

AT THE LIBRARY

Events and Happenings at San Francisco Public Library

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Weaving Stories: Honoring AANHPI Heritage

Welcome to Weaving Stories, SFPL's celebration of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities. Through music, dance and arts and crafts programs, experience the many cultures and narratives that shape our City. See the full lineup and recommended reads at sfpl.org/aanhpi.

Celebrating Bruce Lee Day

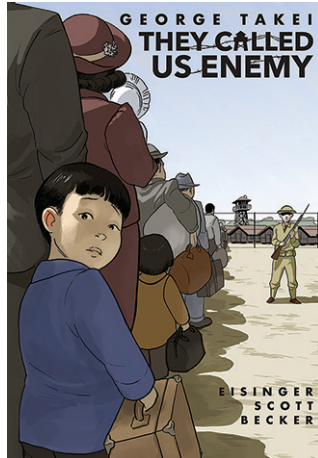


L to R: Bruce Lee in his personal library; Shannon Lee (photo: Jasmine Espadilla).

In recognition of Bruce Lee's lasting impact on film, culture and the Chinese American community, California has officially designated May 17 "Bruce Lee Day." The date marks Lee's return to San Francisco at age 18—a turning point in his life and career. In partnership with Assemblymember Matt Haney and Bruce Lee's daughter, Shannon Lee, SFPL will host a live Q&A, book giveaways and more at the Main Library.

Join us in the Main Library Atrium on Wednesday, May 13, at 2 p.m. for the celebration. More details coming soon!

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One Book, One Coast: George Takei's *They Called Us Enemy*

The 2026 One Book, One Coast selection, *They Called Us Enemy*, is George Takei's graphic memoir about his childhood incarceration during World War II. Blending personal history with vivid illustrations, it offers an accessible, powerful look at injustice, identity and resilience. Read the book and join the conversation this spring.

Panel: Remembering Japanese American Incarceration and Exploring Resources
May 10, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Film: *Defiant to the Last: Resistance at the Tule Lake Jail*
May 10, 3:30 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Presentation: One Family's Story from the Crystal City, Texas Internment Camp
May 11, 2 p.m., Main Library, Chinese Center, 3rd Floor

Film: *Rabbit in the Moon*
May 11, 3:30 p.m., Main Library, Chinese Center, 3rd Floor

Showcase Event: George Takei, *They Called Us Enemy*
May 31, 2–4 p.m. Virtual Event streamed from LA County Library. Register: on.sfpl.org/oboc2026

You may also join SFPL for a community livestream viewing of the event on May 31 at 2 p.m. Main Library, Chinese Center, 3rd Floor

Learn more: sfpl.org/one-book-one-coast



Tech Week

Tech Week brings fresh ways to learn computer basics and build tech confidence. Presented by SFPL and community partners dedicated to closing the digital divide, Tech Week invites you to connect, explore and grow your digital skills.

Strengthen your skills and boost cybersecurity awareness with workshops like Microsoft Excel for Beginners, Zoom Basics and Cybersecurity Fundamentals.

Learn how to tailor devices to your needs at Accessibility on Public Library Computers and Personalizing Technology: Vision, Hearing and Mobility Settings.

Tech can be fun, too. Learn Tagalog with Mango Languages, kickstart spring projects with Home Improvement with AI or spark your creativity at Getting Started with Digital Art.

If tech feels overwhelming, join the conversation at Will AI Eat My Job or take a breather with Animal Assisted Therapy.

Find the full schedule at sfpl.org/techweek. Select events are offered in Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish or Tagalog. All programs are free, some require preregistration and none require prior experience.

Potrero Art Show's 65th Anniversary

Celebrating a landmark anniversary, the 65th Annual Potrero Hill Artists' Exhibition returns this spring. Artists who live, learn, work or worship on Potrero Hill and in the Dogpatch neighborhoods are letting the Potrero Branch Library "borrow" their artwork for everyone to enjoy all summer long. The opening reception will feature live music with Asheba, light refreshments and craft projects for all ages. The late Charles Farr hosted the first exhibit in 1955, and the funds raised prevented the library from imminent closure. The Potrero staff are delighted to celebrate this legacy and our community once more.

Potrero Hill Artists' Exhibition – May 9–Aug. 28, Potrero Branch

Opening Reception – May 9, 6 p.m., Potrero Branch



Photograph by Matthew Lipson. *Watching the Library*, acrylic brush pens, 2025.



May Open Houses

Celebrate 60 years of the Western Addition Library! Festivities include performances by SF Poet Laureate Genny Lim and friends, music, crafts and more from community partners. FREE books, treats and fun!

The beautiful Merced Branch holds its annual open house with festivities including face painting with Dana Fong, San Francisco Forest Choir, screen printing (bring your own cotton shirt or tote), a community resource fair and free books for all ages.

The Potrero Branch's open house coincides with the opening reception for the 65th Annual Potrero Hill Artists' Exhibition. Stay after hours for live music, light refreshments, art projects for children and the

chance to meet the exhibiting artists.

Eureka Valley also opens its doors for a May open house! Kick off the day with a special storytime led by our children's librarian, followed by a clowning performance. Enjoy face painting, candy-necklace making, light refreshments, free books for all ages and cupcakes in honor of the branch's namesake, Harvey Milk.

Western Addition Branch – May 2, 1–4 p.m.

Merced Branch – May 2, 2–5 p.m.

Potrero Branch – May 9, 6–9 p.m.

