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Events and Happenings at San Francisco Public Library

October 2026

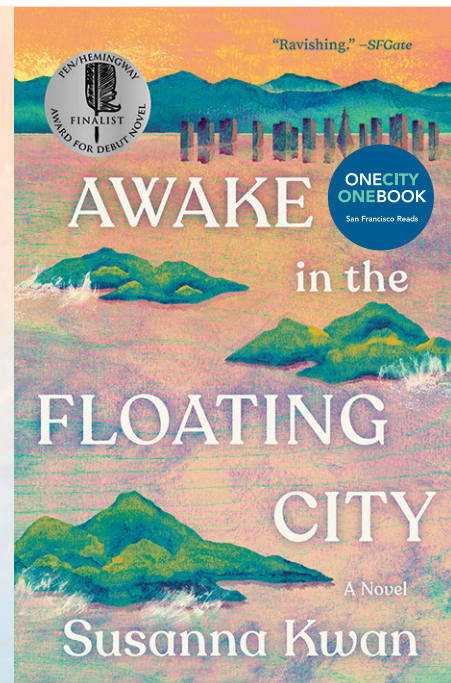
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One City One Book: *Awake in the Floating City*

San Francisco Public Library's 2026 One City One Book selection is the debut novel by San Francisco author and artist Susanna Kwan, *Awake in the Floating City*. Set in a future San Francisco transformed by rising waters, the novel follows Bo, an artist, and Mia, an elderly woman, whose unlikely relationship brings memory, art, caregiving, loss and belonging into focus. As the city around them changes, Kwan asks what we hold onto when the places we love are transformed—and how we preserve the stories that make a place home. See October programs on page 3. Learn more at sfpl.org/onecityonebook.



Susanna Kwan Photo: Andrea Lo



October Open Houses

This month, celebrate five branch open houses across the city. It's **Parkside Branch's** 75th anniversary, featuring festivities such as rock painting, a magic show with The Gentleman Magician, music with banjoist Evie Ladin, a scavenger hunt and more! At **Marina Branch**, enjoy all-ages activities including an SF Bicycle Coalition smoothie bike, a BINGO tournament, a fire truck visit, a costume swap for kids and pets and more—plus a Giant Bubbles party in the courtyard. **Excelsior Branch** combines its celebration with Sunday Streets. Activities include making bookmarks, playing chess, blowing bubbles with an expert and enjoying live music with Aguacate Kids during our Tricycle Music Fest and Susana y su Orquesta. **Western Addition** celebrates their community and history with family-friendly entertainment, raffle prizes and a meet and greet with community partners. **North Beach Library's** 12th anniversary bash coincides with Halloween. Enjoy spooky crafts, scary stories and more, then explore North Beach on a lively walking tour full of history, culture and great food!

Open House Celebrations:

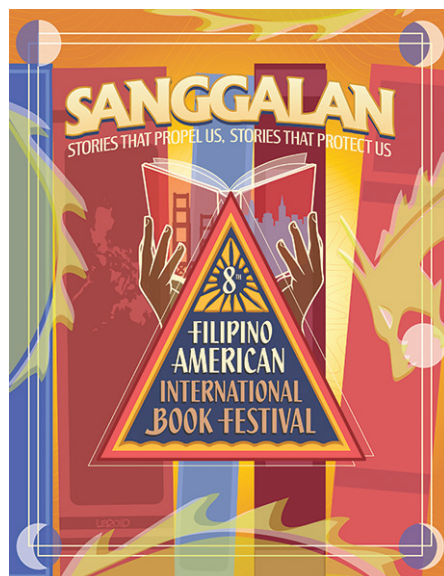
Parkside Branch – Oct. 3, 1–4 p.m.

Marina Branch – Oct. 17, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Excelsior Branch – Oct. 18, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Western Addition Branch – Oct. 24, 12–4 p.m.

North Beach Branch – Oct. 31, 11–4 p.m.



Celebrate Filipino American History Month at the Library

Branches across the City are hosting a variety of programs, from song and dance to poetry and weaving, that celebrate Filipino American culture and history. Additionally, the Filipino American International Book Festival (FilBookFest) returns to the Main Library October 17 and 18 for its eighth iteration. FilBookFest brings together an exciting array of Filipino writers, scholars and creatives from across the globe to the iconic San Francisco Public Library. Festival attendees can enjoy panel discussions, book signings and readings featuring a vibrant mix of established and emerging voices. This two-day event is a celebration of storytelling, culture and the diverse experiences of the Filipino diaspora.

Filipino American International Book Festival – Oct. 17 and 18, Main Library

¡VIVA! in October

ALL-AGES/ INTERGENERATIONAL

Sones de Mexicanas



Enjoy folklórico dance with music from Jalisco and Sinaloa.

Oct. 3, 11 a.m., Western Addition Branch

Cajón Drum Circle with Cunamacué

Learn a brief history of the Afro-Peruvian cajón (wooden box drum) and learn to play Afro-Peruvian and Latin rhythms on the instrument.

Oct. 14, 4 p.m., Potrero Branch

Guaguas de Pan

Learn about traditions of Day of the Dead in Ecuador, taste colada morada (a seasonal purple corn and fruit drink associated with the occasion) and decorate your own guagua de pan (bread baby).

Oct. 24, 3 p.m., Park Branch

ADULT



Eva Silot Bravo, Cuban Fusion Music

Explore the global evolution of Cuban alternative music since the 1990s and examine how Cuban musicians across the world have reimagined Cuban musical traditions through jazz, funk, rock en español, hip-hop, flamenco and other genres, while reflecting on migration, identity, creativity and cultural exchange.

Oct. 10, 3 p.m., Bayview Branch



Mexican Tamale Making

Join Olivia Mecalco, chef/owner of Mi Comedor Catering, for a fun and flavorful hands-on workshop where you'll learn to prepare authentic, traditional Mexican tamales.

Oct. 10, 3 p.m., Sunset Branch

Oct. 17, 3 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch

Papel Picado

Create your own papel picado, a traditional Mexican folk art featuring colorful tissue paper cut into intricate designs and hung as festive banners.

