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Reading Together



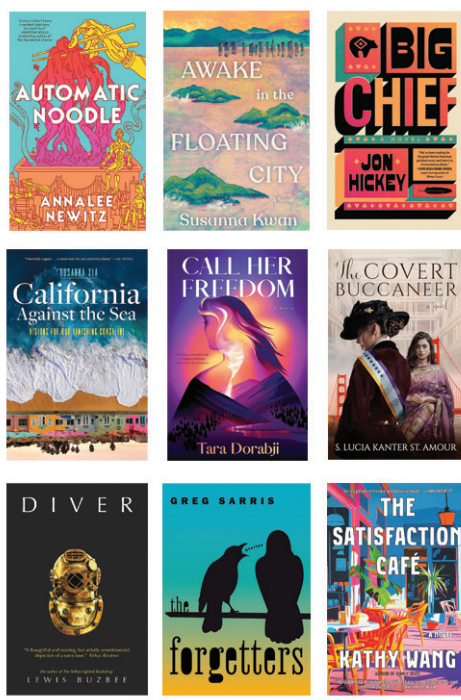
Becca Prowda
Serving on the One City One Book selection committee reminded me that reading is often thought of as a solitary act: It doesn't have to be.

Like many readers, I usually curl up with a book and quietly lose myself in another world. The One City One Book selection process asked something different of me. It invited me to read more closely, to linger over passages and to ask not only, *What did I think?* but *What might someone else feel here that I missed?*

And, of course, my favorite part was the conversations. Sitting around the virtual table with readers who brought different experiences and perspectives to the same book reminded me that stories have a remarkable way of bringing us together, even when we don't all see them through the same eyes.

That's what I hope One City One Book becomes for San Francisco: an invitation to read widely, think deeply and connect with neighbors through the simple act of sharing a good story.

– Becca Prowda
First Lady of San Francisco



Want a preview of what's ahead? The 2026 One City One Book longlist is out—a great excuse to start reading now, before the official selection is announced in late September. Browse the list and pick up a title (or three) at on.sfpl.org/OCOB2026LongList

Celebrate ¡VIVA! at Your Library



SFPL continues its yearly tradition of celebrating Latinx Heritage Month, September 15 to October 15, with vibrant ¡VIVA! programming that collaborates with Latinx community artists and partners to share their diverse cultures with all San Francisco residents. Keep an eye out for ¡VIVA! programs or stop by the Latinx Center Open House with music, author readings and community partners to learn all things ¡VIVA! on Saturday, September 26, at 12 p.m. at the Main Library. Learn more at sfpl.org/viva.

YOUTH

Build Your Own Llama

Learn how important the llama is to Peru's textile traditions and its role in mountain communities and culture, then create your own llama to celebrate this avatar.

Sept. 4, 3:45 p.m., Chinatown Branch

Faux Stained-Glass Calaveras

Create a faux stained-glass piece featuring calaveras, also known as Day of the Dead skulls, using acrylic plexiglass and glass paint. For ages 8–18. Space limited.

Sept. 23, 3 p.m., Excelsior Branch

ADULT

Film: *Diarios de motocicleta / The Motorcycle Diaries*

In 1952, two Argentines with a beat-up motorcycle travel to discover Latin America. Based on the true-life story of Marxist revolutionary Che Guevara and Alberto Granado.

Sept. 16, 5 p.m., Park Branch

Book Club: Ulloa Reading Corner

Discuss *Anita De Monte Laughs Last* by Xochitl Gonzalez with neighbors.

Sept. 16, 6 p.m., West Portal Branch

INTERGENERATIONAL

Collage Art with Susana Gómez

Make collages while enjoying 1980s Latin music hits. Artist Susana Gómez teaches collage basics, inspired by her Mission District roots and Michoacán heritage.

Sept. 12, 3 p.m., Glen Park Branch

Visual Storytelling with Zefania Creates

Share stories from different generations—your aunt, grandparent, older/younger friend—and craft a visual story of what you learn.

Sept. 26, 3 p.m., Medicine for Nightmares, 3036 24th St.

¡VIVA! Opening Party Celebration

¡VIVA! celebration with music, authors and community resources/vendors fair hosted by the Latinx Center.

Sept. 26, 12 p.m., Main Library, Latino Room, Lower Level



Left to Right: Emilia Lopez-Yañez, René y Familia, Aguacate Music Kids and Lucky Diaz

¡Feliz Quince, Tricycle Music Fest!

Rock out this fall as we kick off our 15th annual Tricycle Music Fest! Families are invited to the library for a unique early literacy experience as we host some of the best award-winning children's music artists. In honor of Tricycle Music Fest's quinceañera, this year's dates will coincide with the library's ¡VIVA! celebration and feature a lineup highlighting Latinx artists including Latin Grammy winner and best-selling author Lucky Diaz; Bay Beats artists René y Familia and Aguacate Music Kids; and musical educator Emilia Lopez-Yañez from Malinky Music. Plus, after each event, one lucky concertgoer will win a shiny red tricycle to roll away in style. With eight shows across September and October, you'll have eight chances to win. Learn more at sfpl.org/tricycle and baybeats.sfpl.org.

Tricycle Music Fest Line-up:

Emilia Lopez-Yañez, Malinky Music – Sept. 19, 11 a.m. Merced Branch; 3 p.m. Marina Branch

Lucky Diaz – Oct. 3, 11 a.m., Ortega Branch; 3 p.m., Richmond Branch

Aguacate Music Kids – Oct. 10, 11 a.m., North Beach Branch; 3 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch

René y Familia – Oct. 24, 11 a.m., Presidio Branch; 3 p.m., Main Children's Center



September Open House

Join us at the Noe Valley Branch Library for a day of community and fun for the whole family! Little ones can participate in the Big Playdate with water painting, sand tables and more. Enjoy face painting, see a firetruck and enjoy a music performance in the afternoon. Connect with community organizations, try delicious food, do a craft and take home a free book.

