

AT THE LIBRARY

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It's Time to Stride

Get ready, get set, STRIDE! San Francisco's biggest summer reading and learning challenge for all ages, Summer Stride, kicks off June 1 and runs through August 31. Complete Summer Stride to earn a book tote bag featuring art by local illustrator Nidhi Chanani to carry your books.

There are TWO ways to finish the Summer Stride challenge!

1. The classic way: Track 20 hours of Library activity by reading Library books; coming to Library programs; or streaming films, music or audiobooks through one of our platforms.
2. Complete 5 activities on our Adult Summer Challenge card, chock-full of Library-friendly activities.

Find out more about Summer Stride on pages 4-7.

June Open Houses



Kick off Summer Stride at the Portola Branch with a full day of fun for all ages. Create a feather bookmark with GoGo Crafts, meet fascinating creatures with Tree Frog Treks and enjoy live music from Bay Beats musician Josiah Flores. Sign up for Summer Stride, spin the prize wheel, play games and be dazzled by face painting and balloon twisting.

Join the Richmond Branch for an exciting day of fun and community. All are welcome to enjoy live music with Meredith Edgar and fun activities like button making, book giveaways and crafts for kids. Don't miss the Magic Bubbles on the 10th Avenue lawn!

Celebrate with us at the annual Chinatown Branch Open House. Enjoy performances by the San Francisco Guzheng Music Society, Flying Angels Chinese Dance Company and San Francisco Symphony, plus crafts and family activities with the Randall Museum and youth librarians.

Portola Branch – June 6, 2-5 p.m.

Richmond Branch – June 6, 2-5 p.m.

Chinatown Branch – June 13, 2-5 p.m.

PRIDE June Events



From *We Were Here*. Photo: Rick Gerharter

2026 share new creative work that honors rebellious histories and intimate memories. Presented by Still Here SF, Queer Ancestors Project and Foglifter Press.

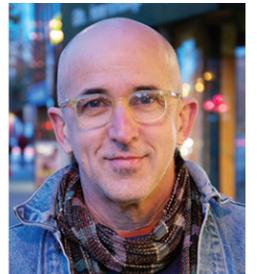
View a 15th anniversary screening of *We Were Here*, the landmark documentary reflecting on the AIDS epidemic through longtime San Franciscans. Co-presented by the filmmaker, the Renegade Humanities Collective and Frameline50.

Tu Palabra en Mi Cuerpo de Lencha / Your Word on My Dyke Body brings together P'urhépecha storyteller Maribel Martínez, Spanish author María Mínguez Arias and photographer Liliana Hueso for a bilingual conversation on visibility, power and the art of self-definition.

The James C. Hormel LGBTQIA Center presents four dynamic programs highlighting visual art, literary arts, film and photography.

Join the opening reception for *The Unbuilding Archive: Liberated Futures for the Site of Compton's Cafeteria Riot*, an exhibition from the TurkxTaylor Initiative that examines trans liberation and systems of domination.

Emerging QTGNC writers from Kaleidoscope



We Were Here producer and co-director, David Weissman. Photo: Peter Berlin



The Unbuilding Archive: Liberated Futures for the Site of Compton's Cafeteria Riot Opening Reception – June 4, 6 p.m.

We Were Here 15th Anniversary Screening – June 10, 5 p.m., Koret Auditorium. Limited walk-in entry at 4 p.m.

Emerging QTGNC Writers from Kaleidoscope 2026 – June 7, 3:30 p.m.



Tu Palabra en Mi Cuerpo de Lencha / Your Word on My Dyke Body – June 21, 3 p.m.



María Mínguez Arias, Maribel Martínez and Liliana Hueso: *Your Word on My Dyke Body*

Writers from Kaleidoscope 2026

Juneteenth at the Library

When word finally got to Galveston, Texas, that the Civil War had ended and enslaved people were free, people there celebrated on June 19, 1865. Now that it's a federal holiday, join your community at the Library in a long tradition of celebrating this day in San Francisco.

Panel: Living Free – Black authors discuss ancestors who fought for freedom throughout American history, both before and after Juneteenth. June 17, 6 p.m., Main Library, African American Center, 3rd Floor



Living Free panelists, left to right: Billie Hanson-Dupree, Regina Usethison and Karen Felecia Nance

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SAN FRANCISCO BLACK FILM FESTIVAL

Social: Juneteenth Healing Circle – Nourish your spirit and strengthen community ties in a gentle and uplifting gathering, including healing and jewelry making inspired by African patterns. June 20, 1:30 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

San Francisco Black Film Festival – Enjoy films portraying the breadth of the Black experience. June 21, 1 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Coming Up:

July 1
Speaker: We Hold These Truths to be Self-Evident
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

July 2
Hamburger Eyes Zine-Making
Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room

July 11
Library Day at the New Farm
The New Farm/Bay Natives Nursery, 10 Cargo Way

July 20
The Science Behind Cat Color: Personality Traits and Intelligence
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

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Events, Collections and Services

New Hoopla BingePasses Are Here!

Discover even more digital entertainment with hoopla's growing collection of BingePasses. With just one monthly borrow credit, you can unlock seven full days of unlimited streaming from curated content bundles—perfect for diving into a new series or revisiting a favorite classic.

Several exciting BingePasses have recently been added. Step into the world of celebrated British television with the BBC BingePass or explore iconic sci-fi adventures through *Doctor Who* seasons 1–13. Fans of gripping crime thrillers can binge *Luther* or *Silent Witness*. If you're in the mood for something mysterious and prehistoric, check out *Primeval*. For those who enjoy sharp, dry humor, the original UK version of *The Office* offers a must-watch comedic experience.

Hoopla BingePasses make it easier than ever for library users to explore high-quality streaming content. To get started, go to hoopladigital.com or get the hoopla Digital app, available for free from all popular app stores. Enjoy the binge!



Collections Corner: Frameline Film Festival



The Frameline Film Festival Collection holds more than 5,000 titles from Frameline's San Francisco International LGBTQ+ Film Festival, the longest-running and most widely recognized event of its kind. Donated to the Hormel LGBTQIA Center in 2007, the collection features narrative films, shorts and documentaries from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, China, Latin America and beyond. It continues to grow, with especially rich holdings from the 1990s and early 2000s, including rare gems, beloved festival favorites and films that never screened publicly.

You are warmly invited to explore the collection. Start by noting the title or titles you'd like to view, then connect with the San Francisco History Center at (415) 557-4567 or sfhistory@sfpl.org. Materials can be viewed on-site only. Because many items are in analog formats that need digitizing, please allow at least seven days for retrieval and extra time if digitization is required.

Find the collection at sfpl.org/frameline.



LGBTQ+ on Film

Explore the vibrant LGBTQ+ Cinema collection available on Kanopy with your library card. This thoughtfully curated selection highlights the diverse stories, identities and voices that make up the LGBTQ+ community, from powerful documentaries on queer history and activism to award-winning international films and heartfelt contemporary dramas. Streaming is free and easy: just log in with your library credentials and browse the LGBTQ+ Cinema category to discover new favorites or revisit influential classics. Whether you're looking to learn, reflect or simply enjoy great storytelling, Kanopy offers an accessible way to connect with meaningful films that center love, resilience and the fight for equality.

Find the collection at sfpl.kanopy.com.

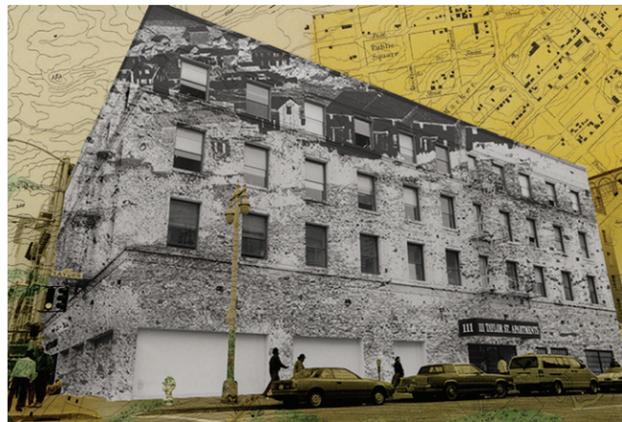


Image: Ach Kab, *The Unbuilding Archive*, 2026, digital collage. Source images: Jennifer Cheek (1993); A.D. Bache (1853); Rincon Hill Panorama (c. 1851/1910), OpenSFHistory.