Eureka Valley Branch – May 16, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Coming Up:

June 9
Livestream of San Francisco Opera's *The Barber of Seville*
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

June 20
Queer Artist Archive
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

June 21
Black Film Festival
Main Library, Koret Auditorium



Drop Your Ballot Off at the Library
Official SF ballot drop boxes are located at 20 SFPL locations. Be sure to put your ballot in the box marked with the American flag that says "OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP BOX" (and not in our silver book return bins!).

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Events, Collections and Services

Read the World with Kono eMagazines

Step into the world of eMagazines with Kono and explore stunning visuals in titles on travel, home décor, and countless other subjects that spark curiosity. Kono offers an impressive collection including cooking, travel, fashion, public affairs, language learning, parenting, health and more. The collection features magazines primarily written in Chinese and Japanese from Hong Kong, Japan and Taiwan.



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Flip through *Baby and Mother* for parenting insights, brush up on English vocabulary with *Hello! English* or find fresh ideas to brighten your home in *Elle Decoration*.

Let your world unfold. Step into Kono e-magazines today with your SFPL library card at library.thekono.com/sfpl/libraries/chinese.

Small Business Week: For Entrepreneurs and Small Business Supporters

Explore the programs and people shaping San Francisco's small business community at the Main Library. The Main Library's Small Business Center presents a lineup of programs focused on how small businesses start, grow and adapt.

Attend virtual and in-person sessions on business fundamentals, growth strategies, accessibility and creative entrepreneurship. Learn the essentials of bookkeeping and commercial leasing, get guidance on starting a business in San Francisco and hear candid stories from local business owners.



The West Portal Small Business Stroll offers a chance to connect with neighborhood businesses and support local entrepreneurs.

Programs are presented in partnership with the SF African American Chamber of Commerce, Office of Small Business, Small Business Development Center and Shop Dine SF.

Celebrate the businesses that make San Francisco shine! See website for details: sfpl.org/sbw.

San Francisco Small Business Week – May 4–8



De Natura Libris: The Physical and Abstract Life of Books

This contemplative photographic meditation relates to books as living objects. Rather than focusing solely on texts or authors, Álvaro Alejandro López, the sole photographer, turns his attention to the physical and emotional relationships that form between readers and the printed page.

De Natura Libris: The Physical and Abstract Life of Books invites viewers to consider books not only as vessels of knowledge, but as tactile companions shaped by time, touch and memory.

The exhibition features 26 black-and-white photographs accompanied by written musings from writers of different cultures and generations. Their words and ideas resonate through the images, reinforcing the notion that reading is both solitary and shared. While the photographs remain visually restrained, they carry layers of meaning shaped by literature, philosophy and personal memory. In this way, López bridges the abstract world of thought and the material presence of books, revealing how inner and outer landscapes intersect through acts of reading.

Exhibition: De Natura Libris: The Physical and Abstract Life of Books – May 15–July 30, Main Library, International Center, 3rd Floor



Photograph by Álvaro Alejandro López, Z, 2025.

Learn Before You Vote with CalMatters

Get ready for the 2026 primaries at the library. This program, offered in partnership with the California State Library, highlights key information to help voters prepare for the upcoming election. CalMatters CEO Neil Chase and guests will discuss major issues expected to shape the 2026 primary cycle and the decisions facing California voters.



Participants will gain a clearer understanding of significant questions likely to appear on the ballot and the context behind them, with insights from experts who closely follow statewide developments. The discussion will touch on policy topics, emerging voter concerns and broader trends influencing California's political landscape.

Whether you are a first-time voter or simply looking to stay informed, this session provides accessible information to support thoughtful engagement in California's democratic process.

Panel: The Primaries with CalMatters – May 12, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Collections Corner:

The Rolling Stone of Fashion



Rags (1970–71) was a San Francisco–based fashion magazine founded by Baron Wolman (*Rolling Stone's* former chief photographer), Mary Peacock and Daphne Davis (of *Harper's Bazaar* and *Vogue*). Conceived as “the Rolling Stone of fashion,” it was distributed primarily through underground shops and boutiques. *Rags* focused on clothing and personal style, documenting what people were actually wearing on the streets. Copies of *Rags* are held at the San Francisco History Center.

Rags broke ground by identifying street style in its “On the Street” photo section. Features covered vintage fashion; fine art photography; tattoo culture; lesbian and dandy style; and profiles of the Cockettes, Betsey Johnson, Warhol's “Superstars” and others.

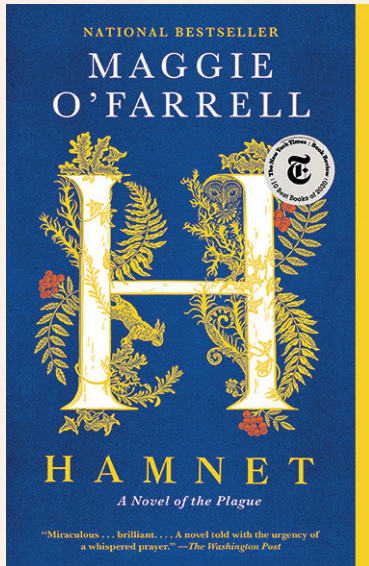
Issues of *Rags*, along with other 1960s–70s publications from the San Francisco History Center and Book Arts & Special Collections, are featured in the exhibition *This Must Be the Place: Photography in Print Media*, on view May 15–August 27 at the 6th floor exhibit space.

The Library at Carnival



Watch the Library's contingent at the Carnival 2026

parade on May 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in San Francisco's Mission District. This year's theme, “La Copa del Pueblo,” celebrates the true heartbeat of fútbol—joy found in dusty fields, neighborhood parks and lively city streets, where the game belongs to everyone and every goal is shared. Like Carnival, fútbol reflects connection, creativity and the unstoppable energy of community. The Library's presence honors the way stories, like the sport, flourish in shared spaces and unite people across cultures. Each Library book and event strengthens the community's sense of belonging and joy.