Noe Valley Branch Open House – Sept. 26, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Coming Up:

October 17–18
Filipino American International Book Festival
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

October 22
Panel: The Lens as a Tool for Democracy
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

October 24
Financial Planning Day
Main Library/Virtual

October 24
Bay Beats 2026 Launch Party
Golden Gate Park, Bandshell

Events, Collections and Services

One Year of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

One year ago, San Francisco celebrated the launch of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library with SFPL, Mayor Daniel Lurie, the Department of Early Childhood and community members, united by one idea: Every child deserves a home filled with books.

Since the launch, San Francisco children have received more than 110,000 free books, with 10,169 children now enrolled.



Every month, another story arrives at a child's doorstep, building early literacy and strengthening family reading routines. As one parent shared, "These books have helped us instill a love of reading in our daughter."

If you have a child under age five living in San Francisco, sign up via the Sparkler app, available in the Apple App Store and Google Play.

Top right: Mayor Lurie reads to families at Dolly Parton's Imagination Library citywide launch event.

Bottom left: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library beta group celebrates the program's citywide launch at the Main Children's Center.



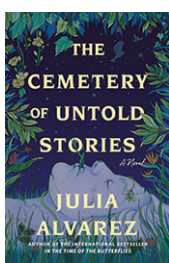
Back to School and Youth Advisory Board

We are excited to offer a new cohort round for the Library's Youth Advisory Board.

Want to learn more about the Library and get paid to help shape the future of teen services? Join the San Francisco Public Library's Youth Advisory Board (YAB), a paid, 10-hour-per-week internship open to San Francisco residents in the 11th and 12th grades. Work as an advisor and ambassador, sharing insights about what you and your peers are interested in and spreading the word about resources the Library has to offer. Applications are now open and will be linked on the Youth Advisory Board landing page: on.sfpl.org/yab.

¡VIVA! Booklist: Celebrating Latinx Heritage

¡VIVA! at SFPL celebrates the richness and diversity of Latinx histories, cultures and voices through programs and reading selections that invite learning, reflection and community across generations.



ADULT FICTION

***The Cemetery of Untold Stories* by Julia Alvarez**

A luminescent novel about the writing life that reads like an instant classic.



ADULT NON-FICTION

***P FKN R: How Bad Bunny Became the Global Voice of Puerto Rican Resistance* by Vanessa Díaz**

P FKN R explores the work of Puerto Rican musical superstar Bad Bunny (Benito A. Martínez Ocasio), focusing on his cultural and political significance.



TEEN FICTION AND NON-FICTION

***Estela, Undrowning* by René Peña-Govea**

17-year-old Estela grapples with racial tensions after placing second to a non-Latinx student in a Latiné poetry contest, all while battling anxiety over her family's looming eviction.



FILMS

Night of the Coyotes

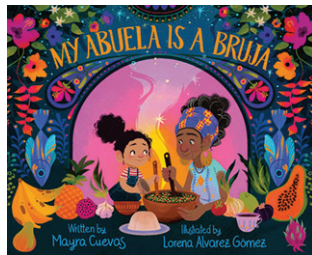
A small indigenous Mexican village is slowly turning into a ghost town as many of its inhabitants emigrate.



CHAPTER BOOKS AND NON-FICTION FOR YOUNG READERS

***Bodega Cats: Picture Purrfect* by Hilda Eunice Burgos**

A delightful series in which fifth-grader Miguel rescues a stray cat outside of his family's bodega, beginning a close friendship.



PICTURE STORIES FOR KIDS

***My Abuela Is a Bruja* by Mayra Cuevas**

There is nothing more magical than a grandmother's love. But one lucky girl suspects her grandmother has actual magic.

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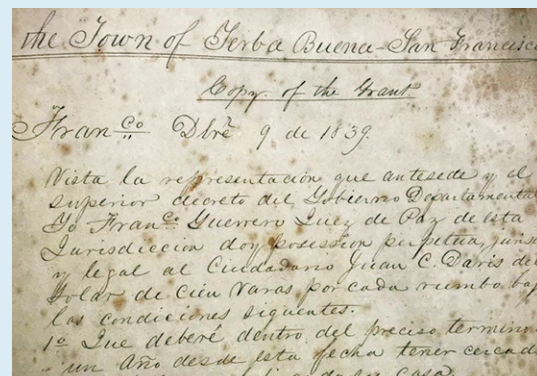
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Collections Corner: Pre-Statehood Records



Original Grants A, 1839-1847, Alcalde Records

De Haro. Guerrero. Sanchez. Noe. Bartlett. Bryant. Hyde. Townsend. Leavenworth. Geary. These street names honor the Mexican and American *alcaldes* of the town of Yerba Buena.

An *alcalde* was the leading civil officer of local government in a Spanish (and later, Mexican) municipality. The office was established in Alta California in 1779 under Governor Felipe de Neve's *Reglamento* (official regulations). An *alcalde*, elected annually by the citizens of a sizable pueblo, was president of the *ayuntamiento*, a forerunner to the town council and later, the Board of Supervisors.

San Francisco History Center holds pre-statehood records kept by the *alcaldes* dating circa 1838–1852. They include civil and administrative records; legal and judicial proceedings; and grants and deeds. Many records are in Spanish, and some are photographic reproductions. We also hold microfilm, as well as many digitized volumes available through the FamilySearch website. A guide is available at the San Francisco History Center reference desk. Contact us at (415) 557-4567 or sfhistory@sfpl.org.