60 Years Later: The Compton's Cafeteria Riot

The *Unbuilding Archive: Liberated Futures for the Site of Compton's Cafeteria Riot* marks the 60th anniversary of the 1966 Compton's Cafeteria riot, the first well-documented trans and queer uprising against police violence in the country, at the crossroads of Turk and Taylor Streets in the Tenderloin neighborhood. Today, the building is leased by the GEO Group, the largest private

prison corporation in the country and a main contractor with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to operate detention centers—an occupation of carceral power at a site of historic resistance.

Featuring archival maps, photographs and ephemera, the exhibition explores speculative alternatives for the space through artworks and writings by various artists and activists. This forward-thinking approach was catalyzed by the TurkxTaylor Initiative and the broader Compton's x Coalition as a means to liberate the site and imagine an alternative future that honors its legacy of resistance.

The Unbuilding Archive Exhibition – June 4–Oct. 22, Main Library, Hormel LGBTQIA Center, 3rd Floor

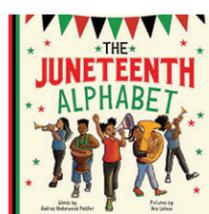
Opening Reception – June 4, 6 p.m., Main Library, Hormel LGBTQIA Center, 3rd Floor

Celebrate Juneteenth: Booklists

Books for Kids

on.sfpl.org/JuneteenthKids

The Juneteenth Alphabet by Andrea Underwood Petifer



An engaging introduction for young readers, highlighting key figures, traditions

and themes such as freedom and community, supporting early conversations about Juneteenth's meaning through accessible language and vibrant illustrations.

Books and Films for Adults

on.sfpl.org/JuneteenthAdults

Rooted: The American Legacy of Land Theft and the Modern Movement for Black Land Ownership by Brea Baker



Connects historical land theft to present-day justice movements, blending personal narrative with

research to explore Black land ownership, equity and freedom, offering context aligned with Juneteenth's enduring legacy.

Greenwood Ave Project



Highlights the rebuilding of Tulsa's Greenwood District, emphasizing resilience, economic justice

and community strength and reinforcing themes of freedom and self-determination central to Juneteenth's historical and contemporary significance.



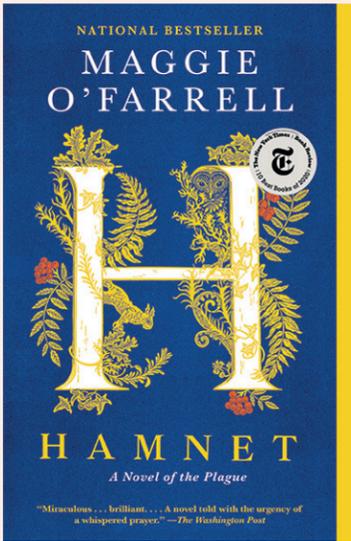
Follow the Bookmobile This Summer!

The SFPL bookmobiles are making weekly summer stops at four City locations. Browse, check out items and explore your City! Dive into creative, hands-on programs for all ages.

From June 8 to August 13, find the SummerMobile at the following sites:

- Mondays, 4–7 p.m., JFK Promenade*
- Tuesdays, 2–4 p.m., Sunset Dunes, at Judah
- Wednesdays, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., Presidio Tunnel Tops, Main Parade Lawn
- Thursdays, 2–4 p.m., Glen Canyon, at the trailhead behind the Rec Center

*JFK Promenade runs through Sept. 28.



ON THE SAME PAGE

MAY-JUNE
Selection

Maggie O'Farrell's *Hamnet*

OTSP Read-Alikes: If you liked *Hamnet*

For readers captivated by the lyricism, intimacy and emotional resonance of *Hamnet*, this list gathers novels that linger in the body and the senses. These works focus on women's interior lives, explore grief and love across time and often blur the boundary between history and myth. Expect atmospheric settings, precise language and stories where loss reshapes the world.

on.sfpl.org/HamnetReadAlikes



Maggie O'Farrell
Photo: © Murdo Macleod



Matrix by Lauren Groff

The Mercies
by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

The Witch's Heart
by Genevieve Gornichec

The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey

The Book of Will
by Lauren Gunderson

Circe by Madeline Miller

Piranesi by Susanna Clarke

The Bear and the Nightingale
by Katherine Arden

Blue Nights by Joan Didion

Grief Is the Thing with Feathers
by Max Porter

– Related Events –

Book Club: Maggie O'Farrell's *Hamnet*

June 10, 6 p.m., Main Library, Mary Louise Stong Conference Room, 1st Floor
June 13, 11 a.m., Virtual Library

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



Ray Potes, *Owl*, 16th and Mission, 2017

Street Photography with Harvey Milk Photo Center

hone your street photography skills in this one-day workshop connecting the Harvey Milk Photo Center (HMPC) with the Library exhibition *The Continuing Story of Life on Earth: 25 Years of Hamburger Eyes*. Begin at the Main Library with a brief tour of the exhibition, followed by a walk to the HMPC. The focus is on content rather than technique, and no experience is necessary to take this class. Students are required to bring their DSLR camera or use smartphones to take photos. The class will end at the HMPC. MUNI token for each student provided. Space limited.

Street Photography Tour and Walk with HMPC – June 20, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., Main Library, Jewett Gallery, Lower Level, and Harvey Milk Photo Center, 50 Scott St.

The Science of Dungeons and Dragons



A one-of-a-kind day of science and storytelling. In collaboration with the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation and SFPL's Youth Works D&D Program, this event features a panel with cancer researchers followed by two live Dungeons & Dragons games onstage in the Koret Auditorium. Scientists step into a beginner-friendly adventure, followed by SFPL teen interns showcasing creativity in a second live game. Perfect for fans of tabletop games, science exploration and unique live events, this program highlights the library as a space where learning and creativity come together.

Dungeons & Dragons – June 27, 10:15 a.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Drawn to Painting: The Secret Life of a Muni Illustrator

Drawn to Painting: *The Secret Life of a Muni Illustrator* features reproductions of colored pencil drawings and oil paintings by professional artist Keith Scott Ferris. With his wife, writer Lia Smith, Ferris published the book *Muni Is My Ride: Portraits of Muni in Words and Images*, from which the exhibition drawings are sourced. For Ferris, the drawings give back to the community and pay tribute to Muni operators who have provided him with transportation, a feeling of belonging and a means to interact with and learn about his fellow San Franciscans. Also on display are oil paintings inspired by Ferris's neighborhood, his city and his places of refuge.

Drawn to Painting Exhibition — June 18–July 3, Portola Branch



Keith S. Ferris, *Cityscape*, 2024, oil on canvas.

Summer Stride 2026



Welcome to Summer Stride!

READ



What is it? Summer Stride is San Francisco's annual summer learning, reading and exploration challenge.

How do I participate in the challenge and get that fun tote? Complete 20 hours of Library time on our activity tracker or 5 activities on our Adult Summer Challenge card. Just ask your friendly SFPL staff for a copy.

Who can participate? Anyone and everyone! Summer Stride is not just for kids. You're always just the right age for Summer Stride.

How do I participate? Come to the Library this summer for an impressive array of fun, educational, interactive and entertaining events; check out books—print or digital!—to read in your favorite sunny spot; and stream popular music and movies from the Library's free platforms. All of this counts as part of the Summer Stride challenge. To learn more, visit sfpl.org/summerstride.

Youth Events

Arts and Crafts



Mosaics and More with Ali Blum

Design and create your own mosaic using colorful tiles and nature-inspired

shapes in this hands-on workshop led by Ali Blum. For ages 12–15. Space limited. Reservations required.

June 18, 3 p.m., Ingleside Branch;

July 8, 2 p.m., Excelsior Branch;

Aug. 11, 5 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch;

Pet Rocks and Driftwood Friends with Ali Blum – Aug. 10, 4:30 p.m., Bookmobile, Golden Gate Park (JFK Promenade)

LEGO Letterpress Printing with Arion Press

Make your own keepsake with a tabletop letterpress and your own design with LEGO on Provisional Press. Learn about the history of press and letterpress printing. Space limited. Reservations required.

July 14, 2 p.m., Bayview Branch;

July 22, 2 p.m., West Portal Branch;

Aug. 5, 5 p.m., Glen Park Branch

Rafael Rope and Bracelets with the Ohlone Sisters

Create handcrafted ropes and bracelets inspired by Ohlone traditions and teachings with the Ohlone Sisters. For children ages 5 and older. Space limited. Reservations required.

