



Trends in Collections

The Library's Role as Resource Provider

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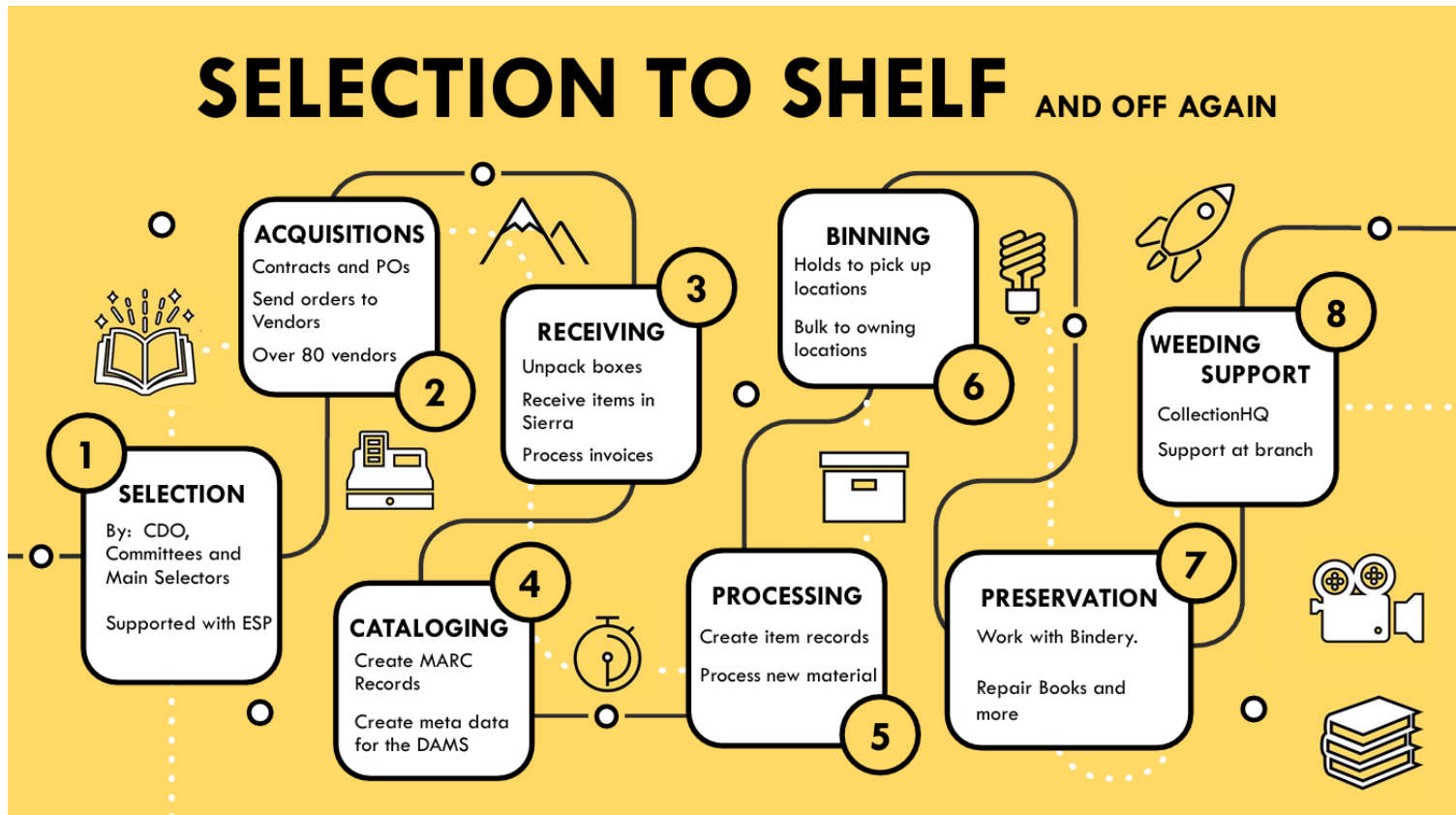
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Collection & Technical Services

