 p.m.

Jeff Hiller, Actress of a Certain Age
Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl, 6 p.m.

[29 Wednesday](#)

John Irving, A Prayer For Owen Meany
Mission Bay, 6:30 p.m.

[30 Thursday](#)

Talking Books: National Library Svc Main, TBBC - 2nd Floor, 12 p.m.*

Films

[1 Wednesday](#)

What's Up, Doc?
Glen Park, 6 p.m.

[5 Sunday](#)

Between Two Worlds
Main, Koret, 1–5:30 p.m.

[9 Thursday](#)

A Quiet Passion
Main, Koret, 12 p.m.

Once
Potrero, 5:30 p.m.

[10 Friday](#)

The Persian Version
Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

[13 Monday](#)

The Postman Always Rings Twice
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

[15 Wednesday](#)

Baččehā-ye āsmān/Children of Heaven
Park, 5 p.m.

[18 Saturday](#)

San Francisco
Potrero, 3 p.m.

[21 Tuesday](#)

The Librarians
Presidio, 3 p.m.

[22 Wednesday](#)

The Ghost and Mrs. Muir
Chinatown, 1 p.m.

[25 Saturday](#)

Drawing From Viridiana
Main, Lower Level 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

[27 Monday](#)

Flamingo Road
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

Jobs & Careers, Personal Finance and Small Business

[1 Wednesday](#)

Intro to Smart Investing
Virtual, 2–3 p.m.

Debunk Tax Misconceptions
North Beach, 2–3:30 p.m.

[2 Thursday](#)

Retirement Savings Plans
Excelsior, Virtual, 1:45–3:30 p.m.

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

Certified Financial Planner™
Virtual, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

[3, 10 Fridays](#)

AARP Tax Prep
Bayview, 1–4 p.m.

[4 Saturday](#)

Financial Literacy 101
Presidio, 2–3 p.m.

[4, 11 Saturdays](#)

Tax-Aid
Ortega, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

[7 Tuesday](#)

Managing Debt
Virtual, 2–3 p.m.

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

Financial Counselor
Main, Study Rm 439, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

[8 Wednesday](#)

Estate Planning Attorneys
Virtual, 12–1:30 p.m.

[9 Thursday](#)

Annuities
Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

Small Biz Office Hrs
Virtual, 2–4 p.m.

[11 Saturday](#)

Save, Budgets & Invest
Anza, 2:30–4 p.m.

[14 Tuesday](#)

Website E-Commerce
Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

[16 Thursday](#)

Digital Financial Services
Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

[17 Friday](#)

Long-Term Care Options
Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

[18 Saturday](#)

Product Photography Main, Silver Ctr - 4th Fl, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Prop 19: Property Transfers
Virtual, 2–3:30 p.m.

[21 Tuesday](#)

Navigate CA's Insurance
Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

[22 Wednesday](#)

Cryptocurrency 101
Virtual, 4–5 p.m.

[23 Thursday](#)

Avoid Scams, Fraud & ID Theft Virtual, 4–5 p.m.

[25 Saturday](#)

Caring for a Senior in Crisis
Anza, 2:30–4 p.m.

[28 Tuesday](#)

Student Loan Repayment Options Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

Emergency Response/Firefighting Careers
Virtual, 6–7 p.m.

[29 Wednesday](#)

Saving for Education
Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

Contabilidad Básica para la Gestión de tu Negocio
Excelsior, 12–1:30 p.m.

4 Steps to Financial Strength
Main, Lower Level, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Tech Time

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

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

Basic Tech Help
Excelsior, 3–3:30 p.m.*

Book A Librarian
Ingleside, 3–4 p.m.*

[4 Saturday](#)

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

[4, 11, 18 Saturdays](#)

Tech Coaches Visitacion Valley, 1:30–5:30 p.m.

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

Tech Help / 科技協助
Sunset, 2–4 p.m.

[4, 11, 25 Saturdays](#)

Tech Help
West Portal, 12–4 p.m.

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

Tech Help
Sunset, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Tech Help
West Portal, 1:30–4 p.m.

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

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

Tech Tuesdays Bayview, 1–3 p.m.

[8 Wednesday](#)

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

[8, 22 Wednesdays](#)

Tech Savvy (Cantonese, 60+)
Richmond, 2–3:30 p.m.

[10 Friday](#)

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

[10, 24 Fridays](#)

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

[17 Friday](#)

Smartphone CLASS (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](#)

Computer Skills Certificate
Main, Comp. Training Ctr - 5th Fl, 4–6 p.m.