Aug. 8, 1 p.m., Noe Valley Branch;

Aug. 8, 4 p.m., Park Branch;

Aug. 9, 1:30 p.m., Merced Branch

Henna with Renda Dabit

Learn about the beauty, history and cultural importance of henna. Participants get their own henna design by artist Renda Dabit. Space limited. Reservations required.

June 14, 2 p.m., Mission Bay Branch;

June 27, 2 p.m., Sunset Branch;

July 18, 11 a.m., Eureka Valley Branch

Entertainment

Magic with Perry Yan

Watch an award-winning magic show with incredible feats of sleight of hand, comedy and storytelling. For children and their caregivers.



July 15, 2 p.m., Ortega Branch;

July 16, 2 p.m., Western Addition Branch;

July 21, 5 p.m., Noe Valley Branch;

July 22, 5 p.m., Potrero Branch;

July 28, 4 p.m., Main Library, Children's Center, 2nd Floor

Giant Bubble Play with Magic Bubbles and Balloons

Visit outdoor bubble-making stations and learn how to create gigantic bubbles with bubble master Stephen Treder of Magic Bubbles and Balloons. For children and their caregivers.

June 24, 1 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch;

June 24, 4:30 p.m., Merced Branch;

July 22, 2:30 p.m., Marina Branch;

July 22, 5:30 p.m. Anza Branch;

Aug. 12, 2 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch;

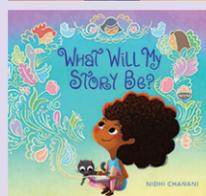
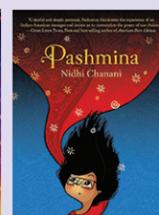
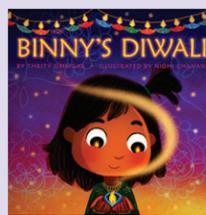
Aug. 12, 5:30 p.m., Mission Bay Branch



Nidhi Chanani

About the Artist

Nidhi Chanani is an award-winning author and illustrator. Her graphic novels include *Pashmina*, *Jukebox*, the *Shark Princess* series and the *Super Boba Café* series. She also creates picture books. Some of her titles are *I Will Be Fierce*, *Strong*, *Binny's Diwali*, *What Will My Story Be?* and *Quiet Karima*. When she's not drawing, Chanani loves to travel and has visited 20 countries. She lives in the San Francisco Bay Area.



Stride into Summer with Nidhi Chanani



Summer Stride 2026 artist and author Nidhi Chanani wants to celebrate summer with you and her friends. Meet her in-person at these events!

Fun Times at the Fun Zone: Library Day

Enjoy a story hour with Chanani and authors Booki Vivat, Marcus Ewert and Angela Dalton as well as Drag Laureate Per Sia.

Learn Bhangra, create zines and enjoy free books and activities for all ages, including a free carousel ride!

June 20, 11 a.m., Yerba Buena Gardens, Fun Zone, 701 Howard St.



Talk, Read and Sing Together: Bookmobile Storytime

An SFPL librarian and Chanani host a storytime together at John McLaren Redwood Grove Playground, reading from one of Chanani's picture story books. All attendees receive a free book.

June 23, 10:30 a.m., McLaren Redwood Grove Playground, 200 John F. Shelley Dr.

Storytelling and Creating: SFMOMA Family Days

Practice your art skills alongside Chanani at her art workshop at SFMOMA. Chanani and SFPL librarians also offer a storytime with songs and read-alouds of children's books.

July 19 and Aug. 16, 10 a.m., SFMOMA, Koret Education Center, 151 Third St.

Key Summer Stride Events



Fun in the Sun (and the Fog)

Meet friends and neighbors at your local library for live music, crafts, book giveaways and more to celebrate the start of Summer Stride.

Summer Stride 2026 Kick-Off Celebrations

June 6, 10 a.m., Bernal Heights Branch;

June 6, 1 p.m., Richmond Branch;

June 6, 2 p.m., Portola Branch



Library Days

Parks and libraries are a perfect partnership. Join the Library as we offer summer breaks at local outdoor venues.

The New Farm: Bay Beats and Climate Action

Hear live music from Bay Beats artists, enjoy book giveaways, get inspired to take action against climate change with the Library's Everybody's Climate event series and create community with Creative Mutual Aid.

July 11, 11 a.m., The New Farm, 10 Cargo Wy.

Enter the Summer Stride Raffle

Each visit to our libraries makes you eligible for the Summer Stride raffle, with one ticket per person each day. With amazing prizes from local museums, small businesses, sports teams and concert series, you won't want to miss out! Prize drawings happen on the fourth Saturday of June, July and August. Good luck!



Outdoor Adventures at Your Local Parks

Families can enjoy outdoor adventures all summer with the San Francisco Nature Adventure Map. Collect stickers at select locations to earn a ride on the LeRoy King Carousel. Pick up a map at libraries and community sites. Through September 7.

At Presidio National Park, young readers can explore StoryWalks; all ages can also pick up a free Presidio Adventure Passport and a map of Secret Reading Spots at the Presidio Field Station. Through October 1.

Join the SummerMobile for programs and services for children, caregivers and youth groups, from June 8 through August 13. Find the Bookmobile at JFK Promenade in Golden Gate Park, June 8 through September 28. Plenty of nature adventures await you this summer!

A Bit About Bats with NorCal Bats

Meet live bats and learn about the bats of San Francisco, the City's amazing, winged wonders.
June 25, 2:30 p.m., Main Library, Children's Center, 2nd Floor;
June 26, 2 p.m., Bayview Branch;
July 13, 3 p.m., Mission Bay Branch;
Aug. 12, 12 p.m., Sunset Branch;
Aug. 12, 3 p.m., Portola Branch

Birds in Nature with Pavitra Eshwar

Learn about local birds' role in nature and make a bird feeder. For children ages 5 and older. Space limited. Reservations required.
June 6, 11 a.m., West Portal Branch;
June 10, 2 p.m., Marina Branch

Insect Discovery Lab with SaveNature.org

Meet the extraordinarily diverse world of insects and other arthropods and learn about their key role in the web of life.
June 20, 11:30 a.m., North Beach Branch;
June 20, 2 p.m., Glen Park Branch;
Aug. 15, 11:30 a.m., Presidio Branch;
Aug. 15, 2 p.m., Ocean View Branch

Petting Zoo with Tree Frog Treks

Meet reptiles and amphibians face-to-face and learn about the natural world around us. Space limited.
June 6, 2 p.m., Portola Branch;
June 16, 3 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch;
June 18, 10:30 a.m., Bookmobile, Glen Canyon Park, Elk St. and Chenery St.;
June 24, 4 p.m., Excelsior Branch;
June 27, 12 p.m., Ortega Branch;
July 7, 2 p.m., Merced Branch;
July 15, 1 p.m., Sunset Branch;
July 18, 11 a.m., North Beach Branch;
July 14, 3 p.m., Parkside Branch;
Aug. 5, 11 a.m., Bookmobile, Presidio Main Post, Montgomery St. and Presidio Terrace;
Aug. 6, 2 p.m., Main Library, Children's Center, 2nd Floor;
Aug. 8, 11 a.m., West Portal Branch

Fur, Scales and Tails Show with Tracy Hill

Learn about wildlife, see some critters up close and pet some of your favorite animal stars. For children and their caregivers.
June 23, 4 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch;
June 24, 1 p.m., Presidio Branch;
July 7, 4 p.m., Park Branch;
July 29, 10 a.m., Bookmobile, Presidio Main Post, Montgomery St. and Presidio Terrace;
Aug. 5, 2 p.m., Marina Branch

Join the Circus with Prescott Circus Theatre

Step into the ring with Prescott Circus Theatre, the Bay Area's longest-running youth social circus program. Participants have the opportunity to learn techniques and express their own creativity.
July 23, 3 p.m., Ocean View Branch;
July 30, 2 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

Food & Wellness

Bibimbap Remix Pop-Up with June Jo Lee

Prepare and enjoy bibimbap with June Jo Lee, food ethnographer and award-winning children's book author. For ages 6 and older. Youth under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Space limited. Reservations required.
Aug. 7, 1 p.m. Bayview Branch;
Aug. 7, 4 p.m. Western Addition Branch

Kimchi and Krautchi with June Jo Lee

Make kimchi and krautchi inspired by *Sandor Katz and the Tiny Wild* with June Jo Lee. For ages 6 and older. Youth under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.
July 7, 4 p.m., Presidio Branch;
July 11, 4 p.m., Glen Park Branch;
July 12, 2 p.m., Portola Branch

Rainbow Breakfast Bowls with The Breakfast Project

Make a nutritious rainbow chia porridge breakfast bowl. For children and their caregivers. Space limited. Reservations required.
June 3, 3 p.m., Park Branch;
July 14, 11 a.m., Richmond Branch;
July 14, 3 p.m., Anza Branch;
Aug. 8, 11 a.m., North Beach Branch;
Aug. 8, 3 p.m., Ortega Branch

Literacy



Beginning Watercolor Painting and Read-Aloud with Ken Pak

Meet Ken Pak, Summer Stride 2025 artist and illustrator, as he leads a playful watercolor painting session for beginners. Basic art kits provided. For children and their caregivers. Space limited.

