



Summer Stride 2026

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Summer Stride Overview

LEARNING GOAL: 20 hours

All reading, learning, listening & library time count towards your 20 hours.

TWO WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

1. Activity Tracker
2. Activity Bingo

ONE ONLINE DATABASE

Beanstack

ONE PRIZE

2026 Tote Bag (starting June 13th)**

**Keep reading and return to the Library during National Summer Learning Week - July 6th for a limited-edition secret, super reader prize, while supplies last!!



Bookmarks & more



#2 Pencils

Stickers



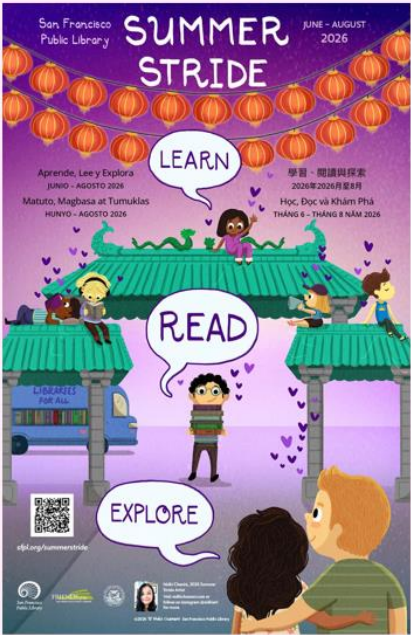
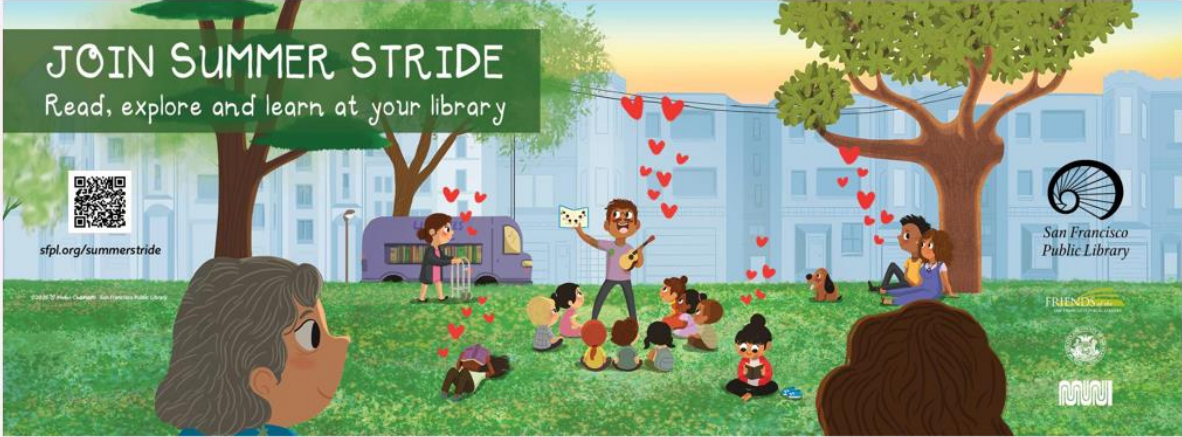
Bookmark with QR Code to Youth Events



More bookmarks

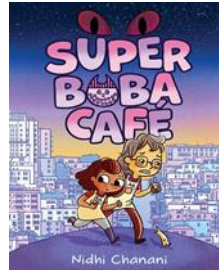


Posters, Banners & Transit Ads



Meet the Stride 2026 artist

Nidhi Chanani is the Summer Stride 2026 artist. Nidhi is an author and illustrator of children's picture stories, graphic novels and more.