Oct. 21, 6 p.m., Parkside Branch

YOUTH AND FAMILIES



Music and Folktales

Sing and dance with Cascada de Flores and listen to their original story *El Brujo y la Sirena/The Wizard and the Mermaid*, a story about the sea with music from different parts of Latin America and the Caribbean, and songs in Spanish, English, Mayan K'iché and Portuguese.

Oct. 3, 10:30 a.m., Ingleside Branch

Coming Up:

November 5

**Opening Reception:
From the Street to the
Stage with Beaver Bauer**
Main Library, Lower Level

November 12

**Panel: Mother Jones—
50 Years of Fearless
Journalism** Main Library,
Koret Auditorium

November 21

Bay Beats Rap Show
Main Library,
Koret Auditorium



Drop Your Ballot Off at the Library
Official SF ballot drop boxes are located at 20 SFPL locations. Be sure to put your ballot in the box marked with the American flag that says "OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP BOX" (and not in our silver book return bins!).

Events, Collections and Services



Left to right: Spencer Noble, William Johnston's Extravagant Superband, Frankie Maston and Skip the Needle

Celebrate the Bay Beats 2026 Collection at the Bandshell

Bay Beats, the Library's local music streaming platform, is adding 150 more albums by Bay Area artists this month to its already wide-ranging collection. Like the collections added in previous years, the 2026 batch represents the Bay Area's diverse musical communities, demographics and points of view. The Bay Beats 2026 Collection will be available starting Saturday, October 24, and to celebrate, a concert at the Golden Gate Park Bandshell will feature newly added Bay Beats artists Spencer Noble, William Johnston's Extravagant Superband, Frankie Maston and Skip the Needle. Visit baybeats.sfpl.org.

Bay Beats Concert – Oct. 24, 2–6 p.m., Golden Gate Park Bandshell



Financial Planning Day: Get Smart with Your Money

Take control of your finances at Financial Planning Day, a free, full-day event offering one-on-one counseling with CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® professionals and expert-led presentations.

Topics this year include investing, income taxes, property tax and intergenerational transfers, resources to support your financial wellbeing and an empowering take on budgeting. Sessions will be held in person at the Main Library and livestreamed on Zoom for remote participants.

This is your chance to access accurate, up-to-date information and connect directly with professionals—no strings attached.

For more information and registration, visit sfpl.org/financial-planning.

Financial Planning Day – Oct. 24, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Main Library, Lower Level

eResources: Access *The Atlantic*

The *Atlantic* is a popular magazine at the Library, but many of its articles are published exclusively online, requiring a subscription. Well, we've got news for you: Library patrons can access this web-only content by visiting sfpl.org/enews. Click "Access eMagazine Collections" under the eMagazines heading for a link to a database containing articles from *The Atlantic's* web edition. This resource may not include everything from the magazine's website, as some items can be omitted due to publishing rights.

After clicking the link for "The Atlantic Articles and Web Edition Content," you can search for specific topics or simply browse. If you know the publication date of the online article, you can also choose that day's "issue" (with a one-day delay). This will show the full list of articles posted on *The Atlantic's* site for that date. While the database does not include images, it provides complete article text.



Study Smart Tutors

Attention all high schoolers! Come take advantage of free workshops on SAT/test prep, essay writing, budgeting, financial aid, future planning, self-care and more. Be sure to utilize our virtual Student Support Sessions and receive one-on-one help with school assignments, job and college applications or anything else you are working through. Workshops are led by Study Smart Tutors instructors and are open to 9th–12th graders who live or go to school in San Francisco. All in-person workshops include a meal.

Fall Schedule

College Admissions Overview – Oct. 4, 2 p.m., Noe Valley Branch

College Essay Writing – Oct. 10, 10:30 a.m., West Portal Branch; Oct. 11, 1 p.m., Sunset Branch; Nov. 14, 1 p.m., Excelsior Branch

College Application Process – Oct. 17, 1 p.m., Parkside Branch

Test Prep – Oct. 18, 1 p.m., Portola Branch; Oct. 22, 5 p.m., Marina Branch; Oct. 24, 11 a.m., Main Library, The Mix, 2nd Floor

Academic Skills – Oct. 25, 1 p.m., Visitation Valley Branch

SAT Prep – Oct. 31, 11 a.m., Presidio Branch; Nov. 21, 12 p.m., Portola Branch

Interview Skills – Nov. 1, 1 p.m., Ortega Branch

Life and Leadership Skills – Nov. 22, 1 p.m., Glen Park Branch

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x.com/SFPublicLibrary

instagram.com/sfpubliclibrary

youtube.com/user/SanFranciscoLibrary

Collections Corner: Assessor Recorder Property Photos Now Online



3933 18th Street, from the San Francisco Office of the Assessor-Recorder Photographs

The San Francisco History Center is pleased to announce expanded online access to the San Francisco Assessor Recorder's historic property photographs. This collection includes more than 105,000 photographs and 75,000 frames of negatives documenting buildings across the city from the late 1940s through the early 2000s. Digitization of the 105,000 photographic prints was supported by San Francisco Planning, and images can now be viewed through the San Francisco Property Information Map (sfplanninggis.org). To explore, search by address and select "Historic Preservation" then "Property Photos" to see available images.

Can you find your home? Start searching today!



Photo: RJ Muna

Freedom Comes When One Walks Through It

Local aerial dance company Flyaway Productions debuts a new performance at SFPL this fall. **FREEDOM COMES WHEN ONE WALKS THROUGH IT** is a dance-based public art project exploring the concept of freedom at the intersection of public libraries and prisons. Directed by Flyaway Artistic Director Jo Kreiter in coalition with San Francisco Public Library, **FREEDOM COMES** features a cast of seven female dancers, original research and text by April Harris and commissioned music by Kalyn Harwood.