July 28, 2 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch



Paper Dolls with Minnie Phan

Make a paper doll wearing traditional Vietnamese clothing—an áo dài—with 2022 Summer Stride artist Minnie Phan. Receive a free art kit, including a mini notebook and watercolor set. For

ages 7–9. Space limited. Reservations required.
June 26, 4 p.m., Parkside Branch



See Like an Artist: Observational Sketching with Sensy Santamaria

Practice observational sketching with 2024 Summer Stride artist and author Sensy Santamaria in the Library's courtyard. Capture a moment with a free art kit on your own. Space limited. Reservations required.

Aug. 8, 2 p.m., Ingleside Branch

Performances

El Brujo y la Sirena: The Wizard and the Mermaid with Cascada de Flores

Watch *El Brujo y la Sirena: The Wizard and the Mermaid*, a creative story about the sea, including songs in Spanish, English, Mayan K'iche' and Portuguese, performed by Cascada de Flores.
July 23, 3 p.m., Potrero Branch;
Aug. 1, 11 a.m., Excelsior Branch

Bay Beats for Children

Move your feet and find your rhythm to beloved Bay Area children's musician and Bay Beats artist Megan Schoenbohm and the Music Is First! Band.
Megan Schoenbohm –
June 6, 11 a.m., Ocean View Branch;
June 27, 2 p.m., Anza Branch;
July 25, 2 p.m., Ingleside Branch;
Aug. 8, 11 a.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch

Music Is First! Band –
Aug. 6, 12:15 p.m., Richmond Branch;
Aug. 6, 3 p.m., Parkside Branch



Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) & the Outdoors

Building (Edible) Bridges with Engineers without Borders

Explore how engineers build bridges that connect communities to essential resources. Practice building a bridge with edible materials.

June 13, 11 a.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch

Succulent Planters with Fog City Gardener

Learn about plant care and biology while planting cuttings of succulents to take home. For ages 5–17. Space limited. Reservations required.
June 11, 3 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch

Seed Balls with Fog City Gardener

Learn about sustaining our bee pollinators while making seed balls. For children and their caregivers. Space limited. Seats available first come, first served.
July 16, 10 a.m., Bookmobile, Glen Canyon Park, Elk St. and Chenery St.

Reptile Science with Lizard Lady Reptiles

Learn about endangered species while getting up close and interacting with some of the coolest snakes and lizards on the planet.
June 22, 2 p.m., Noe Valley Branch;
July 21, 3 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch;
Aug. 5, 2 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

Tinkering Truck with Mission Science Workshop

Have fun exploring hands-on tinkering inside the library, and then visit Mission Science Workshop's Tinkering Truck, with traveling exhibits, live animals and more. For children ages 6 and older. Space limited. Reservations required.
June 16, June 23, 3 p.m., Western Addition;
June 17, June 24, 3 p.m., Potrero Branch;
June 18, June 25, 1 p.m., Excelsior Branch



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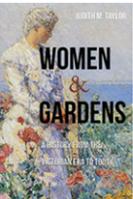
Adult Events

Local Author Summer Series



Chris Carlsson, *Hidden San Francisco*
Discover a side of San Francisco you won't find in typical guidebooks.
June 14, 2 p.m., Excelsior Branch

July 12, 2 p.m., Presidio Branch



Judith Taylor, *Women and Gardens*

Join garden historian Judith M. Taylor for an illuminating talk on the often overlooked role of women in shaping gardens and landscapes over the past two centuries.

June 17, 6 p.m., Mission Bay Branch
Aug. 2, 3 p.m., Parkside Branch

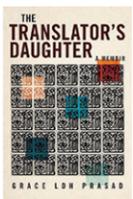


Nicole Wong, *The Mahjong Project*
Explore and experience the Asian diaspora through mahjong.
June 20, 3 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch



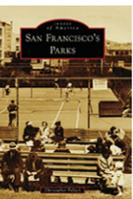
Andrew Lam, *Stories for the Edge of the Sea*
Award-winning local journalist and author Andrew Lam presents his recently published collection of short fiction

Stories from the Edge of the Sea.
June 23, 5 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch



Grace Loh Prasad, *The Translator's Daughter*
Reflect on how culture, language and heritage are passed between generations and what happens when those connections are disrupted.

July 15, 6 p.m., Sunset Branch



Christopher Pollock, *San Francisco Parks*
Explore the history of San Francisco's parks through photographs and storytelling.

July 18, 2 p.m., Glen Park Branch



Nina Schuyler: *How a Non-Techie Learned to Write a Novel about Artificial Intelligence*
Explore how artificial intelligence can shape storytelling and human connection through the lens of fiction writing.

July 21, 6 p.m., Merced Branch



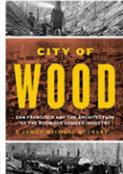
Varla Ventura, *Enchanted Plants*
Explore the folklore, mythology and cultural meanings behind plants both familiar and strange with Varla Ventura.

July 22, 6 p.m., Anza Branch

New Life in the Public Domain

Discover how public domain materials can inspire new creative work and recover overlooked voices from the past.

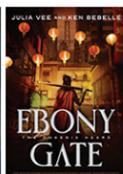
July 25, 3 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch



James Michael Buckley, *City of Wood*

Examine how San Francisco became the first major metropolis of the American West through the exploitation of natural resources.

July 30, 4 p.m., Richmond Branch
Aug. 1, 3 p.m., Ocean View Branch



Julia Vee, *Phoenix Hoard Series*

Discover a fast-paced fantasy adventure filled with dragons, magic and hidden worlds.

Aug. 9, 3 p.m., Marina Branch

Tin Wah Noodle Co.: Dumpling Demonstration and Book Talk

Learn the traditional techniques to wrap dumplings in this interactive culinary experience with the Kong family as they share family stories and tips.

Aug. 15, 2 p.m., Ingleside Branch

Creative Arts

UV Resin for Beginners with Bea Byrne

Create a unique piece of jewelry, keychain or bookmark while learning the basics of UV resin.



June 6, 3 p.m., Ingleside Branch
June 18, 5 p.m., West Portal Branch
June 28, 2 p.m., Portola Branch
Aug. 15, 3 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch

Block Printing with Bea Byrne

Design and carve your own block to create unique prints and functional art.

June 11, 5 p.m., Bookmobile, JFK Promenade
July 25, 3 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch
Aug. 9, 2 p.m., Potrero Branch

Repetition as Meditation: Creative Play with Craft Joy

Use watercolor paints to get into a mindful flow in this relaxing art workshop. With the art of Alma Thomas as inspiration, we will create patterns of dots, lines and simple shapes.

June 13, 2 p.m., Noe Valley Branch

Manifesting Art Journals with Ase Arts

Explore the art of self-reflection and collage in a specially crafted notebook to bring your aspirations to life.

July 12, 2:30 p.m., Parkside Branch
Aug. 20, 4 p.m., Richmond Branch

Exploring Gelli Prints with Ase Arts

Using acrylic paints, Gelli plates and traditional printmaking tools, experiment with layering, lifting and texture-building techniques to produce stunning abstract prints.

July 16, 3 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch
Aug. 6, 1 p.m., Mission Bay Branch

Inspired by SFMOMA: Creative Play with Craft Joy

This hands-on art workshop is all about exploring your creativity through color, line and form.