Events with Nidhi

- **Library Day at Yerba Buena Gardens' Fun Zone:** Saturday, June 20, 11 a.m. Yerba Buena Gardens
- **Bookmobile Storytime:** Tuesday, June 23, 10:30 a.m., John McLaren Redwood Grove
- **Parks Conservancy Shuttle:** Saturday, June 27, Muir Woods with Excelsior Branch. Reservations required.
- **Studio Artist at SFMOMA:** Sundays, July 12 and August 9, 10:30 a.m. SFMOMA
- **Summer Stride Exhibition**
Main Library, Children's Center Mezzanine, 2nd floor



Summer Reading List



2026 SFUSD SUMMER READING LIST

These great books are highly recommended by the librarians of SFUSD and SFPL

PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN & GRADES 1 & 2	GRADES 3, 4 & 5	GRADES 6, 7 & 8	GRADES 9, 10, 11 & 12
CHINESE jPS HAI 刺猜是射箭高手吗?	CHINESE jF YANG v1 淘气包马小跳 1, 马小跳这个名字	TEEN CHINESE F GOLD 未上映的电影	TEEN F BURT <i>Sing Me to Sleep</i>
SPANISH jPS CUEV <i>Mi abuela es una bruja</i>	SPANISH j780.2 CARR <i>Manos que bañan*</i>	TEEN SPANISH F HIGU <i>La última cuentista</i>	TEEN F GRAV <i>Rez Ball</i>
j59.4.5 LAMB <i>I'm a Dumbo Octopus! A Graphic Guide to Cephalopods*</i>	jGN HILA <i>Agent Cupcake</i>	TEEN GN TRUN <i>Angelica and the Bear Prince</i>	TEEN F HO <i>The Silence That Binds Us</i>
jPS BROW <i>Amará's Farm</i>	j638.1 BELL <i>Akeem Keeps Bees!*</i>	jFTREM <i>Another</i>	TEEN F LI <i>Crash Landing</i>
jGN RAMM v1 <i>Batcat v1</i>	jB CHIA <i>A Banquet for Cecilia*</i>	jF JONE <i>As You Wish</i>	TEEN F MCCA <i>Echoes of Grace</i>
jR FROS <i>Chip Gets Swimmer Shivers</i>	jF SHAN <i>The Best Worst Summer of Esme Sun</i>	jF JACK <i>Blood in the Water</i>	TEEN F ROGE <i>Man Made Monsters</i>
jPS LEGA <i>Dad, Is It Time to Gather Mint?</i>	j639.9 CRUL <i>The Black Mambas*</i>	jF BAPT <i>Boy 20</i>	TEEN GN ELLI <i>Please Be My Star</i>
jPS BURG <i>Fireworks</i>	jGN ORTE <i>Frizzy</i>	TEEN GN NADA v1 <i>Cat+ Crazy v1</i>	TEEN GN GAO <i>Kirby's Lessons for Falling (in Love)</i>
jPS CORN <i>Jabari Jumps</i>	jF LIN <i>The Gate, the Girl, and the Dragon</i>	jGN CRAF <i>Class Act</i>	TEEN GN INDI <i>Indiginerds</i>
jF THOM <i>Lone Wolf on Vacation</i>	jGN WHEE <i>Goat Magic</i>	jF BURG <i>Dani'o Was Here</i>	TEEN GN LIMA <i>Undergrowth</i>
jPS LOOM <i>'Ohana Means Family</i>	jFOH <i>The House Next Door</i>	j610.9 FITZ <i>Dead Ends! Flukes, Flops & Failures That Sparked Medical Marvels*</i>	TEEN GN OSTE <i>The Deep Dark</i>
jPS ALON <i>Old Clothes for Dinner?!</i>	jGN HSIE <i>Lu and Ren's Guide to Geozoology</i>	jGN BAGL <i>Dear Jackie</i>	TEEN GN PARI <i>Homebody</i>
jR ADLE <i>Pass the Ball, Mo!</i>	jF MEDI <i>Merci Suarez Changes Gears</i>	TEEN GN BRAL v1 <i>Family Force V v1</i>	TEEN GN SEAR <i>The Sweetness Between Us</i>
jPS REYN <i>Plantainos Are Love</i>	j919.89 NERI <i>My Antarctica*</i>	jF REYN <i>Ghost</i>	TEEN GN STAN v1 <i>The Hazards of Love: Book 1, Bright World</i>
j639.9 PERC <i>Safe Crossing*</i>	jGN SONG <i>Night Chef</i>	jGN LAI <i>Ghost Book</i>	TEEN GN TEER <i>Brownstone</i>
jPS SILV <i>Signs of Friendship</i>	jF HIGG <i>Ratnips: Lost and Found in the City</i>	jF MAGA <i>The Incorruptibles</i>	TEEN GN WHIT <i>Navigating With You</i>
jPS DULA <i>The Silver Shadow</i>	jB GOLD <i>Smash, Crash, Topple, Roll! the inventive Rube Goldberg*</i>	jF CHER <i>Ink Witch</i>	TEEN GN YOU v1 <i>The Boy From Clearwater: Book 1</i>
jPS PENA <i>Sundust</i>	jGN CHAN v1 <i>Super Boba Café v1</i>	jF PINE <i>The Island of Forgotten Gods</i>	TEEN 796.334 RUSC <i>A Greater Goal: The Epic Battle for Equal Pay in Women's Soccer—and Beyond*</i>
jGN ROSE v1 <i>Super Magic Boy: I Am a Dinosaur</i>	jF REYN <i>Troubling Tonsils!</i>	jF FLOR <i>Last Chance Academy: A Study in Secrets</i>	TEEN 811.6 WATS <i>Black Girl You Are Atlas*</i>
jGN ROBE v1 <i>What Happened to the Naked Mole Rat?</i>	jGN JOHN <i>Twins</i>	jGN BEMI v1 <i>Rodeo Hawkins and the Daughters of Mayhem</i>	TEEN B SMIT <i>Victory, Stand! Raising My Fist for Justice*</i>
jPS KIM <i>Where's Halmoni?</i>	jF HIGU <i>The Unlikely Aventuras of Ramón and El Cucuy</i>	jGN FOXE v2 <i>Archives of the Unexplained: Unwanted Guests</i>	
	jF LARE <i>Witchcakes: Sweet Magic</i>	j362.4109 ROBI <i>Whale Eyes: A Memoir About Seeing and Being Seen*</i>	