Our work as Resource Providers

- 7 units
- 59 FTE



Selection & Acquisition

Ordering & Vendor Overview

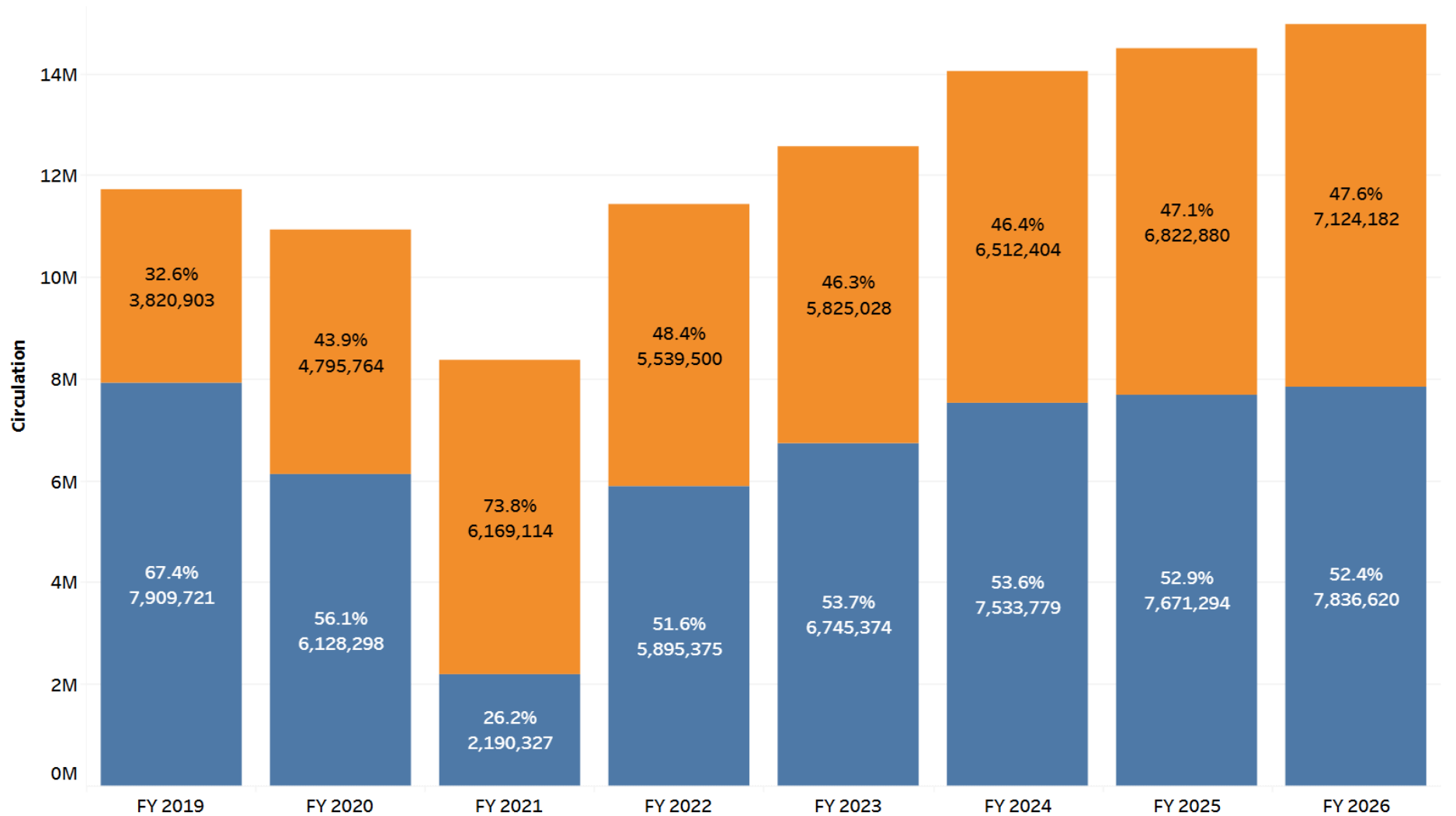
- Over 50,000 orders per year
- 60 contracts
- Over 80 vendors

Baker & Taylor Closure Impact

- 4,803 orders canceled and manually reordered
- Ordering tools lost: TitleSource 360, ESP
- New ordering tools:
 - TS360 replaced by BibZ (Brodart), Midwest Tape, Excel
 - ESP replaced by CollectionsHQ, RSA circulation reports
- Contract renewed early