July 17, 4 p.m., Ocean View Branch



Tatreez 101

Learn about the history of Palestinian Tatreez, pre- and post-1948 and participate in a hands-on tatreez stitching tutorial with Amanne Sharif.

July 20, 5 p.m., Bookmobile, JFK Promenade
July 28, 3 p.m., Marina Branch
Aug. 16, 2 p.m., Excelsior Branch

Color as Creation: Intro to Natural Dyeing

Learn about local plants in the SF Bay Area that yield beautiful colors, and ways that you can access the natural world around you in an urban environment.

Aug. 1, 1 p.m., Bayview Branch
Aug. 8, 1 p.m., North Beach Branch
Aug. 29, 1 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch

Postcard Collage: Creative Play with Craft Joy

Explore the art of collage using vintage images for inspiration to transform the mundane into something unique.

Aug. 9, 3 p.m., Presidio Branch

Artful Stitches with Asé Arts

Learn to draw with thread, creating an original work of art.

Aug. 11, 3 p.m., Park Branch

Nature as Muse: Creative Play with Craft Joy

Explore creativity through torn paper art inspired by nature and abstract forms.

Aug. 12, 2 p.m., Western Addition Branch

Sashiko Embroidery

Artist-teacher Lisa Solomon leads a sashiko mending workshop.

Aug. 18, 6 p.m., Merced Branch

Paper Clay Beads

Learn how to make paper clay beads with Lisa Solomon.

Aug. 18, 3:30 p.m., Sunset Branch

Performances

Dabke Dance with Al-Juthoor

Learn about the history of dabke, a dance form practiced throughout the SWANA region and Arab Diaspora.

June 13, 2 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch

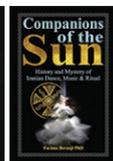
Tom Conneely & Birds of Paradise

June 26, 2 p.m., North Beach Branch
Aug. 22, 2 p.m., Ortega Branch

Jazz for People Who Hate Jazz

The Doppler Trio performs melody-driven, passionate original compositions that won't lose the listener in abstract improvisation or blisteringly fast tempos.

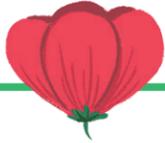
July 9, 5 p.m., Bayview Branch
July 18, 2 p.m., Mission Bay Branch



Farima Berenji, *Companions of the Sun*

Experience the rich traditions of Persian dance through a live performance and book talk.

July 11, 2 p.m., Glen Park Branch
July 13, 2 p.m., Anza Branch
July 18, 2 p.m., Noe Valley Branch
July 25, 2 p.m., Merced Branch
Aug. 1, 1 p.m., Potrero Branch
Aug. 16, 2 p.m., Portola Branch



All-Ages Events

Dos Bandoleros

Straight from the heart of Madrid, this fiery duo blends raw passion and rumba flamenca with Latin rhythms.

July 15, 5 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch
July 29, 5 p.m., Park Branch

Wellness

Edible and Poisonous Mushrooms of California

Carrie Staller from Fork in the Path leads interactive hour of hands-on fun exploring the fascinating world of mushrooms.

June 1, 3:30 p.m., Marina Branch
June 4, 5:30 p.m., Bayview Branch
June 9, 3:30 p.m., Ocean View Branch
July 7, 4:30 p.m., Excelsior Branch
Aug. 1, 2:30 p.m., Noe Valley Branch

Chair Yoga 4 Everyone

Practice gentle, accessible yoga designed to support flexibility, balance and relaxation.

June 3, 5:30 p.m., Glen Park Branch
June 17, 3 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch
July 11, 3 p.m., Potrero Branch
July 21, 6:30 p.m., West Portal Branch
Aug. 1, 2 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

Write Your World with Nandita Dinesh

Transform personal experiences into compelling memoir through guided writing and reflection.

June 4, 4 p.m., Ortega Branch
June 10, 4 p.m., Anza Branch

Soundbath with Astralogik

A Queer Filipina musical duo, AstraLogik blends chill-folk-R&B-soul and explores sound as a healing tool through immersive, in-person hybrid soundbaths rooted in decolonization and mental health.

June 6, 3 p.m., Presidio Branch
June 10, 3 p.m., Park Branch
June 10, 6 p.m., Richmond Branch
July 14, 4 p.m., Portola Branch
July 14, 6:30 p.m., North Beach Branch
Aug. 24, 4:30 p.m., Bookmobile, JFK Promenade

Tea Tasting with Tap Twice Tea

Embark on a journey through the history of tea, the many different varieties, how they are made and how to brew the perfect cup or pot of tea for yourself.

June 13, 2 p.m., Sunset Branch
June 24, 2 p.m., Western Addition Branch
July 14, 3 p.m., Ingleside Branch
Aug. 3, 2 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch

Introduction to the World of Mime

Explore the expressive power of movement in an introductory mime workshop that goes beyond words.

June 14, 3 p.m., Parkside Branch
July 11, 2 p.m., Ortega Branch
July 25, 2 p.m., Western Addition Branch
Aug. 6, 5 p.m., West Portal Branch



Arts & Creativity

Inventurous: Transform Plastic into Pleather

Learn how to transform everyday film plastics, such as newspaper delivery bags and soft packaging, into durable, leather-like sheets using heat and pressure.

June 6, 2 p.m., West Portal Branch
July 16, 2 p.m., Portola Branch
Aug. 25, 2 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

Polymer Clay Pendants with Double Union

Learn simple techniques to blend, mix, shape and cut jewelry pieces.

July 25, 3:30 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch

Fake Cake Photo Frames with GoGo Craft

Decorate a photo frame that looks good enough to eat with fake cake supplies, sprinkles and colorful slime charms.

June 13, 2 p.m., Potrero Branch
June 14, 2 p.m., Noe Valley Branch
June 24, 1 p.m., Park Branch

Painting Big Feelings

Learn basic acrylic painting techniques to release emotions through a painting.

June 13, 2 p.m., Presidio Branch
June 27, 2 p.m., Glen Park Branch
July 23, 1:30 p.m., Ingleside Branch
July 25, 1 p.m., Bayview Branch
July 25, 3:30 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch
Aug. 8, 11 a.m., Western Addition Branch

Performances & Entertainment



La Familia Peña-Govea

Miguel Govea and Susan Peña play and sing traditional songs in English and Spanish.

June 7, 2 p.m., Mission Bay Branch
June 11, 11 a.m., Merced Branch
July 11, 2 p.m., Eureka Valley
Aug. 13, 10 a.m., Bookmobile, Glen Park Canyon
Aug. 23, 2 p.m., Richmond Branch
Aug. 29, 3 p.m., Sunset Branch

DíaPaSón presents La reSONancia del Barrio

Experience the vibrant sounds of son jarocho and traditional Mexican music.

June 11, 5:30 p.m., Marina Branch
Aug. 1, 3 p.m., Park Branch



Japanese Taiko Drumming with Kristy "Aki" Oshiro

Immerse yourself in the vibrant world of Japanese taiko drumming, bamboo flute music and captivating folk tales in this incredible one-person program.

June 12, 1:30 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch
July 18, 1 p.m., Ortega Branch
Aug. 22, 2:30 p.m., Eureka Valley



Stories, Music and Songs with Kirk Waller

Combining music, movement and the spoken word, Kirk Waller weaves together a magical storytelling experience in "Stories to

Take You Far and Away."

June 23, 2 p.m., Bayview Branch
July 11, 11:30 a.m., Western Addition Branch
July 18, 11:15 a.m., Excelsior Branch
July 22, 4 p.m., Mission Bay Branch
Aug. 1, 11 a.m., Glen Park Branch

Culture & Community

Clowning, Juggling and More! Sample the Circus

Learn basic juggling skills and explore the world of character development and becoming a clown.

June 13, 10 a.m., North Beach Branch
June 13, 2 p.m., Merced Branch
July 11, 3 p.m., Ingleside Branch
Aug. 19, 5 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch

Introduction to Clowning

Learn the basics of clowning, character work and delighting an audience.

July 1, 4 p.m., Anza Branch

Weave Yourself into Your Story with Cristina Edwards

Learn about weaving throughout the world and make a bookmark, wall hanging or patch.

July 7, 3 p.m., Marina Branch
July 8, 3 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch

Letters of Hope and Art for Connection

Create small, creative care packages, each containing a handwritten letter alongside an original piece of artwork.