ON THE SAME PAGE

MAY–JUNE
Selection

Maggie O'Farrell's *Hamnet*

What does it mean to live with loss, and how does love endure after grief? In *Hamnet*, Maggie O'Farrell brings to life the family of William Shakespeare through the eyes of Agnes, a mother, healer and deeply intuitive woman. Set in 16th-century England, the novel follows a young family before and after the sudden death of their son, Hamnet. Tender, immersive and beautifully written, *Hamnet* is a moving story about parenthood, marriage and the ways love and memory carry on.



Maggie O'Farrell
Photo: © Murdo Macleod

– Related Events –

Book Club: Maggie O'Farrell's *Hamnet*
June 13, 11 a.m., Virtual Library
June 10, 6 p.m., Main Library, Mary Louise Stong Conference Room, 1st Floor

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

Photography at the Library

Spanning the Main Library, three exhibits celebrate photography as an artistic, documentary and technical pursuit. The displays highlight our unique collections and coincide with the exhibition *The Continuing Story of Life on Earth: 25 Years of Hamburger Eyes*, which features black-and-white photographs, books and ephemera from *Hamburger Eyes* magazine. The first to open is *We've Got Hamburger Eyes for SFPL's Photography Magazines*, showcasing a variety of magazines such as *Lenswork* and *Aperture*, drawn from materials available for browsing in the Bound Magazine Browsing Collection.



Photography by Karen Marshall.

Exhibition: *We've Got Hamburger Eyes for SFPL's Photography Magazines* – May 1–July 9, Main Library, Elevator Lobby, 5th Floor

Exhibition: *This Must Be the Place: Photography in Print Media* – May 15–Aug. 27, Main Library, Book Arts & Special Collections exhibition space, 6th Floor

Exhibition: *Sidewalk Stories: San Francisco, 1970s–1980s* – May 22–July 16, Main Library, San Francisco History Center exhibition space, 6th Floor



Photograph by Elaine Constantine as reproduced in *Dpict* magazine, November 2000, p. 41.

Later in the month, *This Must Be the Place: Photography in Print Media*

will highlight the explosion of print photography across publications including little magazines, underground newspapers and independently produced journals. Photography ranging from artistic to journalistic will be displayed, all sourced from our Book Arts and Special Collections and the San Francisco History Center. *Sidewalk Stories: San Francisco, 1970s–1980s* opens soon after, featuring archival photographs by photographers whose works are housed in our San Francisco History Center collection.



Photograph by Ingeborg Gerdes, San Francisco Camera, Collection of photographs from San Francisco State College No. 1, Jan. 1969.

Weaving Stories: AANHPI Month

Celebrate Weaving Stories: Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander heritage through diverse programs highlighting storytelling, traditional arts, dance, music, crafts and cultural experiences for youth, adults and families to honor community. Visit sfpl.org/aanhpi for all programs, recommended reads and more.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Author: Drawing Session and Read-Aloud with Bo Lu Listen to a read-aloud of Bo Lu's new picture book *Ren's Pencil*, followed by an art activity. For children and caregivers. May 3, 2 p.m., Mission Bay

Workshop: Polynesian-Inspired Stamp Art with Rachel Anne Palacios Learn about the Polynesian stamping process and the types of art and ceremonial pieces created with traditional designs. For children and their caregivers. May 9, 12 p.m., Western Addition

Social: May Matsuri Start your summer early and enjoy common Japanese festival activities and treats. For children and their families. May 14, 2:30 p.m., Sunset

Performance: South Asian Dance with Duniya Dance & Drum Company Enjoy a lively performance and learn a few traditional South Asian dance moves. May 17, 2 p.m., Portola

Workshop: Korean Chopsticks Crafting Use simple woodworking tools to craft a pair of traditional Korean chopsticks with CHOPSTICKSTORY, a Korean cultural organization. For ages 8–17. May 30, 2:30 p.m., Bernal Heights

ADULT PROGRAMS

Workshop: Chinese Calligraphy with JoJo Liu Local artist JoJo Liu demonstrates the art of traditional Chinese calligraphy. May 16, 2:30 p.m., Richmond

Workshop: Sashiko Embroidery Mixed media artist, author, and educator Lisa Solomon will demonstrate how to give your clothes a new life and extend their use using the Sashiko embroidery technique. May 27, 4 p.m., Parkside

Workshop: The Book, Reimagined in Folded Paper This workshop introduces the techniques for creating origami-style accordion-fold pop-up pages using boxes as lids. Space limited. May 30, 2 p.m., Presidio

Performance: Alice & the Wave Band Pop Music Concert Experience the lively pop music of Alice & the Wave Band. May 31, 2:30 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Performance: Northern California Hanfu Association Enjoy a classical Chinese dance performance, live traditional music and a stunning Hanfu showcase featuring historical styles from across the dynasties. May 16, 2 p.m., Sunset

ALL-AGES PROGRAMS

Workshop: Musings and Mahjong Play Explore and experience the Asian diaspora through mahjong with author Nicole Wong. May 9, 2 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room, Lower Level

Performance: Japanese Taiko Drumming with Kristy Aki Oshiro Immerse yourself in the vibrant world of Japanese taiko drumming, bamboo flute music and captivating folk tales. May 16, 3 p.m., Park; May 30, 2 p.m., Western Addition



Celebrate APIA Heritage Month with SFSU's Asian Pacific Islander American Biography Project

Beginning May 1, 2026, this 13th Annual Celebration offers online activities, educational resources, and profiles of notable APIAs. Visit the Children's Center and the Chinese Center for the 2026 Wall of Fame of APIA Inventors, with a scavenger hunt for children ages 12 and under. apiabiography.sfsu.edu

Community Baby Shower

Are you expecting or do you have a tiny new member of your family? You're invited to Merced Branch's Community Baby Shower. Expecting families and those with little ones 24 months or younger are welcome. Enjoy a storytime, a play area, crafts and light refreshments. Learn about available resources from community agencies. Families will receive a gift for attending the event, while supplies last.