*Nonfiction titles



Free giveaway books at every neighborhood library starting June 1



Read, Explore & Learn



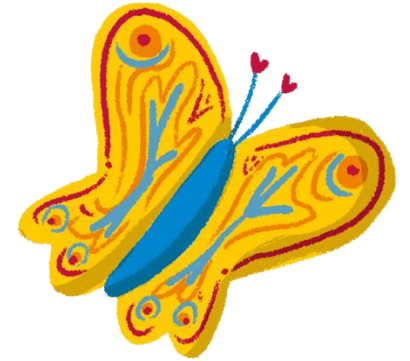
Youth Volunteerism & Internships

Summer Youth Volunteers (SYV)

- ◆ 10-week program: June 1– August 31
- ◆ There are 23 Summer Youth Volunteer sites hosting 325+ volunteers.
- ◆ Youth volunteers assist with signing up participants in Summer Stride. Youth volunteers at the Main help with Lunch at the Library.

Youth Engaged In Library Leadership (YELL) Internship:

- ◆ 6-week program: June 15–August 2
- ◆ There are 11 YELL sites hosting 45 interns.
- ◆ Teen interns earn an hourly wage AND \$500 stipend for college upon successful completion of deliverables, including creating, presenting & delivering in-person teen-led Library programs in July.



Partners & More

Ways to get involved:

- Free books
- Monthly raffles
- STEM activities with your local librarians
- YELL & Summer Youth volunteers
- Parks Conservancy Shuttle Field Trips
- Events for everyone!



VIP Summer Stride Kick-off



Staff Shine Weekend



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