[30 Thursday](#)

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

Teens

The Mix at Main

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

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

Girls on the Mic
4:30–6:30 p.m.

[3, 17, 24 Fridays](#)

Circuit Custom Design
4–5 p.m.

[4 Saturday](#)

Cyanotype (Sun Prints) Portraits, 2–4 p.m.

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

D&D 5–7 p.m.

[15 Wednesday](#)

Bibimbap Remix Pop-Up
12–1 a.m.

[22 Wednesday](#)

Snack Trials 4–5 p.m.

[10 Saturday](#)

Biblio Bistro 4–6 p.m.

[14 Wednesday](#)

Biblio Bistro 4–6 p.m.

[17 Saturday](#)

Karaoke 4–5 p.m.

[23 Friday](#)

Queer & Trans Social Hour
4:30–5:30 p.m.

[25 Sunday](#)

Mario Kart 8 Tournament
3–5 p.m.

Mix Recording Studio

Recording Studio Orientation

-Tuesdays, 5–6 p.m.
-Wednesdays, 4:30–5 p.m.
-Thursdays, 4–5 p.m.
-Saturdays, 3–4 p.m.
-Sundays, 2–3 p.m.

[16 Thursday](#)

Guitar Pedals Workshop
5–6 p.m.

At the Branches

[1 Wednesday](#)

Gaming Hour
Excelsior, 3:30 p.m.

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

Art Studio Merced, 5 p.m.

[4 Saturday](#)

Mending & Upcycling
Merced, 2–3:30 p.m.
Ortega, 4:30–6 p.m.

[4, 11, 25 Saturdays](#)

Gardening Merced, 11 a.m.

[7 Tuesday](#)

Spring Felt Craft
Golden Gate Valley, 4 p.m.

[11 Saturday](#)

Culinary Skills
Richmond, 3 p.m.*

[12 Sunday](#)

Mancala Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

Henna Park, 2 p.m.*

First Aid for Youth
Anza, 2 p.m.*

[15 Wednesday](#)

Earth Day Buttons
North Beach, 3 p.m.

Hand Build w/ Clay
Sunset, 3 p.m.

[18 Saturday](#)

Spring Felt Craft
Golden Gate Valley, 2 p.m.

Henna Excelsior, 2 p.m.*

K-Pop Photocard Decorating
Bernal Heights, 4 p.m.

[19 Sunday](#)

Mending & Upcycling
Noe Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

[20 Monday](#)

Alone Together Book Club
Noe Valley, 4 p.m.

[25 Saturday](#)

UV Resin for Beginners
Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

[26 Sunday](#)

Pretzel Snacks & Crafts
North Beach, 2 p.m.

Study Smart Tutors

[4 Saturday](#)

SAT Test Prep Main, Mix - 2nd Fl, 12:30–4:30 p.m.*

[5 Sunday](#)

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April 2026 Event Calendar



Children's Storytimes

Storytimes for Babies

Songs, rhymes and books for infants and their caregivers.

Anza – Every Saturday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
 Bernal Heights – Every Wednesday, 12–12:30 p.m.*
 Chinatown – Every Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.
 Eureka Valley – Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
 Golden Gate Valley – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.*
 Ingleside – Every Tuesday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.
 Main – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.
 Merced – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
 Mission Bay – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.*
 North Beach – 3 Tuesday, 10:15 & 11 a.m.
 Ortega – Every Thursday, 11:30–12 p.m.
 Park – Every Saturday, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
 Potrero – Every Tuesday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.*
 Presidio – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
 Richmond – Every Monday, 11–11:30 a.m.*
 Sunset – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.
 Visitacion Valley – Every Monday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
 West Portal – 4, Wednesday, 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.
 Western Addition – Every Tuesday, 11 & 11:45 a.m.

Storytimes for Toddlers

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

Bernal Heights – Every Thursday, 10–10:30 a.m.*
 Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.*
 Eureka Valley – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
 Excelsior – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
 Glen Park – Every Tuesday and Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.*
 11, 25 Wednesdays, 7–7:30 p.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 – Every Thursday, 10:15 & 11 a.m.* (Español/English)
 Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m. (Español)
 Noe Valley – Every Monday, 11:15–11:45 a.m.*
 31 Tuesday, 6:30–7 p.m.
 North Beach – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
 Ocean View – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
 5, 12 Thu., 11:30–12 p.m. (Minnie & Lovie Ward Rec Center)
 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 – 11 a.m.–12 p.m.*
 Presidio – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
 Richmond – Every Tuesday and 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.