July 8, 4 p.m., Parkside Branch
July 25, 3 p.m., Richmond Branch
Aug. 11, 4 p.m., West Portal Branch
Aug. 22, 2 p.m., Noe Valley Branch

As You Are: A South Asian Dance Theater Work

Learn story development through dance, movement and theater.

Aug. 23, 2 p.m., Potrero Branch
Aug. 30, 2:30 p.m., Parkside Branch

Science, Nature & Innovation

Creating Music with AI

Collaborate with each other using AI tools to transform your ideas into music.

June 13, 11 a.m., Ocean View Branch
Aug. 23, 2 p.m., Portola Branch

San Francisco Beekeepers Association

Learn about beekeeping in an urban location, along with bee biology, how the bees communicate and their importance for pollination.

July 11, 11:15 a.m., Ocean View Branch
Aug. 1, 11:30 a.m., North Beach Branch
Aug. 12, 11:15 a.m., Excelsior Branch



Birding with Golden Gate Bird Alliance

Improve your birding skills or get started in birdwatching with some friendly, expert help from Golden Gate Bird Alliance.

July 21, 2 p.m., Bookmobile, Sunset Dunes
Aug. 1, 10 a.m., Presidio Branch
Aug. 5, 10 a.m., Sunset Branch

June 2026 Event Calendar

Youth Engaged in Library Leadership



Our Youth Engaged in Library Leadership (YELL) interns are working hard all summer to prepare a surprise community event. Check back in July for details and be sure to come and support our teens.

Adults

1 Monday

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

Fraud Fighters for Older Adults Mission Bay, 2–3 p.m.

1, 15, 29 Mondays

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

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Mondays

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

Tai Chi with Patrick Lau Presidio

- Beginners, 1:30 p.m.
-Advanced, 2:15 p.m.

2 Tuesday

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

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays

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

ESL Convo Club Virtual, 3 p.m.

3 Wednesday

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

Employment for People with Disabilities Main, Atrium, 1–3:30 p.m.

Chair Yoga 4 Everyone Glen Park, 5:30 p.m.

Part 2: Healing for Daughters of Color Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

3, 10, 17 Wednesdays

Tai Chi for Beginners Western Addition, 1 p.m.

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

Mandarin for Beginners Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 3–5 p.m.*

3, 10, 17, 24 Wednesdays

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

3, 17 Wednesdays

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

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

4 Thursday

Chinese Calligraphy Excelsior, 2 p.m.

Write Your World Ortega, 4–6 p.m.

Edible/Poisonous Mushrooms of NorCal Bayview, 5:30–7 p.m.

Reception: The Unbuilding Archive Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 6–7:30 p.m.

4, 11, 18, 25 Thursdays

Breath Meditation Richmond, 11 a.m.

Shut Up & Write

Glen Park, 12:30–2:30 p.m.

Wild Goose Qigong Presidio, 2–3 p.m.

5 Friday

The Book in Folded Paper Presidio, 3 p.m.*

Knitting Anza, 3–5 p.m.

Therapy Pets

Visitation Valley, 4–5 p.m.

6 Saturday

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

Washi Tape Gift Box Visitation Valley, 1:30–3 p.m.*

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

Summer Stride Kick-Off Party Bernal Heights, 10–11 a.m.

Knitting Noe Valley, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Brain-Healthy Habits Presidio, 1 p.m.

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

Open House Richmond, 1–4 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Saturdays

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

6, 20 Saturdays

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

6, 20, 27 Saturdays

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

6 Saturday

Refrigerator Pickles Anza, 2 p.m.

Transform Plastic to "Pleather" West Portal, 2 p.m.

Soundbath Presidio, 3 p.m.*

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

Tie Dye Park, 3 p.m.*

UV Resin: Beginners Ingleside, 3–5 p.m.

7 Sunday

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

La Familia Peña-Govea Mission Bay, 2 p.m.

Karaoke Glen Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

Go For All (Part 2) Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2–4 p.m.

Bike Repair Clinic Portola, 2–4 p.m.

Kaleidoscope Writers Main, Lower Level, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Romance of Benjamin Britten & Peter Pears w/ SF Opera Eureka Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

Crafts Western Addition, 3–4:30 p.m.

8 Monday

Tiny Art Painting Bernal Heights, 11 a.m.

9 Tuesday

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

Lawyers in the Library Main, Lower Level, 1 p.m.*

Edible/Poisonous Mushrooms of NorCal Ocean View, 3:30–5 p.m.

SF Opera Livestream: The Barber of Seville Main, Koret, 4 p.m.

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

9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays

Mandarin for Beginners Sunset, 12 p.m.*
Excelsior, 2 p.m.*

9, 23 Tuesdays

Knitting Glen Park, 1–2:30 p.m.

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

10 Wednesday

Genealogy Virtual, 1–3 p.m.

Soundbath Park, 3 p.m.*

Intergenerational Mandarin Classes Bayview, 3 p.m.*

Write the World Anza, 4–6 p.m.

Bad Art Contest Mission Bay, 5:30–7 p.m.

Crochet Bernal Heights, 5–7:30 p.m.

11 Thursday

La Familia Peña-Govea Merced, 11 a.m.

Block Printing Potrero, 1 p.m.*

Author Maria Lenhart: Lost Treasures of SF North Beach, 2 p.m.

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

La reSONancia del Barrio Marina, 5:30 p.m.

Zine Club Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

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

French Conversation Excelsior, 5 p.m.

Clothing Fix-it Clinic Bayview, 5–7 p.m.

Kim Shuck's Poem Jam Main, Lower Level, 6–7:15 p.m.

11, 18 Thursdays

UV Resin: Beginners Golden Gate Valley, 5 p.m.*

12 Friday

Japanese Taiko Drumming Visitation Valley, 1:30–2:15 p.m.

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

Author Dorian Merina: yndio arxipelago Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 3–5 p.m.

Karaoke Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

12, 26 Fridays

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

13 Saturday

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

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

Creating Music w/ AI Ocean View, 11 a.m.*

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

Creative Play w/ Nature Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

Dabke Dance Golden Gate Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

Chutney Demo Marina, 2 p.m.*

Fake Cake Photo Frames Potrero, 2 p.m.*

Painting Big Feelings Presidio, 2–3:30 p.m.

Tea Tasting Sunset, 2 p.m.*

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

Clowning, Juggling & More Merced, 2 p.m.*

String Art Mandala Ortega, 2 p.m.*

Bike Fix-it Clinic Richmond, 2–4 p.m.

Open House/ 華埠圖書館開放日 Chinatown, 2–5 p.m.

13, 20, 27 Saturdays

Mandarin for Beginners Richmond, 10:30 a.m.*

13, 27 Saturdays

Gentle Yoga Mission Bay, 10–11 a.m.

14 Sunday

Author Chris Carlsson: Hidden SF Excelsior, 2–3 p.m.

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

Author JoAnna Scandiffo: Water Is Never Still Western Addition, 2–3 p.m.

Village W/in a City Noe Valley, 2–4 p.m.

Petite Pride Painting Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.*

Intro to Mime Parkside, 3–4 p.m.

15 Monday

Elder Abuse Awareness Main, Koret, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Sound Bath Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 12–1 p.m.

16 Tuesday

Blood Drive Excelsior, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Machi Koro 2 Presidio, 2–4 p.m.

Cómo hacer bálsamo protector solar natural Main, Lower Level, 5–7 p.m.*

Intergenerational: Crochet Richmond, 5–7 p.m.

German Innovators that Shaped California with author Sandra Bonura Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

Gender Expression in Asian Art Virtual, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

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

17 Wednesday

Chair Yoga for Everyone Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

Author Joseph Andrew Cerny: The Bootlegger's Daughter Bernal Heights, 5–6 p.m.

Persia: Artt & Culture Virtual, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Author Judith Taylor: Women & Gardens Mission Bay, 6–7 p.m.

Black Lives: Living Free

Main, African American Ctr - 3rd Fl, 6–7:15 p.m.

18 Thursday

Blood Drive Portola, 11–3 p.m.

Chinese Fan Painting / 水墨團扇臨摹 Chinatown, 2–3:30 p.m.*

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

Macrame Rainbows Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.*

20 Saturday

Photo Walk Main, Jewett Gallery, Lower Level, meet at 10 a.m. Walk to Harvey Milk Photo Center 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Juneteenth Healing Circle Visitation Valley, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Plant Swap Merced, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Improv Anza, 1–2:30 p.m.