Performance: FREEDOM COMES WHEN ONE WALKS THROUGH IT

Oct. 3, 1 p.m. and 3:15 p.m., Visitation Valley Branch
Oct. 10, 1 p.m. and 3:15 p.m., Main Library
Oct. 17, 1 p.m. and 3:15 p.m., Ortega Branch



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Selection

Gina María Balibrera's *The Volcano Daughters*

Events

**Author: Gina María Balibrera
in Conversation with Ash Huang –**

Oct. 4, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium,
Lower Level (Spanish interpretation is available)

**Book Club: Gina María Balibrera's
The Volcano Daughters –**

Oct. 13, 7 p.m., Virtual Library and
Oct. 25, 2 p.m., Marina Branch



Gina María Balibrera

Read-alikes



The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina
by Zoraida Córdova

The House of the Spirits
by Isabel Allende



Fruit of the Drunken Tree
by Ingrid Rojas Contreras

Infinite Country
by Patricia Engel

Of Women and Salt
by Gabriela García



The Great Divide
by Cristina Henríquez

The Cemetery of Untold Stories
by Julia Álvarez

Library Litquake



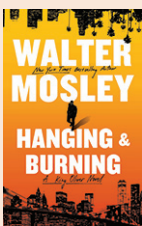
L to R: Natalie Baszile, Cheryl Dunye

the Bay Area as two best friends find themselves at odds over their beliefs on race, identity and allyship. Joined by filmmaker and Jingtowntown Films' founder Cheryl Dunye.

Silicon Valley's influence looms large over the Bay Area, so what does that mean for the rest of us? Investigative journalist Brian Barth, anthropologist Manissa Maharawal and journalist Jonathan Weber are joined by architect Vinita Goyal in conversation, co-presented with Mission Local and the Bay Area



L to R: Brian Barth, Manissa Maharawal, Jonathan Weber and Vinita Goyal



L to R: Walter Mosley, Carvell Wallace

Natalie Baszile: *Friends and Family* – Oct. 11, 3 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Living in the Shadow of Silicon Valley – Oct. 20, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Walter Mosley: *Hanging and Burning* – Oct. 23, 6:30 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Litquake, San Francisco's oldest and boldest literary festival, is teaming up with the Library to host several free events.

Join *Queen Sugar* author Natile Baszile to discuss her new book, *Friends and Family*, an examination of friendship and loyalty set in

Then attend a free after-hours event with the inimitable Walter Mosley to discuss his latest in the Joe King Oliver series, *Hanging and Burning*, in a conversation with Carvell Wallace.

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Photo: Steve Disenhof

Eyewitness to the Resistance: Photojournalists on the Front Lines of Protest

An exhibition of historical and contemporary protest photography, *Eyewitness to the Resistance* documents civic action in the Bay Area. Images from the San Francisco History Center are presented alongside recent work by Pro Bono Photo contributors, showing how demonstrations have been witnessed and recorded across generations. A related panel brings local photojournalists together to discuss their work and the role of photography in documenting protest and pro-democracy movements.

***Eyewitness to the Resistance* Exhibition –** Sept. 17–Dec. 31, Main Library, Art, Music & Recreation Center Exhibit Space, 4th Floor

Panel Discussion – Oct. 22, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Rocky Horror Picture Show with a Full Shadow Cast

Give yourself over to pleasure with the full *Rocky Horror Picture Show* experience! San Francisco's Bawdy Caste performs the movie live in front of the screen as it plays. Expect singing, dancing, costumes, callbacks and plenty of audience participation. You may bring your own props, but no wet items, meat, rice, toast, glitter, confetti or anything that could make a mess or attract critters. Costumes and audience participation are encouraged. Don't dream it—be it!



Photo: Bawdy Caste

Rocky Horror with Bawdy Caste – Oct. 21. Doors open at 5 p.m.; the film starts at 5:45 p.m., Koret Auditorium, Main Library, Lower Level



One City One Book October Programs

**Vinegar and Memory—Saving
Film Before It Fades**

Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m., Main Library,
Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

**From Garden to Green Bin:
Climate Action at Home**

Oct. 10, 11 a.m., Main Library,
Steve Silver Music Center,
4th Floor

Oct. 22, 5:30 p.m., Potrero Branch
Oct. 31, 2 p.m., Golden Gate Valley
Branch

**Presentation: Photograph History,
Care and Conservation**

Oct. 14, 6 p.m., Park Branch
Oct. 21, 5 p.m., Mission Bay Branch

Changing Commons Walking Tour

Oct. 16, 12 p.m., Transamerica
Redwood Park

Repair, Reuse and Circular Living

Oct. 17, 11 a.m., Western Addition
Branch
Oct. 27, 2 p.m., Marina Branch

**Reduce Plastic Waste Through
Creative Reuse**

Oct. 18, 2 p.m., Main Library, Steve
Silver Music Center, 4th Floor

Planning for End of Life

Oct. 20, 1 p.m., Main Library, Talking
Books and Braille Center, 2nd Floor
Oct. 20, 6 p.m., West Portal Branch

**Book Clubs: *Awake in the
Floating City***

Oct. 21, 6 p.m., West Portal Branch
Oct. 27, 4 p.m., Visitation Valley Branch

Panel: Cities as Ancestors

Oct. 27, 6 p.m., Main Library,
Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

**Writing Memoir Through
a Speculative Lens**

Oct. 28, 5 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch

**Workshop: Create With Cricut—
Custom Pouch Project with
Kwanimals**

Oct. 30, 3 p.m., Main Library,
The Bridge, 5th Floor

October 2026 Event Calendar

Adults

[1 Thursday](#)

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

Оптимизировать ваши Social Security benefits
Richmond, 6–7 p.m.

ART/WORK 3: SFPL Staff Art Reception Main, Skylight Gallery - 6th Fl, 6–7:30 p.m.

[1, 8 Thursdays](#)

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

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

Breath Meditation
Richmond, 11 a.m.

Wild Goose Qigong
Presidio, 2 p.m.

[2 Friday](#)

Chair Yoga Sunset, 2:30 p.m.*

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

[2, 16 Fridays](#)

Knitting Anza, 3–5 p.m.

[2, 16, 30 Fridays](#)

Watercolor
Bernal Heights, 1–5 p.m.

[3 Saturday](#)

Tai Chi for Wellness
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.

Sones de Mexicanas
Western Addition, 11 a.m.

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

Photographer Dong Yao Dong Main, Koret, 1–3 p.m.

Flyaway Prod. Aerial Dance
Visitation Valley, 1–3:45 p.m.