Storytimes for Preschoolers

Stories, songs, fingerplays and more for ages 3–5.

Bayview – Every Tuesday and Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.
 Chinatown – Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
 Marina – Every Friday, 3–3:30 p.m.
 Mission Bay – Every Tuesday, 10:15 & 11 a.m.*
 Parkside – Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m.
 Portola – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Storytimes for Families

Books, songs, rhymes and fun for children of all ages.

Anza – Every Thursday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
 Bernal Heights – Every Saturday, 10–10:30 a.m.*
 Chinatown – Every Saturday, 2–2:30 p.m.
 Excelsior – 7, 14, 28 Saturdays, 10:30–11 a.m.
 Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
 Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m. (English/Español)
 Golden Gate Valley – Every Friday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.*
 Main – Every Saturday, 11–11:30 a.m.
 Every Tuesday, 10:30–11:15 a.m.
 Every Wednesday, 10–10:30 a.m. (Salesforce Roof Garden)
 Every Thursday, 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 – 4 Wednesday, 2–2:30 p.m.
 Noe Valley – 5 Thursday, 10:15 & 11 a.m.*
 Ortega – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.
 Parkside – Every Sunday, 1:30–2 p.m.
 Portola – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
 Potrero – Thursday, 10 & 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 Square Playground
 (Treat Ave. & 26th St.)
 2nd Tuesday – Koret Children's Playground
 (Carousel at Golden Gate Park)
 3rd Tuesday – Helen Wills Playground
 (1401 Broadway)
 4th Tuesday – Redwood Grove Playground
 (McLaren Park, 200 John F. Shelley Dr.)

Children

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

Early Childhood

2 Thursday

Mini-Makers
 Merced, 11–11:30 a.m.

4 Saturday

Mini-Makers
 Mission Bay, 10–11 a.m.

Community Baby Shower

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

4, 11, 18, 25 Saturdays

2 Hour Playtime
 Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.

6 Monday

Family Dance Party
 Glen Park, 10 a.m.

7 Tuesday

Bubbleology
 Merced, 11 a.m.

12 Sunday

STEM Playdate
 Ocean View, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

14 Tuesday

Design & Build
 Merced, 11 a.m.

18 Saturday

Noe's Garden
 Mission Bay, 11 a.m.

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

Big Play Date

Portola, 2–4 p.m.

Malinky Music

Sunset, 4:30–5 p.m.

20 Monday

Fine Motor Skills
 Merced, 11 a.m.

21 Tuesday

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

22 Wednesday

Big Play Date
 Bernal Heights, 12–3 p.m.

26 Sunday

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros Main, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

28 Tuesday

Big Play Date
 Richmond, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
 Excelsior, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Family

2 Thursday

Film: The BFG
 Glen Park, 3 p.m.

4 Saturday

Chanchitos de la Suerte, Lucky Little Piggie
 Ocean View, 11 a.m.*

5 Sunday

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

5, 12, 19, 26 Sundays

Chess Club Ingleside,
 2:30–4 p.m.

10 Friday

Therapy Pet Glen Park, 4 p.m.

Elementary School Age

1 Wednesday

Junior Readers Marina, 6 p.m.

LEGO & Robotics

Bernal Heights, 6 p.m.

1, 15, 29 Wednesdays

Math Tutoring Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

2 Thursday

LEGO Free Play
 Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

LEGO & Pastel Slime

North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

4 Saturday

Craft Club Sunset, 2 p.m.

4, 11, 18 Saturdays

Chess Club Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

4, 11, 18, 25 Saturdays

Rigamajig Free Play
 Chinatown, 11 a.m.

5 Sunday

LEGO & STEM Free Play
 Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

LEGO Free Play

Merced, 2–4 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Sundays

Board Games Sunset, 1–4 p.m.

5, 19 Sundays

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

6, 13, 20, 27 Mondays

Homework Help
 Ortega, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

7 Tuesday

Paint Together
 Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

Upcycled Crafternoon

Bernal Heights, 4 p.m.

8 Wednesday

Vending Machine
 Chinatown, 3:45 p.m.*

Bead Art

Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

Math Tutoring

Visitacion Valley, 3–4 p.m.

Earth Month Art Club

Excelsior, 4 p.m.

9 Thursday

Paper Mosaic Art
 Sunset, 2:30 p.m.

Snowy Owl Craft

Ingleside, 4:30 p.m.

Game Night

Marina, 4–6 p.m.