Community Baby Shower – May 23, 11 a.m., Merced Branch

May 2026 Event Calendar

Adults

1 Friday

Voter Registration
Main, Atrium, 1–3 p.m.

Therapy Pets
Visitacion Valley, 4 p.m.

1, 15 Fridays

Knitting Anza, 3–5 p.m.

1, 15, 29 Fridays

Watercolor
Bernal Heights, 1–5 p.m.

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

2 Saturday

Tai Chi Golden Gate Valley, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Genny Lim & Guest Poets
Western Addition, 1:30 p.m.

Collaborative Movement
Parkside, 10:30 a.m.

Mindfulness Golden Gate Valley, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Knitting
Noe Valley, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

How to Grow Roses
West Portal, 1 p.m.

AIDS Quilt Repair & Panel Making Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 12–4 p.m.

Duniya Dance & Drum
Eureka Valley, 2 p.m.

Pâte à Choux Tasting
Ocean View, 2 p.m.*

Filipino American Immigration Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2 p.m.

NorCal Hanfu Assn
Bayview, 2 p.m.

Stamp Making
Visitacion Valley, 2 p.m.*

Open House Merced, 2–5 p.m.

Bay Beats at the Bandshell
GG Park, 2–6 p.m.

Month of Paper Cranes
Portola, 3 p.m.

Improv Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

LEGO Star Wars Glen Park, 3 p.m.*

2, 16, 30 Saturdays

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

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Saturdays

Wild Goose Qigong
Marina, 8:30 a.m.

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

3 Sunday

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

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

Karaoke Glen Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

Bojagi: Korean Gifting
Marina, 2 p.m.*

Watercolor Noe Valley, 2 p.m.*

The Ancestry Database
Eureka Valley, 3 p.m.*

Author: Sistah Vegan Main, African Amer Ctr - 3rd Fl, 3 p.m.

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

4 Monday

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

4, 11, 18 Mondays

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

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

ESL Convo Club Excelsior, 4 p.m.

4, 18 Mondays

Older Writers Laboratory
Bernal Heights, 10 a.m.

5 Tuesday

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

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

Opera in The Latin World
Potrero, 6 p.m.

5, 12, 19 Tuesdays

ESL Convo Club
Virtual, 3 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays

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

6 Wednesday

Book Swap
Golden Gate Valley, 1 p.m.

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

The Writing Life
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

Weave Your Story
Noe Valley, 4 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Wednesdays

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

6, 20 Wednesdays

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

Yoga Ingleside, 6 p.m.*

6, 20, 27 Wednesdays

Aging/Disability Resources Main, Atrium, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., 2–4 p.m.

7 Thursday

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

Weave Your Story
Bernal Heights, 4 p.m.*

7, 14, 21, 28 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.

Intro to ASL
Glen Park, 5:30 p.m.*

8 Friday

Air Quality
Visitacion Valley, 2 p.m.*

Karaoke Excelsior, 4 p.m.

8, 22 Fridays

Watercolor Glen Park, 1:30–5 p.m.

9 Saturday

Birding (Glen Canyon)
Glen Park, 10 a.m.*

Mango Languages Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 11 a.m.

Chair Yoga
Visitacion Valley, 11 a.m.*

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

Paper-cutting Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2:30 p.m.*

SF Symphony Portola, 2 p.m.

Chinese Calligraphy/Chess
Visitacion Valley, 2 p.m.

DIY Bath Salts
Richmond, 2 p.m.*

Musings & Mahjong
Main, Lower Level, 2–5 p.m.

Potrero Hill Artists' Reception
Potrero, 6 p.m.

10 Sunday

Postcarding De Natura Libris Main, Paley Rm - 3rd Fl, 1–2 p.m.

Animal Assisted Therapy Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 1–3 p.m.

Remembering Japanese American Incarceration Main, Koret, 2–3 p.m.

Crafting Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

11 Monday

Blood Drive
Bernal Heights, 1–5 p.m.*

Crystal City, Texas Internment Camp Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2 p.m.

社交：Photowalk: Botanical Garden in Chinese Main, 2–4 p.m.

12 Tuesday

歡唱華語金曲 / Chinese Pop Karaoke Chinatown, 1:30–3:30 p.m.*

DJ Basics
Main, Lower Level, 3–5 p.m.

Voter Registration
Main, Atrium, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

The Primaries w/ CalMatters
Main, Koret, 6–7 p.m.

How a Shark Thinks Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 6–7:30 p.m.

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

12, 26 Tuesdays

Knitting Glen Park, 1–2:30 p.m.

Cantonese Bilingual Convo Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

13 Wednesday

Find Chinese Ancestors
Virtual, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Genealogy Virtual, 1–3 p.m.

Bike Fix-it Clinic
Anza, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Crochet
Bernal Heights, 5–7:30 p.m.

13, 20, 27 Wednesdays

Chronic Disease Management Glen Park, 3–5 p.m.

14 Thursday

Senior Fitness Ortega, 1–2 p.m.

Line Dancing Potrero, 12–1 p.m.