8 Year Circulation Trend



Total Circ

FY19	11,730,624
FY20	10,924,062
FY21	8,359,441
FY22	11,432,696
FY23	12,513,943
FY24	14,043,125
FY25	14,494,174
FY26	14,960,803

 eMaterial
 Physical



FY 26 Popular Titles

Top 10 Physical Books and AV



Top 10 eBooks and eAudiobooks on Libby



Trends in Branch Collections:

Changes in Patrons Use of Books and Media

Adult	Childrens	Teen	Other
2,646,031	3,104,734	344,695	61,645
+ 1% vs FY25	+ 2% vs FY25	- 1% vs FY25	0% vs FY25
- 18% vs FY19	+ 21% vs FY19	+ 11% vs FY19	- 28% vs FY19

+ = increment
- = decrement

			Circulation:		
			FY26	vs. FY25	vs. FY19
Adult	Fiction	Audio	135,342	+ 2%	- 29%
		Print	900,509	+ 3%	+ 18%
		Video	515,655	- 3%	- 53%
	Non-Fiction	Print	1,064,404	0%	0%
		Video	25,478	- 14%	- 71%
Children	Fiction	Audio	37,849	+ 27%	+ 25%
		Print	2,521,234	+ 3%	+ 30%
		Video	72,216	- 9%	- 69%
	Non-Fiction	Print	469,943	0%	+ 29%



Trends in Branch Collections

Print remains popular with adults for leisure reading

- Adult fiction + **3%** with a turnover rate of 5.57
- Romance + **45%** with a turnover rate of 6.26
- Science fiction + **22%** with a turnover rate of 6.82

Children's fiction circulation continues to grow

- Graphic novels + **6%** with a turnover rate of 9.7
- Readers - **4%** with a turnover rate of 7.7
- New decodable collection has a turnover rate of 15

AV circulation shrinks as formats disappear, with a few bright spots

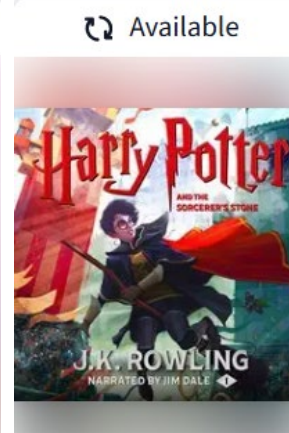
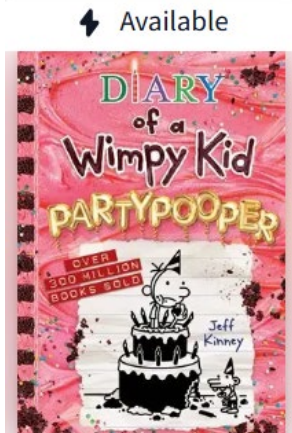
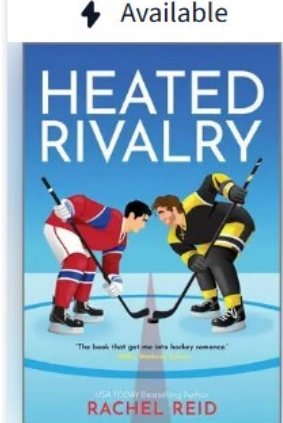
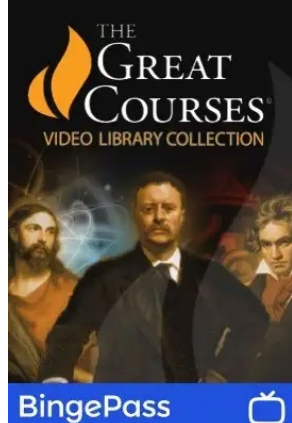
- Vinyl + **9%** (359% from FY19) with a turnover rate of 5.81
- Bluray + **9%** with a turnover rate of 6.83



eCollections

Hoopla Updates

Hoopla Top 10

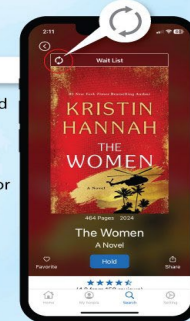


HOW TO hoopla: Two great ways to borrow from our library's hoopla collection!