11 Saturday

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

Chanchitos de la Suerte, Lucky Little Piggie
 Portola, 11:30 a.m.*

Ballet Afsaneh

Western Addition, 12–1 p.m.

Tree Frog Treks

Glen Park, 2–3 p.m.

Bike Tire Fix-It Clinic

Glen Park, 3:30–5 p.m.

11, 18, 25 Saturdays

Music Circle
 Potrero, 10:15–11 a.m.

14 Tuesday

Board Games & LEGO
 Noe Valley, 6 p.m.

9, 23 Thursdays

Pokémon Trading Cards
 Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

10 Friday

Upcycled Crafting
 Anza, 3–4:30 p.m.

Therapy Dog

Eureka Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

11 Saturday

Puppy Dog Tales Potrero, 11 a.m.

Pre-Algebra/ Basic Algebra

Visitacion Valley, 4–5 p.m.

11, 25 Saturdays

Origami Hour Sunset, 2 p.m.

Math Tutoring

Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.

12 Sunday

Firelight Shadow Theater
 Ortega, 2–2:45 p.m.

LEGO Robotics

Sunset, 2 p.m.

Collage Portraits

West Portal, 2 p.m.

13 Monday

Watercolors Excelsior, 4 p.m.

14 Tuesday

LEGO Free Play
 Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

14, 21, 28 Tuesdays

Homework & Tutoring
 Glen Park, 4–5:30 p.m.

15 Wednesday

LEGO & Magna-Tiles
 Anza, 3:30–5 p.m.

Earth Month Insect Lab

Excelsior, 4 p.m.

Marina Bookworms

Marina, 6–7 p.m.

16 Thursday

Beginning Readers' Bingo
 Eureka Valley, 4–4:30 p.m.

LEGO Build-O-Rama

North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

17 Friday

Read-Aloud & Drawing
 North Beach, 1 p.m.

Button Bracelet

Chinatown, 3:45 p.m.*

Junior Readers

Glen Park, 4:15–5 p.m.

18 Saturday

Firelight Shadow Theater
 Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

Bouncing Bunny

Ortega, 3–4 p.m.

16 Thursday

Book Club For Boys: Race for Home West Portal,
 6:45–7:45 p.m.

18 Saturday

Big Play Date
 Marina, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

LEGO Robotics

Ortega, 1–2 p.m.

Read-Aloud & Draw

Glen Park, 2–5 p.m.

Giant Bubble Stations

Presidio, 3–4 p.m.

19 Sunday

Puppy Dog Tales
 Visitacion Valley, 2 p.m.

Game Time

West Portal, 2–3:30 p.m.

19 Sunday

Cardboard Creations
 Parkside, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

BristleBots

Merced, 2–3 p.m.

22 Wednesday

Make Your Own Paper
 Sunset, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

LEGO Free Play

Presidio, 2 p.m.

LittleBits

Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

Fabric Collage

Marina, 3–4:30 p.m.

Math Tutoring

Visitacion Valley, 4–5 p.m.

24 Friday

The Life Cycle of Trees
 Portola, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Comics & Drawing Hour

Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

25 Saturday

Kaleidoscopes
 Parkside, 10:30 a.m.

Turkish Story Time

Potrero, 2–3:30 p.m.

LEGO Robotics

West Portal, 3–4:30 p.m.

26 Sunday

Pre-Algebra & Algebra Concepts Ortega, 2–3:30 p.m.

Book Swap

Sunset, 3–4:30 p.m.

Middle School Age

4 Saturday

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Sunday: 12–6 p.m.

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Celebrating National Library Week with Friends of the San Francisco Public Library

National Library Week takes place April 19–25, 2026 and is a time to celebrate the San Francisco Public Library and the essential role it plays in communities across our city. From neighborhood branches to the Main Library, the San Francisco Public Library is a place where people of all ages can learn, explore and connect.