教學：让AI帮你翻译 (粤语) / AI Helps Translate in Cantonese Richmond, 2–3 p.m.

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

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

Sapphic Romantasy Main, African Amer Ctr - 3rd Fl, 6:30 p.m.

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

Queer Ancestors Project Comix! Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 6 p.m.

14, 28 Thursdays

French Convo Excelsior, 5 p.m.*

15 Friday

Advanced DJ Techniques
Main, Lower Level, 3–5 p.m.

Walking Club
Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

16 Saturday

Plant Swap Ingleside, 10:30 a.m.

Mission Bay: Hidden Waters
Mission Bay, 10:30–12 p.m.*

Clothing Fix-it Clinic
Parkside, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Puzzle Swap West Portal, 11 a.m.

Design Gardens in SF
Golden Gate Valley, 1 p.m.

Chinese Calligraphy
Richmond, 2:30 p.m.

Carnaval Masks/Headpieces
Main, Paley Rm - 3rd Fl, 2 p.m.

Sneaker Culture Economy Main, African Amer Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2 p.m.

Bojagi: Korean Gifting
Merced, 2 p.m.*

Chinese Music Main, Koret, 2–4 p.m.

NorCal Hanfu Assn
Sunset, 2–4 p.m.

Japanese Taiko Drumming
Park, 3 p.m.

Dumpling Demo 餃子製作體驗工作坊 Chinatown, 3 p.m.

Victorian Architecture: Pac Heights Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

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

17 Sunday

Plant Swap Bernal Heights, 1 p.m.

Correspondence Co-op Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 1 p.m.

South Asian Dance
Portola, 2 p.m.

Mending Circle Excelsior, 2 p.m.

How to Write
Main, Paley Rm - 3rd Fl, 2 p.m.

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

Indoor Garden Success
Richmond, 2 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 Fridays

Cricut Custom Design, 4–5 p.m.

13 Wednesday

Author: Shannon Lee, Breath of the Dragon Main, The Mix, 3–7 p.m.*

20 Wednesday

Biblio Bistro, 4–6 p.m.

27 Wednesday

Snack Trials, 4–5 p.m.

MIX RECORDING STUDIO Recording Studio Orientation Tuesdays, 5–6 p.m. Thursdays, 4–5 p.m. Saturdays, 3–4 p.m.

Guitar Pedals, Soundscape Generators
7 Thursday, 5–6 p.m.

At the Branches and Main Library

2, 9, 23, 30 Saturdays

Gardening
Merced, 11–12 p.m.

5 Tuesday

Student Support
Virtual, 5:30–6 p.m.*

6 Wednesday

Sweet Rice Cake Tasting
North Beach, 3–4 p.m.

7 Thursday

Organizational Skills
Virtual, 6–7 p.m.*

7, 14 Thursdays

Student Support
Virtual, 7–7:30 p.m.*

7, 14, 21, 28 Thursdays

Art Studio Merced, 5–6 p.m.

12 Tuesday

Student Support
Virtual, 7–7:30 p.m.*

13 Wednesday

K-Pop Vinyl Decals
Excelsior, 3:30–5 p.m.

18 Monday

Alone Together Book Club
Noe Valley, 4–5 p.m.

20 Wednesday

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

Sesame Balls Tasting
North Beach, 3–4 p.m.

Asian Snack Trials
Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

24 Sunday

Watercolor
Ortega, 2–3:30 p.m.*

27 Wednesday

Crochet Club
Ingleside, 4–5 p.m.

Bookbinding Gallery Walk-Thru Main, Skylight Gallery - 6th Floor, 2–4 p.m.

19 Tuesday

Medicare Basics
Virtual, 1:30–3 p.m.

Red Envelope Lantern
Chinatown, 2 p.m.*

Sashiko Embroidery
Golden Gate Valley, 4 p.m.

Kimono Iris Folding
Sunset, 4 p.m.*

Smart City Cycling 1
Presidio, 5–6 p.m.

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

Hidden Meanings in Chinese Art Virtual, 6:30 p.m.

Zinething Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 6 p.m.

20 Wednesday

Puzzle/Game Swap
Bernal Heights, 5:30 p.m.

Chinese Calligraphy
Glen Park, 6 p.m.

Cat Collage
Western Addition, 6 p.m.

21 Thursday

Veterans Health Admin
Main, Atrium, 2–4 p.m.

Urban School Bebop Combo
Park, 4 p.m.

活動：棋樂無窮 Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

22 Friday

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

23 Saturday

Mahjong: Beginners
Sunset, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Mahjong Club
Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

SF Jewish Folk Chorus
Richmond, 2 p.m.

Filipinos in SF from 190

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

Book Clubs

2 Saturday

讀書會：化學課 Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 10 a.m.

3 Sunday

Jeff Hiller, *Actress of a Certain Age* Virtual, 11 a.m.

5, 19 Tuesdays

Check'em Out Glen Park, 1 p.m.

6 Wednesday

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

7 Thursday

Kenzaburō Ōe, *Nip the Buds, Shoot the Kids* Virtual, 6 p.m.

12 Tuesday

Cozy Capers & Mysteries Presidio, 3 p.m.

African American Legacy Virtual, 6 p.m.

Silent Book Club

North Beach, 6 p.m.

13 Wednesday

Chinatown Readers Chinatown, 5:15 p.m.

13, 27 Wednesdays

Silent Book Club Richmond, 3 p.m.

14 Thursday

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

15 Friday

Sylvia Plath, *The Bell Jar* Noe Valley, 3 p.m.

16 Saturday

Dennis McNally, *The Last Great Dream* Ortega, 11 a.m.