Victorian Jardinières (w/ SFO Museum) Ortega, 2–3:30 p.m.

Dr. Stone Love Fauré & Dr. Michelle Hector II
Main, Lower Level, 2–4 p.m.

Fix-it Clinic: Clothing
Merced, 2–4 p.m.

Demystify Video Games (Parents/Guardians) Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 3–4 p.m.

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

Button Making Mayan Art
Main, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

[3, 10 Saturdays](#)

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

[3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Saturdays](#)

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

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

[3, 17, 31 Saturdays](#)

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

[4 Sunday](#)

Author: Andrew Lam, *Stories From the Edge of the Sea*
Eureka Valley, 2 p.m.

Author: Gina María Balibrera w/ Ash Huang Main, Koret, 2 p.m.

Karaoke Glen Park, 2 p.m.

Author: Natalie Garay, WTF Happened to My Body
Marina, 2 p.m.

Collaborative Art Project
West Portal, 2–3:30 p.m.

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

Black Women Speaking Their Truths Main, African Amer Ctr - 3rd Fl, 3–5 p.m.

[5, 19 Mondays](#)

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

[5, 19, 26 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.

[6 Tuesday](#)

Origami Ume Blossom
Chinatown, 2 p.m.*

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

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

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

Channeling BTS in Our Careers Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

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

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

Genealogy Virtual, 12 p.m.

ESL Convo Excelsior, 5 p.m.

[6, 20, 27 Tuesdays](#)

ESL Online Convo Virtual, 3 p.m.

[7 Wednesday](#)

Library Tour Main, Atrium, 12 p.m.

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

Asian Law Caucus: Workers’ Rights Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 5:30–7 p.m.

BeSMART w/ Firearms
Excelsior, 6 p.m.

Panel: Black Feminist Archive
Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

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

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

[7, 21 Wednesdays](#)

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

[8 Thursday](#)

Senior Fitness Ortega, 1 p.m.

Chinese Calligraphy /學習臨帖 Chinatown, 2 p.m.*

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

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

[8, 22 Thursdays](#)

French Convo Excelsior, 5 p.m.

[9 Friday](#)

Watercolor
Glen Park, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Flower Arrangement
Ortega, 2 p.m.*

BTS & ARMY Craft Lounge
Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2–4 p.m.

Karaoke Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

Navy Band Woodwind Quintet Glen Park, 4 p.m.

[10 Saturday](#)

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

Flu/Covid Vaccines
Merced, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Plant Swap
Sunset, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Walking Tour
Golden Gate Valley, 1 p.m.

Flyaway Prod. Aerial Dance
Main, Fulton St Steps, 1–3:45 p.m.

Silk String Ensemble
Richmond, 2 p.m.

Navy Band Woodwind Quintet Sunset, 2 p.m.

SF & Korean Immigration
Western Addition, 2 p.m.

Soft Sculpture
Eureka Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

Opera 101 Ortega, 2–3:30 p.m.

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

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

Victorian Preservation Movement Noe Valley, 2–4 p.m.

Author: Eva Silot Bravo, *Cuban Fusion Music*
Bayview, 3 p.m.

Découpage Pumpkins
Presidio, 3 p.m.*

Mexican Tamales
Sunset, 3 p.m.*

[10, 24 Saturdays](#)

Gentle Yoga Mission Bay, 10 a.m.

Tai Chi (Beginners)
Mission Bay, 1 p.m.

[11 Sunday](#)

Author: Cythia Li, MD, *The Medicine of Flow* Virtual, 1 p.m.

Painted Mini Pumpkins
Eureka Valley, 3 p.m.*

Author: Natalie Baszile w/ Cheryl Dunye
Main, Koret, 3–4:30 p.m.

[13 Tuesday](#)

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

Spooky Folktales (Adult Read-Aloud) Eureka Valley, 6 p.m.

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

[13, 27 Tuesdays](#)

Knitting Glen Park, 1–2:30 p.m.

[14 Wednesday](#)

Genealogy Virtual, 1–3 p.m.

Cajón Drum Circle
Potrero, 4–4:45 p.m.

Explore Southeast Asia
Virtual, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

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

Crochet
Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

More Wonder in Your Life
Main, Koret, 6–7:30 p.m.

[14, 28 Wednesdays](#)

Knitting Ortega, 2–4 p.m.

[15 Thursday](#)

Día De Los Muertos Stained Glass Art Excelsior, 2 p.m.*

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

Pet Therapy
Richmond, 3–3:45 p.m.

Guided Meditations
Bernal Heights, 4:30 p.m.

Gardens: Fall & Winter
Virtual, 4 p.m.

Guided Meditations
Bernal Heights, 5 p.m.

[16 Friday](#)

Walking Club Excelsior, 4 p.m.

[17 Saturday](#)

Flyaway Prod. Aerial Dance
Ortega, 1–3:45 p.m.

Halloween Broadside Printing Main, Book Arts - 6th Fl, 2–4 p.m.

Fix-it Clinic: Clothing
Noe Valley, 2–4 p.m.

Fix-it Clinic: Bikes
Visitation Valley, 2–4 p.m.

Mexican Tamales
Golden Gate Valley, 3–4 p.m.

History Day: Ocean View, Merced Heights, Ingleside
Ingleside, 3–5 p.m.

[18 Sunday](#)

Open House
Excelsior, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

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

Mending Circle
Excelsior, 2–3:30 p.m.

Elder Project Get-Together/Reading Park, 2–4 p.m.

[20 Tuesday](#)

Healthy Homes Richmond, 2–3 p.m.

SFFD: CPR/Stop the Bleed
North Beach, 5 p.m.*

Crochet Richmond, 5–7 p.m.

Hidden Meanings in Chinese Art Virtual, 6:30 p.m.

In the Shadow of Silicon Valley Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

Zinething
Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 6 p.m.

[21 Wednesday](#)

Mandarin Bilingual Convo
Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 10–11 a.m.
SF Stairway Month Walk
Glen Park, 3–6 p.m.

Writing Group Excelsior, 5 p.m.

Papel Picado Parkside, 6 p.m.*

Revisiting Black Horror & Healing Main, Lower Level, 6 p.m.