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Getting started is easy: enter a keyword in the search box, then refine results by topic, geography, industry or date. Built-in help and tutorials make it simple to learn the platform, even for first-time users. Library card and PIN/password required for on-site and remote access.



ON THE SAME PAGE

SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER
Selection

Gina María Balibrera's *The Volcano Daughters*

The *Volcano Daughters* by Gina María Balibrera is a lyrical, politically charged novel set against the backdrop of 20th-century El Salvador, where a brutal dictatorship shapes the lives of those who resist it. At its heart is the story of two girls whose bond is forged in the shadow of violence, disappearance and state repression, their lives rippling outward through generations. Blending magical realism, folklore and historical fiction, the novel explores memory, identity and resistance while illuminating the enduring power of women's voices and storytelling to reclaim silenced histories.



Gina María Balibrera

Author: Gina María Balibrera in Conversation with Ash Huang – Oct. 4, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level (Spanish interpretation will be available)

Book Club: Gina María Balibrera's *The Volcano Daughters* – Sept. 30, 6 p.m., Main Library, Stong Conference Room, 1st Floor

Círculo de lectores: *Las hijas del volcán* – Sept. 30, 6 p.m., Excelsior Branch

Book Club: Gina María Balibrera's *The Volcano Daughters* – Oct. 13, 7 p.m., Virtual Library

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



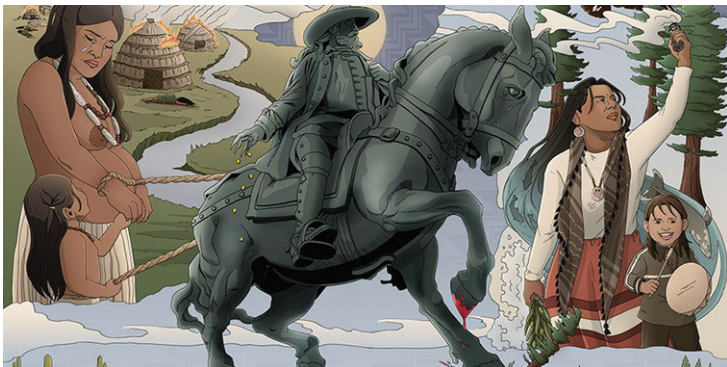
Image credit (left to right): Chelsey E. Stewart, *Guiding Light*; Li Saldajeno, *Cosmo Girl*; Anthony Zedan, *Cosmic Mother Monster*.

ART/WORK 3: Art by SFPL Staff

ART/WORK 3 returns this fall for its third installment, celebrating the creativity of San Francisco Public Library staff. The exhibition features paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, prints, jewelry and other media created beyond the library walls by employees from departments and branches across the system. With pieces from first-time exhibitors to practicing artists, *ART/WORK 3* offers a glimpse into the artistic lives and many talents of the people who serve San Francisco's communities every day.

Exhibit: *ART/WORK 3*: Sept. 18, 2026–Jan. 7, 2027, Main Library, Skylight Gallery, 6th Floor

Opening Reception: Oct. 1, 6 p.m., Main Library, Skylight Gallery, 6th Floor. Part of First Thursdays Tenderloin Art Walk.



Art by Jackie Fawn

American Indian Cultural District: *Mapping Genocide*

In 2019, California Governor Gavin Newsom formally recognized the acts of genocide perpetrated against the American Indians of California, after years of advocacy by Indigenous groups. But the work of educating Californians on this issue continues.

The American Indian Cultural District (AICD) has developed an eye-opening art exhibit called *Mapping Genocide*, looking at San Francisco monuments and street names that honor people who contributed to violence against American Indians. The AICD exhibit will be on the 5th Floor of the Main Library from Sept. 4, 2026 through Jan. 21, 2027. You can learn more at a public event with AICD on Wednesday, Sept. 9 in the Koret Auditorium at 5:30 p.m., with light refreshments starting at 5 p.m.

Exhibit: *Mapping Genocide* – Sept. 4, 2026–Jan. 21, 2027, Main Library, Government Information Center, 5th Floor

American Indian Cultural District Event – Sept. 9, 5:30 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Real Life with ADHD



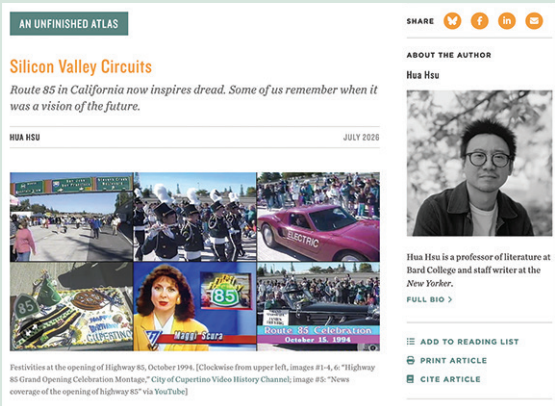
Dr. Kristin Carothers

Engage in an interactive keynote and community conversation designed for parents and caregivers raising children with ADHD, especially those navigating their own neurodivergence.

Drawing on her book *In Real Life with ADHD*, Dr. Kristin Carothers blends personal storytelling, clinical insight and humor to help families move from frustration to compassion and from chaos to structure.

Dr. Carothers is a professor of psychiatry at Morehouse School of Medicine and a licensed clinical psychologist specializing in clinical child psychology, with expertise in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and behavioral interventions, particularly Behavioral Parent Management Training. She also provides co-parenting and reunification therapy for families experiencing high conflict.