17 Sunday

Melissa Broder, *Milk Fed* Eureka Valley, Virtual, 3:30 p.m.

Keigo Higashino, *A Death in Tokyo* Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

19 Tuesday

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

20 Wednesday

Parini Shroff, *The Bandit Queens* West Portal, 6 p.m.

24 Sunday

Maggie O'Farrel, *Hamnet* Marina, 2 p.m.

Dara Horn, *Eternal Life* Eureka Valley, Virtual, 3:30 p.m.

26 Tuesday

Nancy MacDonell, *Empresses of Seventh Avenue* Bernal Heights, 2 p.m.

Gabrielle Korn, *Yours For The Taking* Excelsior, 6:30 p.m.

28 Thursday

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

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

30 Saturday

Longform Articles Virtual, 10 a.m.

Films

1 Friday

City on Fire Excelsior, 3:30 p.m.

2 Saturday

SF Dance Film Festival Main, Koret, 2 p.m.

The Empire Strikes Back Mission Bay, 3 p.m.

3 Sunday

Resonance (Screening/Talk) Main, Koret, 2 p.m.

6 Wednesday

Chan Is Missing Glen Park, 6 p.m.

8 Friday

Monsoon Wedding Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

10 Sunday

Defiant to the Last Main, Koret, 3:30 p.m.

11 Monday

Rabbit in the Moon Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 3:30 p.m.

The Woman in the Window Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

14 Thursday

What's Love Got to Do with It? Potrero, 5:15 p.m.

17 Sunday

Girlhood Golden Gate Valley, 1 p.m.

20 Wednesday

East Bay Park, 5 p.m.

26 Tuesday

The Grocery List Show + Snack Tasting Presidio, 3 p.m.

27 Wednesday

Libeled Lady Chinatown, 1 p.m.

This Gun for Hire

Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

30 Saturday

Drawing From Film: La Llorona (2019) Main, Lower Level, 11 a.m.

Jobs & Careers, Personal Finance and Small Business

3 Sunday

Resume/Cover Letter Virtual, 3 p.m.

4 Monday

PR & AI Power Small Biz Growth Main, Lower Level, 10 a.m.

5 Tuesday

Create Accessible Businesses Main, Lower Level, 12 p.m.

Stories of Business Growth Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays

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

6 Wednesday

Commercial Leasing Essentials Virtual, 12 p.m.

Small Business Stroll

West Portal, 5–8 p.m.

7 Thursday

Intro to Accounting/Bookkeeping Main, Lower Level, 1–3 p.m.

Creativity & Small Business Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 5:30 p.m.

7, 14, 21, 28 Thursdays

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

8 Friday

Opening Up Shop at SFO Virtual, 10–11:30 a.m.

Start a Business in SF

Main, Lower Level, 2 p.m.

12 Tuesday

Strong Business Models Virtual, 1 p.m.

14 Thursday

Will AI Eat My Job Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 6 p.m.

17 Sunday

Respiratory Therapy Jobs Virtual, 2 p.m.

26 Tuesday

Money, please! Art of the Ask Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

Tech Time

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Saturdays

Tech Help West Portal, 12–4 p.m.*

Tech Help/ 科技協助 Sunset, 2–4 p.m.

4 Monday

eBooks & Audiobooks Bernal Heights, 3–4 p.m.

5, 12, 19 Tuesdays

Tech Tuesdays Bayview, 1–3 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays

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

6, 20 Wednesdays

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

6, 20, 27 Wednesdays

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

7 Thursday

Digital Literacy Class Ingleside, 2–4 p.m.

8 Friday

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

8, 22 Fridays

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

9 Saturday

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

11 Monday

MS Excel: Beginners Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.*

Clear Digital Clutter Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 2–3 p.m.

11 Monday–15 Friday

Tech Support Main, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

12 Tuesday

Cybersecurity Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

講座：人工智能功能探索與體驗 (普通話) / Explore AI (Mandarin) Virtual, 2–3:30 p.m.

Zoom Basics Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 3–4:30 p.m.

13 Wednesday

Digital Communication Main, Virtual, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 10–11 a.m.

講座：網絡安全和智能詐騙 (粵) / Cybersecurity & AI Scams (Cantonese) Main, 10–11:30 a.m.

Accessible Social Media

Virtual, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Library Computer Accessibility Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 1–2 p.m.

粵語講座：微信基礎 WeChat (Cantonese) Visitacion Valley, 2:30–4 p.m.*

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

Vision, Hearing & Mobility Settings Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 3–4:30 p.m.

Introducción a la IA generativa/Intro to Generative AI (Spanish) Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 5–6:30 p.m.

Scan & Preserve Photos (English/Chinese) / 掃描並保存你的照片 Main, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.*

14 Thursday

Home Improvement w/ AI Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 10–11 a.m.

Online Payment Apps Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 1–2 p.m.

Smartphone Basics Ingleside, 2–3:30 p.m.

安卓手機基礎 (粵) / Android Phones (Cantonese) Virtual, 2–3:30 p.m.

Cybersecurity Basics Bernal Heights, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Digital Art Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 3–4 p.m.

15 Friday

Smartphones (60+) Sunset, 1–2:30 p.m.*

Gmail Hidden Features Virtual, 2–3 p.m.

16 Saturday

Devices: Storage & Safety Main, 10 a.m.–1:45 p.m.

Generative AI (Cantonese) Virtual, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

A.I. & A.I. Robotics Main, Lower Level, 1–2 p.m.

Drop-in Tech Help in English, Spanish, Tagalog, Cantonese & Mandarin Excelsior, 1–5 p.m.

21 Thursday

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

22 Friday

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

26 Tuesday

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

27 Wednesday

Digital Computer Certificate Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 4–6 p.m.