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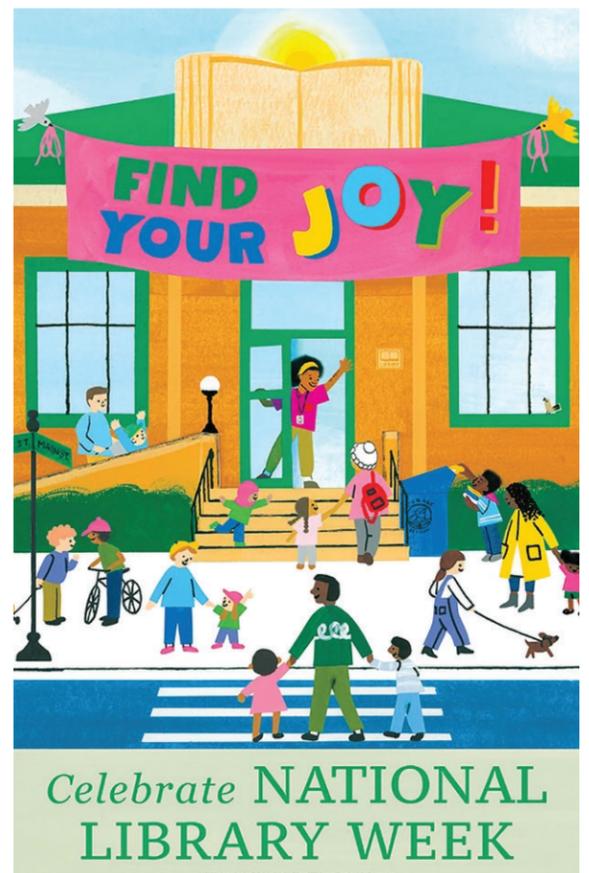
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During National Library Week, April 19–25, we invite you to visit your local branch and to consider how you can give back to this vitally important public institution. A gift to Friends of the San Francisco Public Library is an investment in equitable access to information, education and opportunity for all San Franciscans. To make a donation, please visit friendssfpl.org and click the Donate/Join/Renew button on the home page.

Join us in celebrating the San Francisco Public Library this April and help ensure your local branch continues to serve and inspire our city for generations to come.



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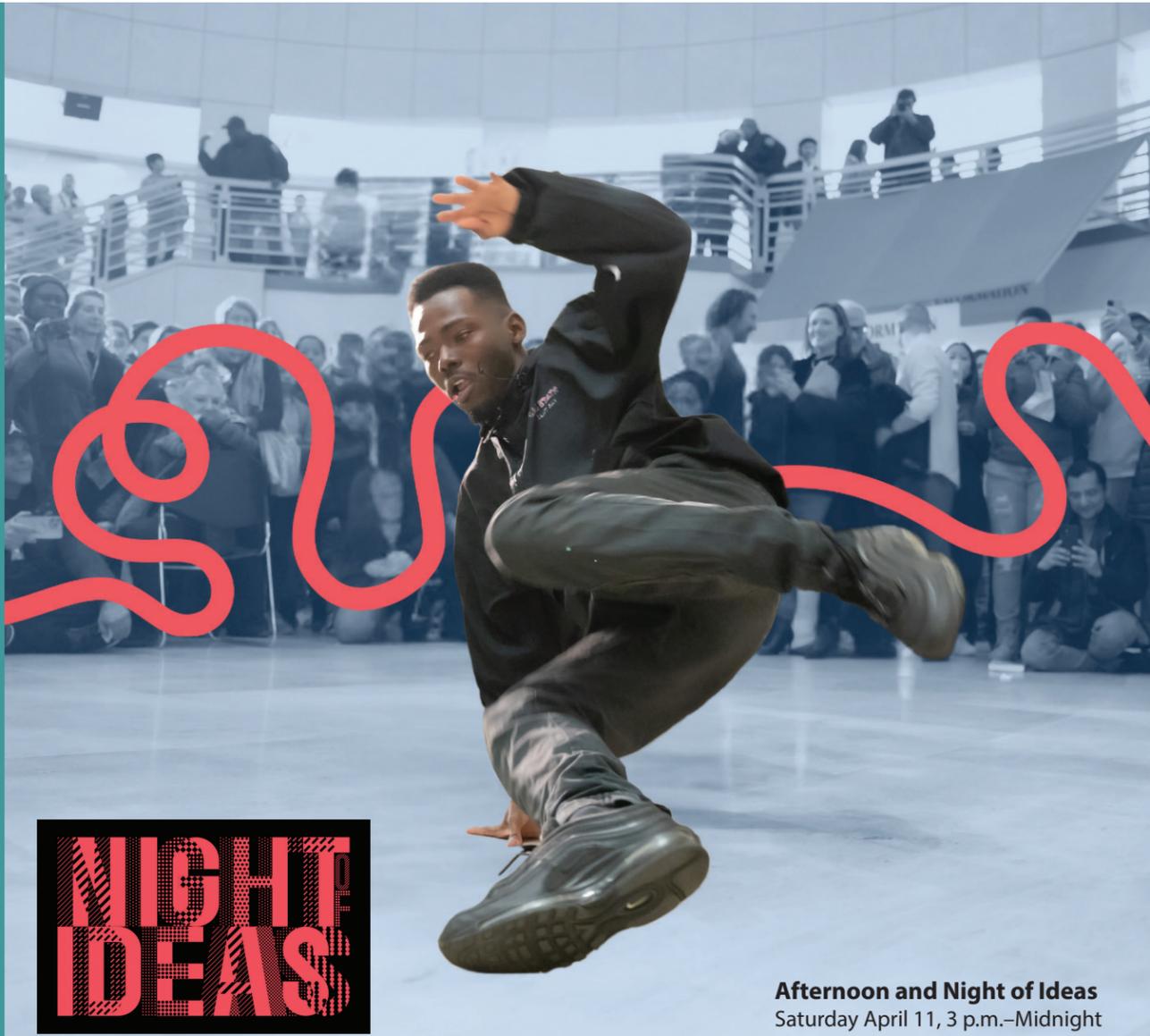
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Afternoon and Night of Ideas
Saturday April 11, 3 p.m.–Midnight