Dialogue: Real Life with ADHD – Sept. 26, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level



Longform Article Reading Club

It's like a book club, but for articles published in periodicals: This monthly program from the Magazines and Newspapers Center requires only an hour to read and 90 minutes to discuss each selection but provides deep insight and lasting social connection. Any article with a strong sense of storytelling is game—from investigative journalism in newspapers like the *San Francisco Chronicle* to essays on assignment in magazines such as *Harper's* to creative works in journals like *Virginia Quarterly Review*, we're sure you'll have something to say about it. Check out our upcoming selections at on.sfpl.org/longreads and join this inclusive online club.

Longform Article Reading Club – Last Saturday of each month, 10–11:30 a.m., Virtual

September 2026 Event Calendar

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

Adults

[1 Tuesday](#)

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

ASL Chat
Main, Deaf Services - 1st Fl,
6:15–7:15 p.m.

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

Bocce Ball
North Beach, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Genealogy Club
Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

ESL Online Convo
Virtual, 3 p.m.

ESL Conversation
Excelsior, 5 p.m.

[2 Wednesday](#)

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

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

[2, 16 Wednesdays](#)

Yoga
Ingleside, 6 p.m.*

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

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

Tai Chi (Beginners)
Western Addition, 1 p.m.

[3 Thursday](#)

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

Go For All
Sunset, 4:30–6:30 p.m.*

Medicare A,B,C, & D
Richmond, 6–7 p.m.

ZineFest SF Punk History
Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl,
6 p.m.

Filipino Boxers: Exhibit Reception
Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

[3, 10, 17, 24 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.

[4 Friday](#)

Chair Yoga
Sunset, 2:30 p.m.

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

[4, 18 Fridays](#)

Watercolor
Bernal Heights, 1–5 p.m.

Knitting
Anza, 3–5 p.m.

[5 Saturday](#)

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

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

Knitting
Noe Valley, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Blood Drive
Portola, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

AIDS Quilt Workshop
Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl,
12–4 p.m.

Community Resource Fair
West Portal, 2–4 p.m.

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

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

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

[5, 19 Saturdays](#)

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

[5 Saturday](#)

Memoir Writing
Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

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

[6 Sunday](#)

Mushroom Craft
Bayview, 1:30–3 p.m.

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

Karaoke
Glen Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

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

Go 围棋 Main, Chinese Ctr -
3rd Fl, 3–5 p.m.

Author: Sylvie Simmons, I'm Your Man—The Life of Leonard Cohen Main, Koret, 3 p.m.

[8 Tuesday](#)

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

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

[8, 22 Tuesdays](#)

Knitting
Glen Park, 1–2:30 p.m.

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

[9 Wednesday](#)

Genealogy Group
Virtual, 1–3 p.m.

Plaster Figurines/Magnets
Western Addition, 4–5:15 p.m.

Mapping Genocide Project
Main, Koret, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Citizenship Trivia (Spanish/English)
Excelsior, 6–7 p.m.

Author: William B. Gould, IV Main, Lower Level, 6–7:15 p.m.

Crochet
Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

[9, 16, 23, 30 Wednesdays](#)

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

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

[9, 23 Wednesdays](#)

Knitting Ortega, 2–4 p.m.

[10 Thursday](#)

Senior Fitness Ortega, 1 p.m.

Adult Craft
West Portal, 5:45–7:15 p.m.*

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

[10, 17, 24 Thursdays](#)

The Opera In You
Potrero, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

[10, 24 Thursdays](#)

French Convo
Excelsior, 5 p.m.

[11 Friday](#)

Karaoke
Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

[11, 25 Fridays](#)

Watercolor
Glen Park, 1:30–5 p.m.

[12 Saturday](#)

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

Gentle Yoga
Mission Bay, 10 a.m.

Hangeul: Korean Alphabet
Western Addition, 12–1:30 p.m.

Author: Joaninha, Recipes for a Good Life
Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

Chinese Calligraphy & Chess
Visitation Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

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

Author: Elaine Elinson, Radiant as the Stars
Bernal Heights, 3 p.m.

Tiny Canvas/Watercolor
Portola, 3–4 p.m.

Puzzle Swap
Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

Collage Art
Glen Park, 3–4:30 p.m.

Berkeley Free Speech Movement
Park, 3 p.m.

[12, 26 Saturdays](#)

Tai Chi: Beginners
Mission Bay, 1 p.m.

[13 Sunday](#)

Author: Dorothy Lazard w/ Luis Herrera
Main, Lower Level, 2–3:30 p.m.

Village Within a City
Noe Valley, 2–4 p.m.

Basic Printmaking
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

[14 Monday](#)

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

TBBC Writer's Salon
Main, TBBC - 2nd Floor,
12–1:30 p.m.*

[14, 21, 28 Mondays](#)

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

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

[15 Tuesday](#)

Crochet
Richmond, 5–7 p.m.

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

Library Card Sign-up Month



It's Library Card Sign-up Month! An SFPL card puts language learning, computer classes, homework help, movies, music and all types of books at your fingertips. A library card reveals these free opportunities both at home, remotely or at any of San Francisco's tallest buildings—our libraries (because they have the most... stories!). There is no minimum age to get a card. Each of our locations has several colorful designs, and as librarians like to say, "Little readers grow into big thinkers." San Francisco is a city with big thinkers. This starts with a library card.

Sashiko Embroidery
West Portal, 6–7:30 p.m.

[15, 22, 29 Tuesdays](#)
Elder/Dependent Abuse Prevention
Richmond, 2–3:30 p.m.

[16 Wednesday](#)
Aging/Disability Resources
Main, Atrium, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Writing Group
Excelsior, 5–6 p.m.