Walking Tour Golden Gate Valley, 1–3 p.m.*

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

SF Symphony North Beach, 2 p.m.

Serial Killer in Early SF? North Beach, 3 p.m.

Author Nicole Wong: The Mahjong Project Bernal Heights, 3–5 p.m.

21 Sunday

Buttons: Famous Queer Latines Main, Paley Rm - 3rd Fl, 1–2 p.m.

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

Reception: Drawn to Painting Portola, 2–4 p.m.

Tu Palabra en Mi Cuerpo de Lencha / Your Word on My Dyke Body Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 3–4:30 p.m.

22, 29 Mondays

Intergenerational Mandarin Class Potrero, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

23 Tuesday

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

Stories/Music, & Songs Bayview, 2–2:45 p.m.

Rainbow Tassel Earrings/ Keychains Bernal Heights, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

DIY Taped Watercolor Sunset, 4–5:30 p.m.*

Author Andrew Lam: Stories for the Edge of the Sea Visitation Valley, 5–6 p.m.

Pride with Villa Albertine and Michelle Tea Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

24 Wednesday

Fake Cake Photo Frames Park, 1–2:30 p.m.*

Mandarin for Beginners

Glen Park, 2:30 p.m.*

Tea Tasting

Western Addition, 2 p.m.*

Scrap Quilting

Bernal Heights, 2–4 p.m.

Fragrant Mini Gourd Sachet / 香氣葫蘆小香包 Chinatown, 2 p.m.*

Writing Group

Excelsior, 5–6 p.m.

Chess

Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

Presentation: Marianne Faithfull Virtual, 6–7:30 p.m.

25 Thursday

Basic Watercolor Golden Gate Valley, 2–4 p.m.*

Poetry Open Mic

North Beach, 3–5 p.m.

Pride Parade Crafts

Glen Park, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Greeting Cards

Potrero, 5:30 p.m.*

French Convo

Excelsior, 5–6 p.m.

26 Friday

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

Tom Conneely & Birds of Paradise North Beach, 2–3 p.m.

Mandarin for Beginners Ingleside, 2 p.m.*

27 Saturday

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

Puzzle Story Pieces Parkside, 10:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.</

Book Clubs

3 Wednesday

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

4 Thursday

Jeanette Winterson: Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit
Virtual, 6 p.m.

9 Tuesday

Cozy Capers & Mysteries
Presidio, 3 p.m.

Silent Book Club
North Beach, 6 p.m.

10 Wednesday

Chinatown Readers
Chinatown, 5:15 p.m.

Maggie O'Farrell: Hamnet
Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl, 6 p.m.

10, 24 Wednesdays

Silent Book Club
Richmond, 3–5 p.m.

11 Thursday

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

13 Saturday

读书会：我与地坛 Main,
Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 10 a.m.

Maggie O'Farrell: Hamnet
Virtual, 11 a.m.

15 Monday

Alone Together Noe Valley, 4 p.m.

16 Tuesday

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

Malinda Lo: Last Night at the Telegraph Club Main, 4 p.m.

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

17 Wednesday

Book & Movie: On The Road
Western Addition, 4 p.m.

Ulloa Reading Corner
West Portal, 6 p.m.

20 Saturday

Ocean Vuong: The Emperor of Gladness
Ortega, 11 a.m.

21 Sunday

Beth Brant: A Generous Spirit
Eureka Valley, Virtual, 3:30 p.m.

23 Tuesday

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

24 Wednesday

Tessa Hadley: After the Funeral
Mission Bay, 6:30 p.m.

25 Thursday

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

Discuss Talking Books
Main, TBBC - 2nd Fl, 12 p.m.

Mom-Daughter, Gut Reaction
West Portal, 6:45 p.m.

26 Friday

Philip Pullman, His Dark Materials Noe Valley, 3 p.m.

27 Saturday

Longform Article Reading
Virtual, 10 a.m.

28 Sunday

Maggie O'Farrell: Hamnet
Marina, 2 p.m.

30 Tuesday

John Grisham: The Whistler
Bernal Heights, 2 p.m.

Films

2 Tuesday

The Rocky Horror Picture Show
Eureka Valley, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

5 Friday

Nightcrawler
Excelsior, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

8 Monday

Nightmare Alley
Golden Gate Valley, 3–5 p.m.

10 Wednesday

We Were Here
Main, Koret,
5–7:30 p.m.

12 Friday

My Own Private Idaho
Noe Valley, 2–4 p.m.

14 Sunday

Lightyear
Glen Park, 2–3:45 p.m.

16 Tuesday

A Nice Indian Boy
Eureka Valley, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

17 Wednesday

The Philadelphia Story
Chinatown, 1–4 p.m.

Isle of Dogs

Park, 5–7 p.m.

20 Saturday

Queer Art Luminaries Show & Tell Main, Koret, Koret Lobby,
3–4:30 p.m.

21 Sunday

Superman
Glen Park, 2–4:15 p.m.

22 Monday

99 River Street
Golden Gate Valley, 3–5 p.m.

30 Tuesday

Being Thunder
Eureka Valley,
5:30–7:30 p.m.

Jobs & Careers, Personal Finance and Small Business

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays

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

3 Wednesday

Use IBISWorld
Virtual, 11a.m.–12 p.m.

Legacy Planning
Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

Write Your Obituary
Virtual, 2–3 p.m.

4 Thursday

Intro to QuickBooks: Part 1
Main, Lower Level, 1–3 p.m.

4, 11, 18, 25 Thursday

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

8 Monday

Planning Your Exit
Excelsior, 11:30–1 p.m.

10 Wednesday

Task Tackling Night
Main, Jobs Ctr - 4th Fl,
6–7:45 p.m.

11 Thursday

Intro to QuickBooks: Part 2
Main, Lower Level,
1–3 p.m.

16 Tuesday

Identity Theft Solutions
Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

22 Monday

Dog Grooming as a Career
Virtual, 4–5 p.m.

30 Tuesday

Small Biz Capital Access
Main, Koret, Koret Lobby,
Lower Level,
9:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

Tech Time

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays

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

3, 10, 17, 24 Wednesdays

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

3, 17 Wednesdays

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

4 Thursday

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

5 Friday

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

6, 13, 20, 27 Saturdays

Tech Help West Portal, 12–4 p.m.*

Tech Help / 科技協助
Sunset, 2–4 p.m.

9 Tuesday

Tech Time Marina, 2–3 p.m.

10 Wednesday

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

12 Friday

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

12, 26 Fridays

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

13 Saturday

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

23 Tuesday

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

24 Wednesday

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

25 Thursday

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

26 Friday

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

Teens

The Mix at Main

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

5, 12 Fridays

Cricut Custom Design
4–5 p.m.

11 Thursday

Patterns & Linocuts
11 a.m.–1 p.m.

17 Wednesday

Biblio Bistro, 4–6 p.m.

24 Wednesday

Snack Trials, 4–5 p.m.

29 Monday

Rising Creators, 1–3 p.m.

30 Tuesday

Rising Creators, 1–3 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, Ambience and Space
4 Thursday, 5–6 p.m.

At the Branches

3 Wednesday

Gaming Excelsior, 3:30 p.m.

DIY Candy Lei Sunset, 3 p.m.

4 Thursday

Art Studio Merced, 5 p.m.

6 Saturday

Gardening Merced, 11 a.m..

8 Monday

Tiny Art Painting
Bernal Heights, 3 p.m.

11 Thursday

Intro to Music Production
Portola, 4 p.m.*

Art Studio Merced, 5 p.m.

13 Saturday

Story Dice Parkside, 10:30 a.m.

14 Sunday

Henna Mission Bay, 2 p.m.*

15 Monday

Grilled Cheese & Convo
Glen Park, 3 p.m.