28 Thursday

eBook Drop-In Main, Atrium, 4–5:30 p.m.

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 features 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. Through 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 22. Skylight Gallery

Sidewalk Stories: San Francisco, 1970s–1980s

Highlighting the work of four photographers who captured everyday scenes of San Francisco during the 1970s and '80s, *Sidewalk Stories* offers photographs sourced from our San Francisco History Collection. May 22–July 16. San Francisco History Center

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. Through June 30. Saroyan Gallery

Other Exhibits, Main Library

atemptuhe Created by artist Belen Islas in close collaboration with Dr. Jonathan Cordero, Executive Director of the Association of the Ramaytush Ohlone, *atemptuhe* 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

De Natura Libris: The Physical and Abstract Life of Books A contemplative photographic meditation on books as living objects, the exhibition features 26 black-and-white photographs accompanied by written musings from writers from different cultures and generations. May 15–July 30. International Center, 3rd Floor

We've Got Hamburger Eyes for SFPL's Photography Magazines

The magazine *Hamburger Eyes* features gritty black-and-white photographs gathered in a unique periodical. Find common touchstones of photographic practice and presentation by inspecting a curated set of selections from magazine titles available to browse in the Bound Magazine Browsing Collection. May 1–July 9. Elevator Lobby, 5th 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 24. 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

The 65th Annual Potrero Hill Artists' Exhibition

This spring, the Annual Potrero Hill Artists' Exhibition celebrates a landmark anniversary. Artists who live, learn, work or worship on Potrero Hill and in the Dogpatch neighborhoods are letting the Potrero Branch Library "borrow" their artwork for everyone to enjoy all summer long. The opening reception will feature live music with Asheba, light refreshments and craft projects for all ages. May 9–Aug. 28. Potrero Branch

May 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 Saturday

Mini-Makers
Mission Bay, 10 a.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Saturdays

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

4, 18 Mondays

Family Dance Party
Glen Park, 10–11 a.m.

5 Tuesday

Big SF Play Date
Mission Bay, 2–4 p.m.

7 Thursday

Mini-Makers
Merced, 11 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

9 Saturday

Big SF Play Date
Ortega, 12–2 p.m.

16 Saturday

Big SF Play Date
Anza, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
North Beach, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Arabic Story Hr Main,
Children's - 2nd Fl, 2–3 p.m.

Turkish Story Hr
Potrero, 2–3:30 p.m.

19 Tuesday

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

26 Tuesday

Big SF Play Date
Presidio, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Elementary School Age

1, 15 Fridays

Scratch Coding Sunset, 4–5 p.m.

2 Saturday

Crafts, Rock Painting
Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23 Saturdays

Chess Club Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Saturdays

Giant Jenga
Chinatown, 11–12:30 p.m.

3 Sunday

LEGO Robotics
Merced, 2:30–4 p.m.

Drawing & Read Aloud, Ren's Pencil Mission Bay, 2–3 p.m.

LEGO/STEM Free Play
Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

Planting Seeds Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Sundays

Board Games Sunset, 1–4 p.m.

4, 11, 18 Mondays

Homework Help
Ortega, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

5 Tuesday

Paint Together
Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

Upcycled Crafts
Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

5, 12, 19 Tuesdays

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

6 Wednesday

Ozobots Excelsior, 2–3:30 p.m.

Jr Readers Marina, 6–7 p.m.

LEGO/Robotics
Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Wednesdays

Math Tutoring
Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

7 Thursday

LEGO Free Play
Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

LEGO/Scribble Bots
North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

7, 21 Thursdays

Pokémon Trading
Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

8 Friday

Upcycled Crafts
Anza, 3–4:30 p.m.

Therapy Dog
Eureka Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

9 Saturday

Puppy Dog Tales
Potrero, 11–12 p.m.

Brunch Club Main, Children's
Creative Center - 2nd Fl, 1–2 p.m.

Bibimbap Remix Pop-Up
Golden Gate Valley, 12–1 p.m.

Polynesian Stamp Art
Western Addition, 12–1 p.m.

9, 23 Saturdays

Origami Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

Math Tutoring
Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.

10 Sunday

LEGO Robotics Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

Fairy Doors

West Portal, 2–3 p.m.

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

11 Monday

Watercolor Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

12 Tuesday

LEGO Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

Origami Excelsior, 4–5:30 p.m.

13 Wednesday

KEVA Contraptions
Presidio, 2–3 p.m.

Mini-Periscopes
Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

Fuzzy Yarn Stuffies
Marina, 3–4:30 p.m.

Art Club Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

14 Thursday

May Matsuri
Sunset, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Windsock Craft
Ingleside, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

15 Friday

Jr Readers
Glen Park, 4:15–5 p.m.

Scratch Coding
Sunset, 4–5 p.m.

16 Saturday

Koinobori, Japanese Carp Streamers Noe Valley,
2:30–3:30 p.m.

Puppet Movie Studio
Presidio, 2–3 p.m.

16, 23 Saturdays

Math Readiness
Portola, 3–4 p.m.

19 Tuesday

DIY Bird Feeder
Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

20 Wednesday

LEGO/Magna-Tiles
Anza, 3:30–5 p.m.

Japanese Stab Binding Notebook Chinatown, 3:45–4:45 p.m.*

Bookworms Marina, 6–7 p.m.

21 Thursday

Straw & Ink Painting
Sunset, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

LEGO Build-O-Rama
North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

22 Friday

Comics & Drawing
Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

Film: Moana Glen Park, 2–4 p.m.

Arabic Percussion & Belly-dancing Ocean View, 3–4 p.m.