CPR & Stop the Bleed
Ortega, 5–6:30 p.m.*

Inside the SF Ballot
Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

[17 Thursday](#)
Red Envelope Decoration
Chinatown, 2–4 p.m.*

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

Guided Meditation
Bernal Heights, 4:30 & 5 p.m.

Mini Nicho (English/Español)
Excelsior, 4 p.m.*

Tenant Housing Rights (English/Español)
Main, Lower Level, 4–6 p.m.

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

[18 Friday](#)

Crochet Granny Square
Ortega, 2 p.m.*

Walking Club
Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

Crafternoon
Golden Gate Valley, 4–5 p.m.

[18, 25 Fridays](#)

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

[19 Saturday](#)

SturdyBridge Art Skool
Western Addition,
11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Improv
Anza, 1–2:30 p.m.

Puzzle Swap
Ortega, 2–3 p.m.

Summer Pickling
Golden Gate Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

NorCal Book Awards
Main, Lower Level, 2–5 p.m.

[20 Sunday](#)
Plant Swap
Bernal Heights, 1–2:30 p.m.

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

Pan Dulce Party
Glen Park, 2–3 p.m.

Mending Circle
Excelsior, 2–3:30 p.m.

[22 Tuesday](#)
Aging/Disability Resources
Main, Atrium, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Art as Evidence
Main, Lower Level, 3–9:30 p.m.

Beaded Keychain
Sunset, 4 p.m.*

[23 Wednesday](#)
Disability & Aging Services
Main, Atrium, 1–4 p.m.

Scrap Quilting
Bernal Heights, 2–4 p.m.

Filmmaking Careers
Virtual, 3 p.m.

Walking Pet Tour
Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

Knotted & Beaded Jewelry
Western Addition, 5–6:30 p.m.

Chess Club
Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

[24 Thursday](#)
Poetry Open Mic
North Beach, 3–5 p.m.

[25 Friday](#)
Paper-Cutting
Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl,
2 p.m.*

[26 Saturday](#)
Mahjong Sunset, 1:30–3 p.m.

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

Real Life w/ ADHD
Main, Koret, 10–11:30 a.m.

Open House
Noe Valley, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Fix-It Clinic: Clothes
Golden Gate Valley,
11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Drawing for Everyone
Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl,
11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Light Switch Cover: Beach Theme
Western Addition, 12 p.m.*

Silk-Screen Posters
West Portal, 1–5 p.m.

Tiny Art Show Reception
Portola, 2–3 p.m.

Real Life w/ ADHD
Main, Koret, 2–3:30 p.m.

Kitchen Remodeling
Merced, 2–3:30 p.m.

Visual Story-telling
Main, 3–4 p.m.

Storytime for Grown-ups
Western Addition, 4–5:30 p.m.

[27 Sunday](#)

Cohabiting w/ Wildlife in The Bay
Main, Koret, 1–2 p.m.

Mary Queen of Scots Livestream
Main, Lower Level, 1–5 p.m.

Tarot Exploration
Glen Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

Fix-it Clinic: Bikes
Mission Bay, 2–4 p.m.

Plant Swap
Visitation Valley, 3–4 p.m.

[29 Tuesday](#)
Lawyers in the Library
Main, Lower Level, 1–2:30 p.m.*

Author: Diana Kapp, The Last Free Women
Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

Book Clubs

1, 15 Tuesdays

Kazuo Ishiguro, *The Buried Giant* Glen Park, 1 p.m.

2 Wednesday

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

2, 16, 30 Wednesdays

Silent Book Club
Richmond, 3 p.m.

3 Thursday

Jane Austen, *Persuasion*
Virtual, 6 p.m.

8 Tuesday

Sherry Thomas, *The Librarians*
Presidio, 3 p.m.

Tayari Jones, *An American Marriage* Virtual, 6 p.m.

9 Wednesday

Chinatown Readers
Chinatown, 5:15 p.m.

10 Thursday

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

15 Tuesday

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

Rincón Literario

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

16 Wednesday

Xochitl Gonzalez, *Anita De Monte Laughs Last*
West Portal, 6 p.m.

18 Friday

George Saunder, *Vigil*
Noe Valley, 3 p.m.

19 Saturday

Ezra Klein, *Abundance*
Ortega, 11 a.m.

21 Monday

Silvia Moreno-Garcia, *Velvet Was the Night*
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

22 Tuesday

Omar El Akkad, *What Strange Paradise* Visitacion Valley, 4 p.m.

Excelsior Reads
Excelsior, 6:30 p.m.

23 Wednesday

E. L. Doctorow, *Ragtime*
Mission Bay, 6:30 p.m.

24 Thursday

Talking Book Club Selection
Main, TBBC - 2nd Floor, 12 p.m.

Silent Book Club
Sol Botanica, 5:30 p.m.

26 Saturday

读书会：活着就是冲天一喊
Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 10 a.m.

Longform Articles

Virtual, 10 a.m.

27 Sunday

Sally Rooney, *Intermezzo*
Marina, 2 p.m.

29 Tuesday

Shelby Van Pelt, *Remarkably Bright Creatures*
Bernal Heights, 2 p.m.

30 Wednesday

Gina María Balibarrera, *Las hijas del volcán*
Excelsior, 6 p.m.

Gina María Balibarrera, *The Volcano Daughters*
Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl, 6 p.m.

Films

2 Wednesday

Shaping Legacy Mini Filmfest
Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

4 Friday

A *Black Jesus* Excelsior, 3:30 p.m.

10 Thursday

Sacromonte—*The Wise of the Tribe* Potrero, 3:30 p.m.