18 Thursday

Mosaics Ingleside, 3 p.m.*

20 Saturday

Creative Day
Presidio, 10:30 a.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. The exhibition features more than 80 black-and-white photographs, zines, ephemera, merch and a new book coinciding with the exhibition, 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. 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. Through July 16. San Francisco History Center

This Must be the Place: Photography in Print Media

Explore how artistic and commercial photography proliferated in the 1960s and 70s through an exciting display of publications from our Little Maga/Zine and History Center Collections. Through Aug. 27. Book Arts & Special Collections exhibition space, 6th Floor

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

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

atemptu

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

The exhibition features 26 black-and-white photographs accompanied by written musings from writers from different cultures and generations. Through July 30. International Center, 3rd Floor

The Unbuilding Archive: Liberated Futures for the Site of Compton's Cafeteria Riot

This year the Unbuilding Archive marks the 60th anniversary of the 1966 Compton's Cafeteria riot, the first well-documented trans and queer uprising against police violence in the country. Learn how the Turktaylor Initiative and Compton's x Coalition have emerged to explore means to liberate the site and imagine alternative futures. June 4–Oct. 22. James C. Hormel LGBTQIA Center, 3rd Floor

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

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. Through July 9. Elevator Lobby, 5th Floor

Exhibits at the Branches

Drawn to Painting: The Secret Life of a Muni Illustrator

Featuring colored pencil drawings and oil paintings from professional artist Keith Scott Ferris, the exhibit pays tribute to Muni operators who have provided him with transportation, a feeling of belonging and a means to interact with and learn about fellow San Franciscans. June 18, 2026–June 3, 2027. Portola Branch

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 year, 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. Through Aug. 28. Potrero Branch

June 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

[1, 8 Mondays](#)

Play w/ Purpose
Glen Park,
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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

Morning Play
North Beach, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

[4 Thursday](#)

Mini-Makers
Merced, 11–11:30 a.m.

[6, 13, 20 Saturdays](#)

Mini-Makers
Mission Bay, 10–11 a.m.

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

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

[8, 22 Mondays](#)

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

[11, 25 Thursdays](#)

Gather & Garden
Portola, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

[13 Saturday](#)

Super Soccer Stars
Parkside, 2:30 p.m.*
Parkside, 3 p.m.*
Parkside, 3:30 p.m.*

[14, 21, 28 Sundays](#)

Mandarin for Beginners
Marina, 2–4 p.m.

[16 Tuesday](#)

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

[20 Saturday](#)

Turkish Story Hour
Potrero, 2–3:30 p.m.



Elementary School Age

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

Watercolor
Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

[3 Wednesday](#)

DIY Boondoggle
Anza, 4–5 p.m.

Upcycled Bookmarks
Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

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

[4 Thursday](#)

Game Night
Marina, 4–6 p.m.

[6 Saturday](#)

LEGO Motorcars
Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

Temp Tattoos

Marina, 2:30–4 p.m.

Pepper's Ghost

Glen Park, 3–4 p.m.

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

LEGO Free Play
Chinatown,
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Chess Club

Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

[7 Sunday](#)

LEGO Robotics
Merced, 2:30–4 p.m.

[10 Wednesday](#)

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

Birds in Nature

Marina, 2 p.m.*

[11 Thursday](#)

Succulent Planters
Bernal Heights, 3 p.m.*

[12 Friday](#)

Rock Painting
Anza, 3–4:30 p.m.

[13 Saturday](#)

Engineers w/o Borders
Golden Gate Valley,
11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Tinkering

West Portal, 2–3:30 p.m.

[16 Tuesday](#)

Straw Rocket
Chinatown, 2 p.m.*

Wild Science

Eureka Valley, 3 p.m.

Ocean Slime

Bernal Heights, 4:30 p.m.

Practical Potions

Merced, 4 p.m.

[17 Wednesday](#)

Salt Painting
Marina, 1:30–3 p.m.

KODO Water Painting

Visitacion Valley, 1–2:30 p.m.

LEGO/Magna-Tiles

Anza, 3:30–5 p.m.

Slime Time Excelsior, 4 p.m.

[18 Thursday](#)

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

[18, 25 Thursdays](#)

Science Tinkering Truck
Excelsior, 1 p.m.*

[20 Saturday](#)

Build It
Mission Bay, 10 a.m.

Insect Discovery Lab

Glen Park, 2 p.m.*

[21 Sunday](#)

LED Paper Circuits
Merced, 2 p.m.

[23 Tuesday](#)

Fur, Scales & Tails Show
Golden Gate Valley, 4–4:45 p.m.

[24 Wednesday](#)

Popsicle-Stick Catapults
Eureka Valley, 3 p.m.

Giant Bubble Play

Merced, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Tree Frog Treks

Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

[25 Thursday](#)

A Bit About Bats
Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl,
2:30–3:15 p.m.

Summer Thaumatrope

Chinatown, 2 p.m.*

[26 Friday](#)

A Bit About Bats
Bayview, 2–2:45 p.m.

Crafternoon

Golden Gate Valley, 4 p.m.

[27 Saturday](#)

Megan Schoenbohm
Anza, 2 p.m.

Bike Tire Fix-It Clinic

Marina, 2 p.m.*

Henna Sunset, 2 p.m.*

Pots of Strawberries

Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

Middle School Age

[5 Friday](#)

Journaling
Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

[6 Saturday](#)

Origami
Bernal Heights, 2–5 p.m.

[7 Sunday](#)

Crochet
Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

[11 Thursday](#)

Spam Musubi
Ingleside, 3 p.m.*

[13 Saturday](#)

"Rock the Bike" Fruit Smoothie Excelsior, 2–3 p.m.

[14 Sunday](#)

Fake Cake Photo Frames
Noe Valley, 2 p.m.*

[21 Sunday](#)

Pride Button Making
Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

[22 Monday](#)

Improv Games
Glen Park, 4:30 p.m.

[24 Wednesday](#)

Decoden Mirrors/Keychains
Excelsior, 2 p.m.

[25 Thursday](#)

LEGO Motorcars
Ingleside, 3 p.m.

Children's Storytimes

Storytimes for Babies

Songs, rhymes and books for infants and their caregivers.

Anza – Every Saturday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Bernal Heights – Every Wednesday, 12–12:30 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 – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 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 a.m.–12 p.m.*
Sunset – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Visitacion Valley – Every Monday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
West Portal – 3, 17, 24 Wednesdays, 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.*
Western Addition – 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays, 11:45 a.m.–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.*
Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Eureka Valley – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Excelsior – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Glen Park – Every Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.*
9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays, 11–11:30 a.m.*
10, 24 Wednesdays, 7–7:30 p.m.
Ingleside – 1 Monday, 11:30 a.m.–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 Bay – 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays, 10:15–10:45 a.m.*
Noe Valley – Every Monday, 11:15–11:45 a.m.*
30 Tuesday, 6:30–7 p.m.
North Beach – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Ocean View – Every Thursday, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Ortega – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Park – Every Monday, 3:30–4 p.m.
Parkside – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Portola – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Potrero – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.*
Presidio – 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Richmond – 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays, 11–11:30 a.m.
Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Sunset – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Visitacion Valley – Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
West Portal – Every Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.*
Western Addition – 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays, 11–11:30 a.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 – 5, 12, 26 Fridays, 3–3:30 p.m.
Mission Bay – 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays, 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 – 6, 20, 27 Saturdays, 2–2:30 p.m.
Excelsior – Every Wednesday and Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
6 Saturday, 11:30 & 2:30 p.m.
Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m. (English/Español)
Golden Gate Valley – 5, 12, 26 Fridays, 1:15–1:45 p.m.*
Main – Every Saturday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m. (English/粵語課程 (Cantonese)
Every Tuesday, 10:30–11:15 a.m.
Every Wednesday, 10–10:30 a.m. (Salesforce Park Roof)
Marina – Every Tuesday and Saturday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Merced – Every Wednesday, 2–2:30 p.m.
Mission Creek Park South – 17 Wed. 10–11 a.m. (290 Channel St)
Noe Valley – 4 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 – Every 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.)

Family

[5 Friday](#)

Therapy Pet
Glen Park, 4–5 p.m.

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

Chess Club
Ingleside, 2:30–4 p.m.

[9 Tuesday](#)

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

[13 Saturday](#)

Little Artists
Eureka Valley, 10 a.m.

Block Printing
Anza, 3:30 p.m.*

Fiber Arts
Ingleside, 3 p.m.

Game Night
Bernal Heights, 4 p.m.

[18 Thursday](#)

Spam Musubi Ortega, 2 p.m.*

[20 Saturday](#)

Yerba Buena Library Day
Main, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

[24 Wednesday](#)

Family Dance Party
Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Crochet Club

Ingleside, 4 p.m.

SF Symphony

Sunset, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

[27 Saturday](#)

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

[28 Sunday](#)

Clothes Swap: School-Age Kids Glen Park, 2–4 p.m.

Lunch at the Library

Main, Children's Ctr, 2nd Fl, 12:15–1:15 p.m.

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