12 Tuesday

Dog Reading Circle
Bernal Heights, 4:30–5 p.m.

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

14 Thursday

Therapy Dog
Ortega, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

16 Saturday

Celebration: Open House
Eureka Valley, 10–2 p.m.

Bee Biology
Excelsior, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

A.I. Robots

Main, Latino/Hispanic Meeting
Room, 2:30–4 p.m.

27 Wednesday

Origami Marina, 3–4:30 p.m.*

29 Friday

Library Rangers: Decomposers Candlestick Point,
2:30–3:30 p.m.

LED Paper Circuits Greeting Card Chinatown, 3:45–4:45 p.m.*

30 Saturday

Bike Tire Clinic
Marina, 2–3:30 p.m.*

Totoro Paper Plate Purse
Portola, 3–4 p.m.

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

31 Sunday

Slingshot Rockets
Merced, 2–3 p.m.

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

Middle School Age

2 Saturday

Making Comics
Marina, 2:30–3:30 p.m.*

Origami
Bernal Heights, 2–5 p.m.

4, 11, 18 Mondays

Tutoring/Homework Help
Ingleside, 3:45–5:15 p.m.

5 Tuesday

Homework Hangout
Noe Valley, 3:30–5 p.m.

8 Friday

Journaling
Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

9 Saturday

Bibimbap Remix Pop-Up
West Portal, 3–4 p.m.*

14 Thursday

Customize a Mini Skateboard
Western Addition, 4–5 p.m.

16 Saturday

Microbits West Portal, 2–3 p.m.

18 Monday

Improv Glen Park, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

20 Wednesday

Gaming Bayview, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

23 Saturday

Korean Chopsticks
Parkside, 2:30–4 p.m.

30 Saturday

Korean Chopsticks
Bernal Heights, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

LEGO Free Play Portola, 2–3 p.m.

17 Sunday

Game Time
West Portal, 2–3:30 p.m.

23 Saturday

Community Baby Shower
Merced, 11–1 p.m.

Fiber Arts Crafts
Ingleside, 1–2 p.m.

Bike Tire Clinic
Visitacion Valley, 2:30–4 p.m.*

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

27 Wednesday

Family Dance Party
Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.

Gardening
Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

Children's Storytimes

Storytimes for Babies

Songs, rhymes and books for infants and their caregivers.

Anza – 2, 9, 23, 30, Saturdays, 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 – 4, 11, 18, Mondays, 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 – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Ortega – Every Thursday, 11:30–12 p.m.
Park – Every Saturday, 11–12 p.m.
Potrero – Every Tuesday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.*
Presidio – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Richmond – 4, 11, 18, Mondays, 11–11:30 a.m.*
Sunset – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Visitacion Valley – 4, 11, 18, Mondays, 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 – Every Thursday, 10–10:30 a.m.*
Eureka Valley – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Glen Park – Every Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.*
Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.*
13, 27, Wednesdays, 7–7:30 p.m.
Ingleside – 4, 11, 18, Mondays, 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 – 7, Thursday, 10:15 & 11 a.m.*
Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Mission Bay – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.*
Noe Valley – 4, 11, 18, Mondays, 11:15–11:45 a.m.*
26, Tuesday, 6:30–7 p.m.
North Beach – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Ocean View – Every Thursday, 10:30–12 p.m.
Every Tuesday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Ortega – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Park – 4, 11, 18, Mondays, 3:30–4 p.m.
Parkside – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Portola – 4, 11, 18, Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Potrero – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.*
Presidio – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Richmond – Every Tuesday, 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.
Every Tuesday, 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, 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 – 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 – Every Saturday, 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 Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m. (Eng./粵語課程 Cantonese)
16, Saturday, 2–3 p.m.
Marina – Every Saturday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Noe Valley – Every Thursday, 10:15 & 11 a.m.*
Ortega – 4, 11, 18, Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Parkside – Every Sunday, 1:30–2 p.m.
Portola – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Potrero – Every Thursday, 10 & 10:30 a.m.*
16, Saturday, 2–3:30 p.m.
Salesforce Park – Every Wednesday, 10–10:30 a.m.
SPARK Social – 13, Wednesday, 10–10:30 a.m.
Sunset – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Western Addition – 4, 11, 18, Mondays, 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.)

Family

1 Friday

Therapy Pet Glen Park, 4–5 p.m.

2 Saturday

Upside Down Yoga Kids
Ingleside, 11–12 p.m.*

2 Saturday

Celebration: Open House
Western Addition, 1–4 p.m.

2 Saturday

Herbert Hoover Middle Band
Ortega, 2–3 p.m.

2, 23, 30 Saturdays

Music Circle
Potrero, 10:15–11 a.m.

3 Sunday

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

3, 10, 17, 24 Sundays

Chess Club
Ingleside, 2:30–4 p.m.

7 Thursday

Book Club: For Boys, El Niño
West Portal, 6:45–7:45 p.m.

8 Friday

Shabbat Stories/Challah Kneading Park, 3–4 p.m.*

9 Saturday

Mother's Day Cards
North Beach, 10:30–2 p.m.

Mother's Day Crowns
Eureka Valley, 10–11 a.m.

Pediatric CPR
Marina, 3–4:30 p.m.*

10 Sunday

Therapy Dog
Ortega, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BAYVIEW/BROOKS BURTON	5075 Third St.	355-5757	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
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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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELSIOR	4400 Mission St.	355-2868	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GLEN PARK	2825 Diamond St.	355-2858	1–5	10–6	10–6	12–8	10–7	1–6	10–6
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	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MISSION BAY	960 Fourth St.	355-2838	1–5	10–6	10–6	11–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
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