11 Friday

The Shape of Water
Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

12 Saturday

Chinatown (1995)
Main, Koret, 1 p.m.

14 Monday

Mystery Street
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

16 Wednesday

Todo lo demás / Everything Else Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

Diarios de motocicleta/ The Motorcycle Diaries
Park, 5 p.m.

19 Saturday

Drawing From Film: *Godzilla*
Main, Lower Level, 11 a.m.

A *Better Tomorrow*
Richmond, 2 p.m.

23 Wednesday

Some Like It Hot
Chinatown, 1 p.m.

28 Monday

The Lady From Shanghai
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

Tech Time

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Tuesdays

教程：基本科技協助 (中文和英文) / **English/Chinese Tech Drop-In** Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Tech Drop-In

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

Tech Tuesdays

Bayview, 1–3 p.m.

2, 9 Wednesdays

Digital Literacy 基礎電腦課程
Ortega, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Wednesdays

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

3, 10, 17, 24 Thursdays

Tech Help
Excelsior, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Saturdays

Tech Help
West Portal, 12–4 p.m.

Tech Help / 科技協助
Sunset, 2–4 p.m.

8 Tuesday

Tech Time Marina, 2–3 p.m.

9 Wednesday

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

10 Thursday

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

11 Friday

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

Digital Literacy 基礎電腦課程
Ortega, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

11, 25 Fridays

Cantonese Tablet/Phone Course (60+)
Sunset, 1–2:30 p.m.

16 Wednesday

Prep for Emergencies
Glen Park, 6–7 p.m.

16, 23 Wednesdays

Digital Literacy
Ortega, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

18 Friday

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

21 Monday

Digital Literacy
Ortega, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

24 Thursday

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

25 Friday

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

27 Sunday

Drop-in Tech Help: English, Spanish, Filipino, Cantonese & Mandarin
Excelsior, 1–4 p.m.

30 Wednesday

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

Jobs & Careers, Personal Finance and Small Business

3 Thursday

FAFSA: Unlock Financial Aid
Virtual, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

8 Tuesday

IP for Entrepreneurs
Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

9 Wednesday

Task Tackling Night
Main, 6–7:45 p.m.

13 Sunday

Resumes/Cover Letters
Virtual, 3–4:30 p.m.

15 Tuesday

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

Small Biz: Pop-Up Displays
Virtual, 6–7:30 p.m.

17 Thursday

Speaker Series: Real Estate
West Portal, 6–7:30 p.m.

22 Tuesday

Medigap Plans
Virtual, 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

24 Thursday

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

29 Tuesday

LinkedIn Job Search, Part 3
Virtual, 2–3:15 p.m.

30 Wednesday

Mid-Career Reset
Virtual, 12–1 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 Tuesdays

Sewing Basics 5–6 p.m.

4, 11, 18, 25 Fridays

Cricut Custom Design 4–5 p.m.

16 Wednesday

Biblio Bistro 4–6 p.m.

23 Wednesday

Snack Trials 4–5 p.m.

MIX RECORDING STUDIO

Recording Studio Orientation
-Wednesdays, 4:30–5:30 p.m.
-Saturdays, 3–4 p.m.
-Sundays, 2–3 p.m.

At the Branches

2 Wednesday

Gaming Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Make a Papel Picado
Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

3, 10, 17, 24 Thursdays

Art Studio Merced, 5–6 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Saturdays

Gardening
Merced, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

15 Tuesday

Personalized Notebooks
Bernal Heights, 5 p.m.

21 Monday

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

23 Wednesday

CraftsnNorth Beach, 3 p.m.

30 Wednesday

Gaming North Beach, 3 p.m.

On View

For detailed descriptions of listings, go to sfpl.org/exhibits

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. Featuring more than 80 black-and-white photographs, zines, ephemera, merch and a new book coinciding with the exhibition. Through Sept. 24

Skylight Galleries, Main Library, 6th Floor

ART/WORK 3: Artworks Created by SFPL Staff

The third installment of the staff art exhibition features paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, prints, jewelry and other media created by employees from departments and branches throughout the library. Sept. 18, 2026–Jan. 7, 2027

Other Exhibits, Main Library

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A mural honoring the Ramaytush people, whose enduring presence on the San Francisco peninsula continues today through deep relationship with their homelands. Through 2027. Atrium, 1st Floor

Contemporary Indigenous Voices of California's

South Coast Range A photography and documentary film project amplifying the cultural stories of 10 Indigenous tribal groups, from the San Francisco Bay Area to Santa Barbara County. Through July 8, 2027. Stegner Center, 5th Floor

Little Brown Dolls No More: The Rise of Filipino Boxers

in the Squared Circle An exhibition exploring the ways colonial relationships facilitated the movement of people, culture and sport, and uplifts these innovators whose journey from the Pacific reshaped boxing as we know it. Through Jan. 14, 2027. International Center, 3rd Floor

Mapping Genocide

The American Indian Cultural District's *Mapping Genocide* exhibition examines San Francisco's legacy of commemorating the ideologies and individuals who spearheaded the genocide and displacement of American Indians through public art in the Civic Art Collection and street place names in San Francisco. Sept. 4, 2026–Jan. 21, 2027. Government Information Center, 5th Floor

Reading in Color: Honoring African American

Children's Book Illustrators African American children's book illustrators have created imaginative and powerful artwork that invites readers of all ages to explore and celebrate Black culture. This display showcases the rich evolution of Black illustration in children's literature. Sept. 23–Oct. 30. African American Center, 3rd Floor

Street Seen: Photography from the Arts, Music & Recreation Center

From San Francisco and beyond, these images capture everyday life in public spaces through moments of observation, humor and chance encounters. Through Nov. 19. Steve Silver Beach Blanket Babylon Music Center, 4th Floor