1

hoopla Flex

- Borrow the latest audiobooks and eBooks
- Return one Flex title to get another Flex borrow
- Check out an available Flex title or place on hold if it's currently checked out



2

hoopla Instant

- Borrow audiobooks, eBooks, comics and manga, music albums, movies, TV shows, and Bingepasses
- Immediately available with no waiting



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eCollections

Top Resources After Libby and Hoopla



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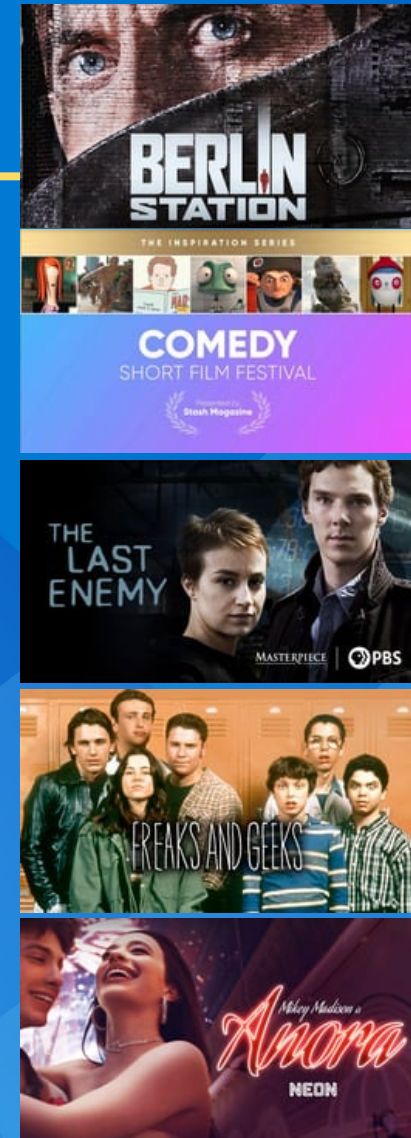
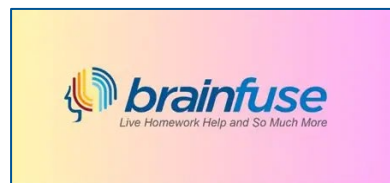


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The New York Times



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Cataloging & Processing

Physical Collection

- 29,478 titles cataloged
- 395,393 items processed (67,671 in languages other than English)

eCollection

- 335,600 bibliographic records added

Projects

FY26

- SFPL custom subject headings
- Graphic novel & children's fictions series relabeling
- New radon detectors

FY27

- 200s religion classification project
- GNs as formats
- Expanding Link+ to include DVDs



Collection Maintenance & Preservation



Collection Merchandising

- SFPL visual merchandising style guide
- Visual merchandising display topics
- Canva templates for display signs

Right Sizing Collection Project

- Added outdated stock targets
- Updated dashboard layout
- Provided trainings
- Reviewed census & circ data for languages spoken in the City other than English

