



Small Business Week

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San Francisco Small Business Week

Established in 2004

SFPL's Small Business Week Participation

5 Years

Participated in San Francisco Small Business Week

3 Years

Served on the Citywide Planning Committee

SFPL's Role

Resource Provider

Thoughtful Navigator

Community Catalyzer



West Portal Small Business Stroll



By the Numbers



10

Programs

486

Attendees

10

Community Partners

13

Featured Businesses

Protecting Your Creativity While Running a Small Business



Supporting Entrepreneurs at Every Stage

➤ Launch

- Starting a Business in San Francisco
- Plan for Business Success with Gale Business Suite

➤ Operate

- Bookkeeping and Accounting
- Commercial Leasing Essentials

➤ Grow

- PR & AI for Small Businesses
- Scaling Bridges: Real Stories of Business Growth
- Small Business Opportunities at SFO

➤ Connect

- West Portal Small Business Stroll

➤ Include

- Welcoming All Customers: Creating Accessible Businesses

➤ Sustain

- Protecting Your Creativity



Moments That Capture Our Impact



Welcoming All Customers - Creating Accessible Businesses panel

FEATURED EVENTS



Real Stories of Business Growth Panel

San Francisco Public Library Small
Business Center



West Portal Small Business Stroll



Library-led walking tours that:

- Bring the Library beyond our walls
- Connect residents, merchants and branch libraries
- Activate neighborhood commercial corridors
- Introduce businesses to Small Business Center resources



Beyond Small Business Week



Year-Round Small Business Center Impact

55 programs and workshops

50 free one-on-one advising appointments

35+ strategic community partners

4 Small Business Strolls

2 community outreach engagements each month

Specialized business collections and research databases, including IBISWorld.





Thank you!