The Unbuilding Archive: Liberated Futures for the Site

of Compton's Cafeteria Riot Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the 1966 Compton's Cafeteria riot, this exhibit explores how the TurkxTaylor Initiative and Compton's x Coalition seeks to liberate the site and imagine alternative futures. Through Oct. 22. James C. Hormel LGBTQIA Center, 3rd Floor

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

Sneaker Culture An exhibition paying 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 Sept. 6. African American Center, 3rd Floor

Exhibits at the Branches

Drawn to Painting: The Secret Life of a Muni Illustrator

Exhibition featuring the reproductions of colored pencil drawings and oil paintings by professional artist Keith Scott Ferris. Ongoing. Portola Branch

Through the Library Window: A Glance Back at Art

and Community on Mission Creek Drawing from the personal papers of Mission Bay resident and small business owner Blanche Pastorino, this exhibition reveals a layered portrait of the pier at 4th and Channel Streets. Through Dec. Mission Bay Branch

September 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

3 Thursday

Mini-Makers

Merced, 11–11:30 a.m.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

5 Saturday

Mini-Makers

Mission Bay, 10–11 a.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Saturdays

Playtime

Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

12 Saturday

Big Play Date

Parkside, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

14, 21, 28 Mondays

Play w/ Purpose

Glen Park, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

14, 28 Mondays

Family Dance Party

Glen Park, 10–11 a.m.

15 Tuesday

Little Artists

Parkside, 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

17 Thursday

STEM Playdate

Ocean View, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

19 Saturday

Turkish Story Hour

Potrero, 2 p.m.

Elementary School Age

1 Tuesday

Crafternoon

Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

2 Wednesday

LEGO & Robotics

Bernal Heights, 6 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Wednesdays

Math Tutoring

Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

3 Thursday

LEGO Free Play

Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

4 Friday

Build Your Own Llama

Chinatown, 3:45 p.m.*

5 Saturday

Slime

Ortega, 2 p.m.

Craft Club

Sunset, 2 p.m.

Tween Creative Writing

Western Addition, 3–4:30 p.m.

6 Sunday

LEGO/STEM Free Play

Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

LEGO Free Play

Merced, 2–4 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Sundays

Board Games

Sunset, 1–4 p.m.

8 Tuesday

LEGO Free Play

Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

8, 22, 29 Tuesdays

Mission Science Tinkering Truck

West Portal, 4 p.m.*

9 Wednesday

Art Club

Excelsior, 3:30 p.m.*

Flower Pencil Toppers

Marina, 3:30–5 p.m.

LEGO Free Play

Bayview, 3–5 p.m.

Rock the Bike Chocolate Pudding

Ingleside, 4–5 p.m.

10, 24 Thursdays

Pokémon Trading Card

Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

11 Friday

Upcycled Crafting

Anza, 3–4 p.m.

Therapy Dog

Eureka Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

12 Saturday

Puppy Dog Tales

Potrero, 11–12 p.m.

Keva Contraptions

Merced, 2–4 p.m.

Operation STEM

West Portal, 3–4 p.m.

12, 26 Saturdays

Origami Hour

Sunset, 2 p.m.

13 Sunday

Ice Cream in a Bag

Merced, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Paper Lanterns

West Portal, 2–3 p.m.

14 Monday

Watercolor

Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

16 Wednesday

Mexican Hot Chocolate Tasting

Sunset, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

LEGO/Magna-Tiles Free Play

Anza, 3:30–5 p.m.

17 Thursday

LEGO Build-O-Rama

North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

18 Friday

Author: Jasmine Fang

Parkside, 4–5 p.m.

19 Saturday

Bike Day

Marina, 2–4 p.m.

Autumn Festival Lanterns

Portola, 3–4 p.m.

LEGO Robotics

West Portal, 3–4 p.m.

Autumn Crafts

Sunset, 4–5 p.m.

21, 28 Mondays

Tutoring/Homework Help

Ingleside, 3:45–5:15 p.m.

23 Wednesday

LEGO Free Play

Presidio, 2–3 p.m.

24 Thursday

Autumn Carnival

Sunset, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

25 Friday

Moon Fest Bunny Decoration

Chinatown, 3:45–4:45 p.m.*

Comics/Drawing Hr

Sunset, 3 p.m.

27 Sunday

Nature Exploration Station

Parkside, 2–3 p.m.

Middle School Age

1 Tuesday

Homework Hangout

Noe Valley, 3:30–5 p.m.

5 Saturday

Origami

Bernal Heights, 2–5 p.m.

6 Sunday

Journal Decorating

Mission Bay, 2–3:30 p.m.

14 Monday

Tutoring/Homework Help

Ingleside, 3:45–5:15 p.m.

Improv Games

Glen Park, 4:30 p.m.

17 Thursday

Teen Lounge w/ Diamond Art

Western Addition, 4–5 p.m.

20 Sunday

Decoden Keychains/Hairclips

Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

22 Tuesday

Monster Piñata Craft

Golden Gate Valley, 4 p.m.

25 Friday

Journal Hour

Bernal Heights, 4 p.m.

13 Sunday

Therapy Dog

Ortega, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

17 Thursday

Jumping Beans

Ingleside, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

20 Sunday

Family Game Time

West Portal, 2–3:30 p.m.

23 Wednesday

Crochet: Autumn Theme

Ingleside, 4–5 p.m.

24 Thursday

Book Club (Mom-Daughter):

A Sky Full of Song

West Portal, 6:45 p.m.

26 Saturday

¡VIVA! Kickoff Party

Main, Lower Level, 12–4 p.m.