Halloween Boo-list

We’ve picked one scary—or at least seriously creepy—movie for every day of the month, from classic chills to modern nightmares. Check out a new fright every day and make your Halloween season a little more terrifying. on.sfpl.org/boo-list



The Silence of the Lambs

A young FBI cadet is aided by a manipulative cannibal killer in her pursuit of a madman who skins his victims.



Midsommar

A couple travels to Northern Europe to visit a rural hometown’s fabled Swedish midsummer festival. What begins as an idyllic retreat quickly devolves into an increasingly violent and bizarre competition at the hands of a pagan cult.



The Exorcist

When a mysterious entity possesses a young girl, her mother seeks the help of two Catholic priests to save her life.



The Wicker Man

A puritan police sergeant arrives in a Scottish island village in search of a missing girl, who the pagan locals claim never existed.

[22 Thursday](#)

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

Poetry Open Mic
North Beach, 3–5 p.m.

Macabre Marvels: SFPL’s Hidden Books Main, AMR Ctr - 4th Fl, 6 p.m.

Destination SF Main, Saroyan Area - 6th Fl, 6 p.m.

Eyewitness to the Resistance
Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

[23 Friday](#)

Watercolor
Glen Park, 1:30–5 p.m.

Author: Walter Mosely, *Hang-ing and Burning*
Main, Koret, 6:30 p.m.

[24 Saturday](#)

Mahjong Sunset, 1:30 p.m.*

Mahjong (Beginners)
Sunset, 10:30 a.m.*

Craft Club in ASL
Main, Deaf Services - 1st Fl, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Plant Swap
Ortega, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Improv Anza, 1–2:30 p.m.

Open House
Western Addition, 12–4 p.m.

Bookmark Stories
West Portal, 2 p.m.

Bay Beats Launch Party
Main, 2–6 p.m.

Guaguas de Pan Park, 3 p.m.*

Bird Walk: Heron’s Head Park
Main, 9–11 a.m.

[25 Sunday](#)

Halloween Craft
Bayview, 1:30–3 p.m.

Embroidering Queer History
Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 1–4 p.m.

Puzzle Swap
Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

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

Horrificed: D&D
Presidio, 3–5 p.m.

[27 Tuesday](#)

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

Public Speaking Fundamentals Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 1–3:30 p.m.

Diwali Lamp Sunset, 4 p.m.*

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

Author: Sarita Sarvate w/ Sabina Khan-Ibarra
Main, The Page - 1st Fl, 6 p.m.

[28 Wednesday](#)

Dept of Disability/Aging Svcs
Main, Atrium, 1–4 p.m.

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

Halloween Crochet
Ingleside, 4–5 p.m.

Understand Indoor Air Quality
Visitation Valley, 4 p.m.

An Edward Gorey Halloween
North Beach, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Bay Area Innovation: German-Americans
Main, Koret, 5–7:30 p.m.

Chess
Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

Blind Book Art Challenge
Main, 6–8 p.m.

[30 Friday](#)

Kintsugi Paper Craft
Eureka Valley, 4–5 p.m.

[31 Saturday](#)

Open House
North Beach, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Halloween Rock
Park, 8–9 a.m.

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Book Clubs

- [1 Thursday](#)
Julio Cortazar, Blow-up & Other Stories
Virtual, 6–7:30 p.m.
- [4 Sunday](#)
Silent Book Club
Portola, 2–4 p.m.
- [6 Tuesday](#)
Cozy Capers & Mysteries
Presidio, 3 p.m.
- [7 Wednesday](#)
Book Exchange
Golden Gate Valley, 1 p.m.
- Chinatown Readers**
Chinatown, 5:15–7:15 p.m.
- Silent Book Club**
Magnolia Brewing, 5:30–7 p.m.

- [8 Thursday](#)
Discuss Talking Books
Main, TBBC - 2nd Fl, 3 p.m.*
- [13 Tuesday](#)
Gina María Balibrera, The Volcano Daughters
Virtual, 7 p.m.
- [14, 28 Wednesdays](#)
Silent Book Club
Richmond, 3–5 p.m.
- [16 Friday](#)
Gayl Jones, The Birdcatcher
Noe Valley, 3–4 p.m.
- [17 Saturday](#)
Susan Choi, Flashlight
Ortega, 11 a.m.
- [18 Sunday](#)
Carmen Maria Machado, Her Body & Other Parties
Eureka Valley, Virtual, 3:30 p.m.

- [19 Monday](#)
Alone Together Book Club
Noe Valley, 4 p.m.
- [20 Tuesday](#)
Caro de Robertis, Cantoras
Main, Paley Rm - 3rd Fl, 6–7:30 p.m.
- [21 Wednesday](#)
Book/Movie Club (Crazy Rich Asians) Western Addition, 4–7 p.m.
- [22 Thursday](#)
Silent Book Club at Sol Botanica
Market Hall, 5:30–7 p.m.
- [25 Sunday](#)
Gina María Balibrera, The Volcano Daughters
Marina, 2–3:30 p.m.
- Gabriel García Márquez, Until August** Eureka Valley, Virtual, 3:30 p.m.

- [27 Tuesday](#)
Cameron Crow, The Uncool
Bernal Heights, 2–4 p.m.
- Susanna Kwan, Awake in the Floating City**
Visitacion Valley, 4–5:30 p.m.
- Gina María Balibrera, The Volcano Daughters**
Excelsior, 6:30 p.m.
- [28 Wednesday](#)
Henry James, The Turn of the Screw Mission Bay, 6:30 p.m.
- [29 Thursday](#)
Talking Book Selection Main, TBBC - 2nd Fl, 12–1:30 p.m.
- [31 Saturday](#)
Longform Article Club
Virtual, 10–11:30 a.m.

Films

- [3 Saturday](#)
Drawing From Film: Onibaba
Main, Lower Level, 11 a.m.
- [5 Monday](#)
Saffron Kingdom
Main, Koret, 12 p.m.
- [6 Tuesday](#)
Pelo Malo (Bad Hair) & Discussion North Beach, 5 p.m.