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BAYVIEW/BROOKS BURTON	5075 Third St.	355-5757	1-5	10-6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1-6	10-6
BERNAL HEIGHTS	500 Cortland Ave.	355-2810	1-5	10-6	10-7	12-8	10-6	1-6	10-6
CHINATOWN/LAI	1135 Powell St.	355-2888	1-5	10-6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1-6	10-6
EUREKA VALLEY/MILK	1 José Sarria Ct. (at 16th St., near Market)	355-5616	1-5	10-6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1-6	10-6
EXCELSIOR	4400 Mission St.	355-2868	1-5	10-6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1-6	10-6
GLEN PARK	2825 Diamond St.	355-2858	1-5	10-6	10-6	12-8	10-7	1-6	10-6
GOLDEN GATE VALLEY	1801 Green St.	355-5666	1-5	10-6	10-6	11-8	12-8	1-6	10-6
INGLESIDE	1298 Ocean Ave.	355-2898	1-5	10-6	10-6	10-8	12-7	1-6	10-6
MAIN LIBRARY	100 Larkin St.	557-4400	12-6	9-6	9-8	9-8	9-8	12-6	10-6
	The Mix at SFPL	557-4404	12-6	9-6	9-8	9-8	9-8	12-6	10-6
MARINA	1890 Chestnut St.	355-2823	1-5	10-6	10-6	1-8	10-8	1-6	10-6
MERCED	155 Winston Dr.	355-2825	1-5	10-6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1-6	10-6
MISSION - Temporary Branch	1234 Valencia St.	355-2800	1-5	10-6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1-6	10-6
MISSION BAY	960 Fourth St.	355-2838	1-5	10-6	10-6	11-8	10-6	1-6	10-6
NOE VALLEY/BRUNN	451 Jersey St.	355-5707	1-5	11-6	10-8	12-8	10-6	1-6	10-6
NORTH BEACH	850 Columbus Ave.	355-5626	1-5	10-6	10-8	1-8	10-6	1-6	10-6
OCEAN VIEW	345 Randolph St.	355-5615	1-5	10-6	10-6	12-8	10-7	1-6	10-6
ORTEGA	3223 Ortega St.	355-5700	1-5	10-6	10-6	12-8	11-8	1-6	10-6
PARK	1833 Page St.	355-5656	1-5	11-6	10-8	12-8	10-6	1-6	10-6
PARKSIDE	1200 Taraval St.	355-5770	1-5	1-6	10-8	10-8	10-6	1-6	10-6
PORTOLA	380 Bacon St.	355-5660	1-5	10-6	10-6	12-8	10-7	1-6	10-6
POTRERO	1616 20th St.	355-2822	1-5	1-6	10-8	12-8	10-8	1-6	10-6
PRESIDIO	3150 Sacramento St.	355-2880	1-5	1-6	10-8	10-8	10-6	1-6	10-6
RICHMOND/MARKS	351 9th Ave.	355-5600	1-5	10-6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1-6	10-6
SUNSET	1305 18th Ave.	355-2808	1-5	10-6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1-6	10-6
VISITACION VALLEY	201 Leland Ave.	355-2848	1-5	10-6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1-6	10-6
WEST PORTAL	190 Lenox Way	355-2886	1-5	10-6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1-6	10-6
WESTERN ADDITION	1550 Scott St.	355-5727	1-5	10-6	10-6	12-8	10-7	1-6	10-6

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