Family Dance Party

Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

30 Wednesday

Family Dance Party

Excelsior, 3–4 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 – 14, 21, 28, Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Merced – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Mission Bay – Every Thursday, 10:30–11:15 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 – 14, 21, 28, Mondays, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.*
Sunset – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Visitation Valley – 14, 21, 28, Mondays, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
West Portal – Every Wednesday, 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.*
Western Addition – Every Tuesday, 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.*
Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.*
Ingleside – 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 – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.*
Noe Valley – 14, 21, 28, Mondays, 11:15–11:45 a.m.*
North Beach – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Ocean View – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Every Thursday, 11:30–12 p.m. (Minnie & Lovie Ward Ctr)
Ortega – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Park – 14, 21, 28, Mondays, 3:30–4 p.m.
Parkside – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Portola – 14, 21, 28, 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.
Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Sunset – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Visitation 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 – 1 Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
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, 11:15–11:45 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 Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m. (English/Español)
Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Glen Park – 9, 23, Wednesdays, 7–7:30 p.m.
Golden Gate Valley – Every Friday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.*
Main – Every Saturday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Marina – 5, 12, 19, Saturdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
26, Saturday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Merced – Every Wednesday, 2–2:30 p.m.
Noe Valley – Every Thursday, 10:15 & 11 a.m.*
29 Tuesday, 6:30–7 p.m.
Ortega – 14, 21, 28 Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Parkside – Every Sunday, 1:30–2 p.m.
Portola – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Potrero – 3 Thursday, 10 & 10:30 a.m.*
Sunset – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Western Addition – 14, 21, 28 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

3 Thursday

Book Club (Boys): The Teacher of Nomad Land
West Portal, 6:45–7:45 p.m.

4 Friday

Therapy Pet Glen Park, 4–5 p.m.

6 Sunday

Puppy Dog Tales

Ortega, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Sundays

Chess Club

Ingleside, 2:30–4 p.m.

8 Tuesday

Dog Reading Circle

Bernal Heights, 4 p.m.

10 Thursday

Puppy Dog Tales

Visitation Valley, 3 p.m.

Therapy Dog

Ortega, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

12 Saturday

Little Artists

Eureka Valley, 10–11 a.m.

Bike Fix-it Clinic

Main, Fulton Plaza, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Clothing Fix-it Clinic Main, Lower Level, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Día de la Ingeniería/Engineering Day at the Exploratorium

In partnership with the Library and the SF Bay Area Chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, the Exploratorium will host its annual Día de la Ingeniería/Engineering Day.

Families can meet professional engineers and participate in playful hands-on activities highlighting the scientific and engineering heritage of Latinx and other communities.

Many of the activities and discussions in this annual program will be conducted bilingually in Spanish and English.



Día de la Ingeniería/Engineering Day – Sept. 26, 10 a.m., Exploratorium, Pier 15 (Embarcadero at Green Street)

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The mission of Friends of the San Francisco Public Library is to support, strengthen and advocate for a premier San Francisco Public Library.

Friends of the San Francisco Public Library and McSweeney’s Partner to Expand the Lisa Brown and Daniel Handler Residency

Friends is proud to announce a new partnership with independent nonprofit publishing company McSweeney’s to expand the Lisa Brown and Daniel Handler Residency, a program that provides San Francisco writers with free studio space, creative community and opportunities to engage with the San Francisco Public Library. Together, Friends and McSweeney’s will strengthen support for local writers and help sustain San Francisco’s rich literary tradition.

“The Friends of the San Francisco Public Library and McSweeney’s are two of our finest local institutions,” said Daniel Handler. “As emerging writers struggle to find time and space to work in my hometown, Lisa Brown and I are pleased as punch to be finding partners to help exciting voices become, um, institutionalized.”

Founded in 2018 by authors Lisa Brown and Daniel Handler in partnership with Friends, the Residency provides studio space at Friends’ offices in Potrero Hill, along with opportunities to connect with the Library and the City’s literary community. Beginning with the 2026–2027

residency cohort, McSweeney’s joins the program as a partner, strengthening connections between residency writers and one of San Francisco’s most celebrated literary organizations.

Since its launch, the residency has supported 35 San Francisco writers working across genres, including fiction, memoir, poetry, journalism, children’s literature, illustration, mixed media, comic arts and playwriting. Alumni have gone on to publish books, win literary prizes, present public programs at the Library and contribute to the vibrant culture of San Francisco.

San Francisco is a city of writers, and libraries have always been a part of that rich history.

The partnership reflects a shared commitment to ensuring that writers can continue to live, work and write in San Francisco at a time when affordable space is increasingly scarce. McSweeney’s joins the program at a moment of growing demand, bringing its literary expertise and deep ties to San Francisco’s writing community as the residency continues to receive a record number of applications each year.

“We’ve always been enormous fans of Daniel and Lisa, of SFPL and its Friends, and of emerging writers,” said Amanda Uhle, publisher and executive director of McSweeney’s. “All of us at McSweeney’s are happy to have the chance to champion more San Francisco writers alongside these dear people.” In addition to its programmatic support, McSweeney’s will introduce a new publishing opportunity for residency participants. Work by the 2026–2027 cohort will be featured in a special insert in an upcoming issue of *McSweeney’s Quarterly Concern*, providing residents a platform to share their work with a national audience.



Lisa Brown and Daniel Handler

“San Francisco is a city of writers, and libraries have always been a part of that rich history,” said Emily Garvie, executive director of Friends of the San Francisco Public Library. “We’re thrilled to partner with McSweeney’s to ensure the Residency continues to provide writers with the space, support, and connections they need to thrive in our city.”



McSweeney’s

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