Preservation Projects

- Preserving history
- Training for staff and public
- Supporting digitization

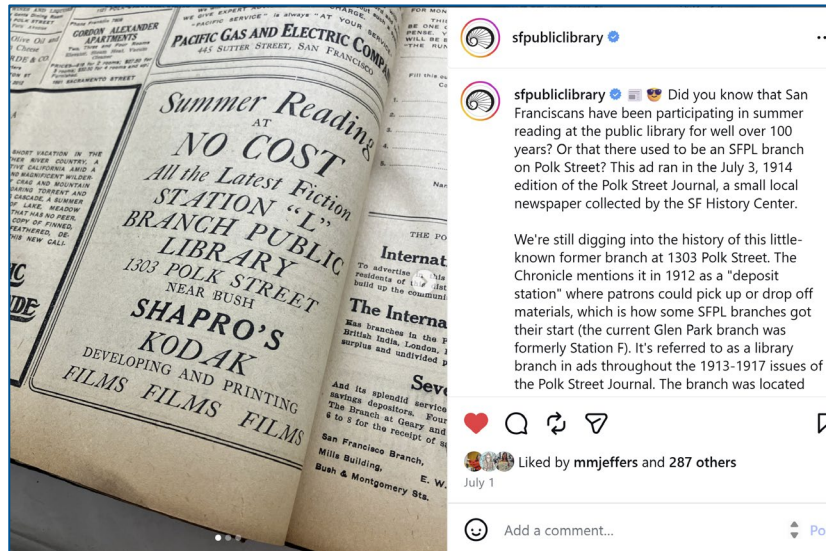


Preservation Team

Safeguarding San Francisco's History and Improving Access



St. Joan of Arc Student Panorama Photo - Before and After

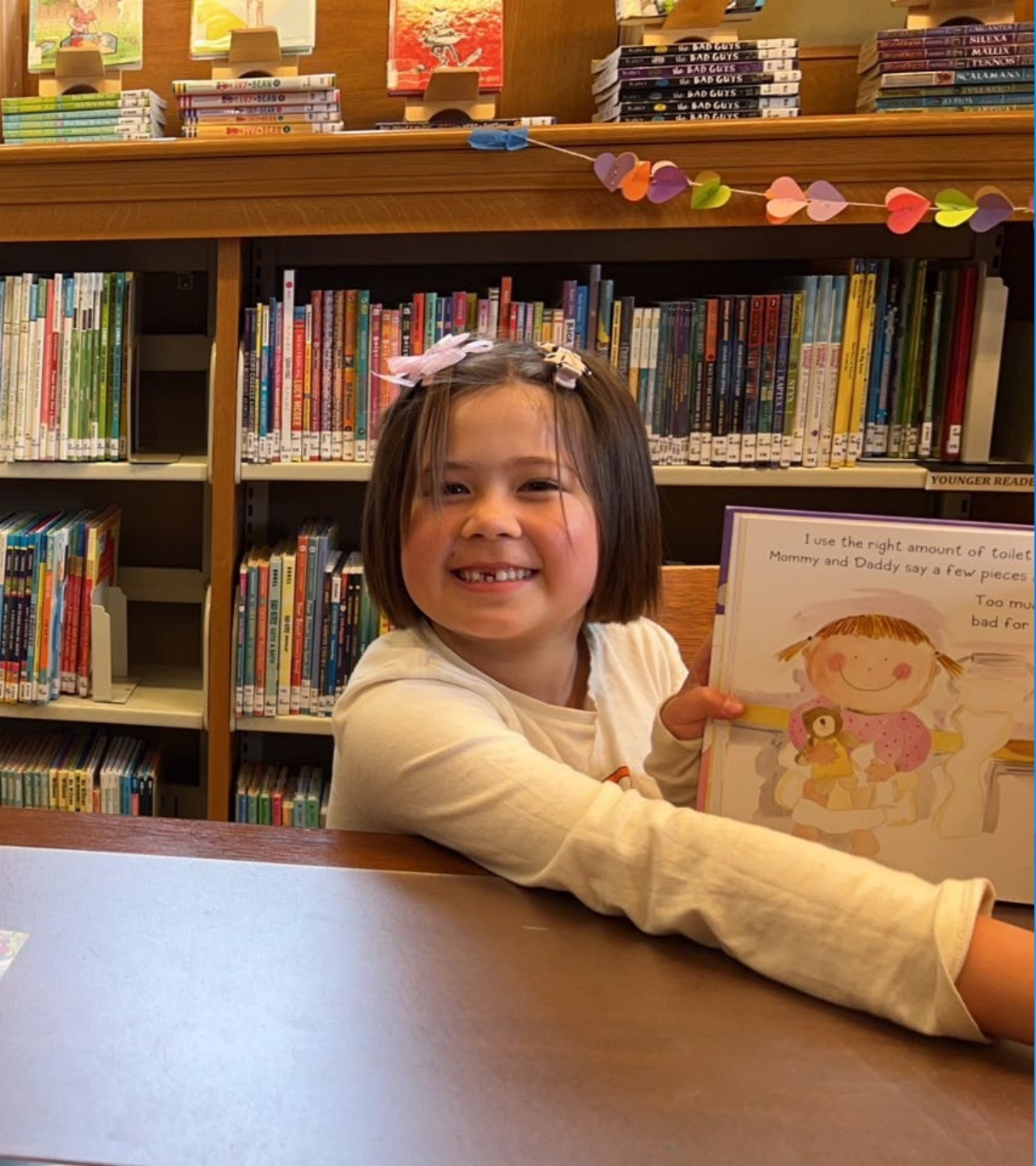


1913-1917 issues of the Polk Street Journal



San Francisco Assessor Map 1913





Thank You!