- [8 Thursday](#)
October Sky Potrero, 3 p.m.
- [9 Friday](#)
True Grit Noe Valley, 2 p.m.
- [13 Tuesday](#)
Quiet, Please! Hollywood Librarians
West Portal, 6 p.m.
- Gods Own Country & Discussion** North Beach, 8 a.m.

- [14 Wednesday](#)
The Killers
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.
- Gerald (ASL Films)**
Main, Lower Level, 5 p.m.
- [17 Saturday](#)
The Killer Richmond, 2 p.m.
- [20 Tuesday](#)
Kansas City Confidential & Discussion North Beach, 8 a.m.

- [21 Wednesday](#)
Mrs. Miniver Chinatown, 1 p.m.
- The Birds** Park, 5 p.m.
- Rocky Horror Picture Show w/ Full Shadow Cast**
Main, Koret, 5 p.m.
- [26 Monday](#)
The Amazing Mr. X
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.
- [27 Tuesday](#)
Santa Sangre & Discussion
North Beach, 8 a.m.

Jobs & Careers, Personal Finance and Small Business

- [1 Thursday](#)
Mindful Money
Virtual, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
- Medicare 101**
Golden Gate Valley, 2–3:15 p.m.
- [8 Thursday](#)
Small Biz Office Hrs w/ Advisor Virtual, 2–4 p.m.

- [9 Friday](#)
StopScams SF Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 2–3 p.m.
- Trump/530A Accts**
Virtual, 3–5 p.m.
- [13 Tuesday](#)
Protect Your Brand: Trademarks Virtual, 1–2 p.m.
- [15 Thursday](#)
Speaker Series: Family & Wellness West Portal, 6–7:30 p.m.

- [19 Monday](#)
Union Construction Apprenticeships Virtual, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
- [22 Thursday](#)
Careers: Hospice Nursing/ Death Care Virtual, 2–3 p.m.
- [24 Saturday](#)
Diving into Investments
Virtual, 10:15–11:45 a.m.
- Financial Planning Day**
Main, Virtual, Lower Level, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

- Tax Update**
Virtual, 12:45–2:15 p.m.
- Tenderloin Passport**
Main, Atrium, 12–5 p.m.
- Budgeting**
Virtual, 3:15–4:45 p.m.
- [29 Thursday](#)
Taxes: Artists, Creatives, Freelancers Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 6–7:30 p.m.
- [30 Friday](#)
Navigate Solo Retirement
Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

Tech Time

- [1, 15 Thursdays](#)
Excel (Beginners) Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
- [1, 8, 15 Thursdays](#)
Computers (Beginners) Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 1 p.m.*
- [1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Thursdays](#)
Tech Help Excelsior, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
- [3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Saturdays](#)
Tech Help West Portal, 12–4 p.m.

- [6, 13, 20, 27 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.
- [7, 14, 21, 28 Wednesdays](#)
Computer Basics Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 12–1 p.m.
- [7, 21 Wednesdays](#)
Tech Savvy (60+, Cantonese) Richmond, 2–3:30 p.m.

- [9 Friday](#)
Drop-In Tech Help (Older Adults) Richmond, 1:30–3 p.m.
- [9, 23 Fridays](#)
Tables/Phones (60+, Cantonese) Sunset, 1–2:30 p.m.
- [13 Tuesday](#)
Tech Time Marina, 2–3 p.m.
- [15 Thursday](#)
ChatGPT及Gemini簡介 Chinatown, 2 p.m.*
- [16 Friday](#)
Smartphones (60+) Sunset, 1 p.m.*

- [22 Thursday](#)
eBook Drop-In
Main, Atrium, 4–5:30 p.m.
- [23 Friday](#)
Drop-In Tech Help (Older Adults) Ortega, 1:30–3 p.m.
- [25 Sunday](#)
Drop-in Tech Help (English, Spanish, Filipino, Cantonese & Mandarin) Excelsior, 1–4 p.m.
- [28 Wednesday](#)
Computer Skills Certificate
Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 4–6 p.m.

Teens

- The Mix at Main**
Main Library, 2nd Fl.
SFPL's creative space for teens, ages 12–18.
- [2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Fridays](#)
Cricut Custom Design, 4–5 p.m.
- [6, 13, 20, 27 Tuesdays](#)
Sewing Basics, 5–6 p.m.
- [17 Saturday](#)
Cajón Drum Circle w/ Cunamacué, 4–5 p.m.

- [21 Wednesday](#)
Biblio Bistro, 4–6 p.m.
- [25 Sunday](#)
JoJo's Bizarre Adventure All-Star Battle R, 4–5 p.m.
- [28 Wednesday](#)
Snack Trials, 4–5 p.m.
- THE MIX RECORDING STUDIO
Recording Studio Orientation
-Tuesdays, 5–6 p.m.
-Wednesdays, 4:30–5:30 p.m.
-Thursdays, 4–5 p.m.
-Saturdays, 3–4 p.m.
-Sundays, 2–3 p.m.

- At the Branches**
- [1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Thursdays](#)
Art Studio
Merced, 5–6 p.m.
- [2 Friday](#)
Electronic Snap Circuits Green Energy
Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.*
- [3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Saturdays](#)
Gardening
Merced, 11–12 p.m.

- [4, 11, 18, 25 Sundays](#)
Chess Club
Ingleside, 2:30–4 p.m.
- [7 Wednesday](#)
Hand Build w/ Clay
Sunset, 3–4 p.m.
- [14 Wednesday](#)
Teen Book Swap
Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.
- [20 Tuesday](#)
Creepy Clay Crafting
Bernal Heights, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

On View

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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. Through Jan. 7, 2027

Other Exhibits, Main Library

atemtuhe 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

Eyewitness to the Resistance: Photojournalists on the Front Lines of Protest Historical photographs from the San Francisco History Center are presented alongside recent work by Pro Bono Photo contributors. Together, the images trace continuities in public protest while recognizing the distinct history, purpose and stakes of each movement. Through Jan. 3, 2027. Art, Music & Recreation Center, 4th 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 and Filipino American Center, 3rd Floor

The American Indian Cultural District's Mapping Genocide An exhibition examining 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. Through Jan. 21, 2027. Government Information Center, 5th Floor

Moments in History: United States of America's 250th Anniversary This display explores voting history in the United States through important excerpts from Constitutional Amendments. Through Nov. 20. 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. Through Oct. 30. African American Center, 3rd Floor

Street Seen: Photography from the Arts, Music & Recreation Center From San Francisco and beyond, the images in these street photography books 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, the first well-documented trans and queer uprising against police violence in the country, and the TurkxTaylor Initiative and Compton's x Coalition efforts to liberate the site and imagine alternative futures. Through Oct. 22. James C. Hormel LGBTQIA Center, 3rd Floor

Exhibits at the Branches

Drawn to Painting: The Secret Life of a Muni Illustrator Exhibition featuring reproductions of colored pencil drawings and oil paintings by professional artist Keith Scott Ferris. Through June 3, 2027. 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, and the San Franciscans who made it a gathering place for artists, poets and workers. Through Jan. 3, 2027. Mission Bay Branch

October 2026

Children

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

Early Childhood

1 Thursday

Mini-Makers

Merced, 11–11:30 a.m.

3 Saturday

Mini-Makers

Mission Bay, 10–11 a.m.

First Concerts: SF Chamber Orchestra Main, Children’s Ctr - 2nd Fl, 11 & 11:45 a.m.

Lucky Diaz

Ortega, 11–11:45 a.m.
Richmond, 3–3:45 p.m.

5 Monday

Bilingual Birdies

Marina, 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

5, 19, 26 Mondays

Morning Play

North Beach, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Play w/ Purpose

Glen Park, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

8 Thursday

Story Hour in ASL

Excelsior, 10:30–11 a.m.

Bilingual Birdies

Eureka Valley, 11:15–12 p.m.

10 Saturday

Little Artists

Eureka Valley, 10–11 a.m.

Aguacate Music Kids

North Beach, 11–11:45 a.m.
Bernal Heights, 3–3:45 p.m.

14 Wednesday

Paper Flowers

Mission Bay, 4–5 p.m.

15 Thursday

Aguacate Music Kids

Merced, 11–11:45 a.m.

17 Saturday

Big Play Date Sunset, 3–5 p.m.

20 Tuesday

Little Artists

Parkside, 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

Mariela’s Music Time

Presidio, 3–4 p.m.

24 Saturday

René y Familia

Presidio, 11–11:45 a.m.
Main, Children’s Ctr - 2nd Fl, 3–3:45 p.m.

26 Monday

Halloween Storytime

Merced, 10:15–10:45 a.m.

Elementary School Age

1 Thursday

LEGO Free Play

Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

LEGO & Pasta Skeletons

North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

Upcycled Crafternoon

Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

2 Friday

Therapy Pet

Glen Park, 4–5 p.m.

3 Saturday

West Portal Elementary

entennial West Portal, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

LEGO Motorcars

Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

Mola Paper Cutouts

Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

Tween Creative Writing

Western Addition, 3–4:30 p.m.

4 Sunday

LEGO Robotics

Merced, 2:30–4 p.m.

Scary Slime

Mission Bay, 2–3 p.m.

Sones de Mexicanas

Ortega, 2–3 p.m.

LEGO/STEM Free Play

Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

4, 11, 18, 25 Sundays

Board Games Sunset, 1–4 p.m.

7 Wednesday

Ball Bounce Test

Portola, 3–4 p.m.

Junior Readers

Marina, 6–7 p.m.

7, 14, 21, 28 Wednesdays

Math Tutoring

Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

9 Friday

Upcycled Crafting

Anza, 3–4 p.m.

Therapy Dog

Eureka Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

10 Saturday

Puppy Dog Tales

Potrero, 11–12 p.m.

Halo-Halo Main, Children’s Ctr - 2nd Fl, 1–2 p.m.

Papel Picado Portola, 2–3 p.m.

7 Wednesday

Bug Power w/ the Beetlelady

Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

8 Thursday

Puppy Dog Tales

Visitation Valley, 3–4 p.m.

Therapy Dog

Ortega, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

11 Sunday

Therapy Dog

Ortega, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Rangoli Art

Ortega, 2–3:30 p.m.*

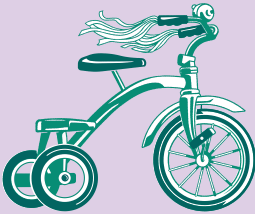
13 Tuesday

Dog Reading Circle

Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

Board Games/LEGO

Noe Valley, 6–7:30 p.m.



Tricycle Music Fest

15 Rolls On

The quinceañera celebration for Tricycle Music continues in October with seven more family-friendly concerts at Library locations around the city, including a newly added stop at the Excelsior Branch Library on Sunday, October 18, for Excelsior Sunday Streets. This month’s concert schedule kicks off with Grammy and Emmy Award winner Lucky Diaz and as well as performances from SFPL Bay Beats artists Aguacate Music Kids and René y Familia. Don’t forget that one lucky winner at each concert will ride home in style with a shiny new tricycle. Learn more at sfpl.org/tricycle and baybeats.sfpl.org.

Operation STEM

West Portal, 3–4 p.m.

10, 24 Saturdays

Origami Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

11 Sunday

Huichol Boards

West Portal, 2–3 p.m.

13, 20, 27 Tuesdays

Math Tutoring

Noe Valley, 4–5 p.m.

14 Wednesday

Mexican Tin Folk Art

Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.*

Papel Picado Bayview, 3–5 p.m.

15 Thursday

LEGO/Magna-Tiles

Anza, 3:30–5 p.m.

Tie-Dye Tiles Art

Ingleside, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

LEGO Build-O-Rama

North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

Halloween Costume Swap

Main, Children’s Ctr - 2nd Fl, 4–5:30 p.m.

17 Saturday

LEGO Keychain Making

Eureka Valley, 11–12 p.m.

Paint Big Feelings/ Pintando Sentimientos

Grandes Richmond, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*

Turkish Story Hour

Potrero, 2–3:30 p.m.

21 Wednesday

All About Ube

Sunset, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

LEGO/Magna-Tiles Free Play

Anza, 3:30–5 p.m.

17 Saturday

Open House

Marina, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Halloween Costume Swap

Portola, 3–4 p.m.

18 Sunday

Halloween Costume Swap

Glen Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

Family Game Time

West Portal, 2–3:30 p.m.

23 Friday

Self-Portraits for Frida Kahlo

Noe Valley, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

24 Saturday

Bat-themed Craft

North Beach, 10–2 p.m.

Cup Phone Experiement

Portola, 3–4 p.m.

Paint Together

Richmond, 4–5:30 p.m.

Marina Bookworms

Marina, 8–9 a.m.

22 Thursday

Pokémon Trading Cards

Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

23 Friday

Comics & Drawing

Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

24 Saturday

LEGO Robotics

West Portal, 3–4 p.m.

29 Thursday

Halloween Special Effects

Sunset, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Middle School Age

3 Saturday

Origami

Bernal Heights, 2–5 p.m.

5, 19, 26 Monday

Tutoring/Homework Help

Ingleside, 3:45–5:15 p.m.

6 Tuesday

Homework Hangout

Noe Valley, 3:30–5 p.m.

17 Saturday

Draw K-pop & Demon Hunters

West Portal, 2–3:30 p.m.

20 Tuesday

Spooky Window Clings

Golden Gate Valley, 4–5 p.m.

23 Friday

Pepper’s Ghost

Portola, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

28 Wednesday

Book Bedazzling

Marina, 2–4 p.m.

Family Dance Party

Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

25 Sunday

Day of Dead Origami Skulls

Glen Park, 2–3 p.m.

Chess Club Ortega, 2–4 p.m.

28 Wednesday

Family Dance Party

Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.

29 Thursday

Mother-Daughter: Listen

Slowly West Portal, 6:45–7:45 p.m.

31 Saturday

Halloween Haunted Hunt

Portola, 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 – 5, 19, 26 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 a.m.–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 – 5, 19, 26 Mondays, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.*
Sunset – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Visitation Valley – 5, 19, 26 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.*
14, 28 Wednesdays, 7–7:30 p.m.
Ingleside – Every Sunday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.
Main – 7, 14, 28 Wednesdays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Merced – 5, 12, 19 Mondays, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Mission Bay – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.*
Noe Valley – 5, 19, 26 Mondays, 11:15–11:45 a.m.*
27 Tuesday, 6:30–7 p.m.
North Beach – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Ocean View (Minnie & Lovie Ward Rec Center) – Every Thursday, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
Ocean View – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Ortega – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Park – 5, 19, 26 Mondays, 3:30–4 p.m.
Parkside – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Portola – 5, 19, 26 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 – 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 Ba – 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.
Eureka Valley – 31 Saturday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
(Halloween Parade)
Excelsior – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
1, 15, 22 Thursdays, 10:30–11 a.m. (English/Español)
29 Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m. (English/Español, Halloween Theme)
Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Golden Gate Valley – Every Friday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.*
Marina – 3, 17, 24 Saturdays, 10:15 & 11 a.m.*
Main – 31 Saturday, 11–11:30 a.m.
(Halloween Stories)
Marina – 10, 17, 24 Saturday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
31 Saturday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Merced – Every Wednesday, 2–2:30 p.m.
Mission Bay (@ SPARK Social SF) – 21 Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Noe Valley – Every Thursday, 10:15 & 11 a.m.*
Ortega – 5, 19, 26 Mondays, 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 – 5, 19, 26 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
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Main Library, 100 Larkin St.
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Bookstore Hours:

Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
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Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
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Telephone: (415) 557-4238

To donate books, go to
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to make an appointment.

Step Sales at the Main Library

Join us every Wednesday from
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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 Returns to Lit Crawl in the Mission

One of San Francisco’s biggest literary nights is back! On October 24, Lit Crawl SF returns to the Mission District, bringing together more than 250 authors and thousands of readers for a night of free literary events across the neighborhood. Friends is excited to participate once again, presenting this year’s Lisa Brown and Daniel Handler Writer’s Residency cohort.

As part of the annual Litquake Festival, Lit Crawl transforms bars, cafés, bookstores, galleries and other unexpected spaces throughout the Mission into pop-up venues for readings, performances, and conversations. Our Residents will join writers and readers from across the Bay Area for an evening celebrating San Francisco’s vibrant literary community.

For details about our event, location and time, visit [Friendssfpl.org/events](https://friendssfpl.org/events).

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Summer Stride Merch Is Here!

Summer Stride may be over, but you can keep the summer vibes going all year long!

New Summer Stride merchandise featuring artwork by this year’s featured artist, Nidhi Chanani, is now available from Friends. This year’s collection brings Chanani’s playful Summer Stride artwork to a new lineup of merchandise inspired by San Francisco, including a bike hat, READ cable car T-shirt and PB&J T-shirt. The merch is available in toddler, youth and adult sizes up to 4XL so the whole family can wear their SFPL merch with Pride!

Summer Stride brings San Franciscans of all ages together to read, learn and explore with the Library. This new collection is a fun way to celebrate this year’s program long after summer ends. Best of all, every purchase supports Friends and our work supporting the San Francisco Public Library. Keep the Summer Stride spirit going and bring a little Library love home with you!

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¡VIVA!
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Art by Juana Alicia Araiza. *Nopal de la Misión*, watercolor design for a new public artwork for the Mission Branch Library, commissioned by the San Francisco Arts Commission. juanaalicia.com

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Treasure Island:
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near Island Cove Market,
Wednesday, 2–6 p.m.

Youth: Swing Into Stories

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Storytime 10:30 a.m.

Garfield Square Playground, Treat & 26th St

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Redwood Grove Playground, McLaren Park, 200 John F. Shelley Dr.

Visit the SFPL Book Stops

Treasure Island: Island Cove Market, 800 Avenue H,

Mon–Fri, 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat–Sun, 9 a.m.–8 p.m.

Dogpatch: Dogpatch Community Hub, 1278 Minnesota St.,

Tues–Fri, 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat, 12 p.m.–5 p.m.

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ANZA	550 37th Ave.	355-5717	1–5	10–6	10–8	1–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
✓ BAYVIEW/BROOKS BURTON	5075 Third St.	355-5757	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
✓ 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
✓ RICHMOND/MARKS	351 9th Ave.	355-5600	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
✓ SUNSET	1305 18th Ave.	355-2808	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
✓ 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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