At the Library

Events and Happenings at San Francisco Public Library

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December Open Houses

Celebrate the Bernal Heights Branch's Open House with the San Francisco Youth Theatre, Big Play Date and live music from Dos Bandoleros and the Bernal Jazz Quintet. Enjoy children's crafts and visit community partner tables throughout the day.

Join the Ortega Branch for seasonal crafts, community resources and hot cocoa at the branch's annual Open House. Starting with a plant swap and a candy cane decoration activity at 12 p.m, the holiday fun continues with snow globe crafting at 1 p.m., then card making and a trinket trade at 2 p.m.

Bernal Heights Branch – Dec. 5, 12–4 p.m.

Ortega Branch – Dec. 5, 12–3 p.m.

Holiday Train

The ho-ho-ho-holiday train makes its triumphant return to San Francisco Public Library this holiday season. Every year, through the holiday season, the interactive miniature model train chugs around a track outside the Main Library's Fisher Children's Center on the 2nd Floor. Children can glimpse the magical snowy world around the track and push the buttons to start up the train.



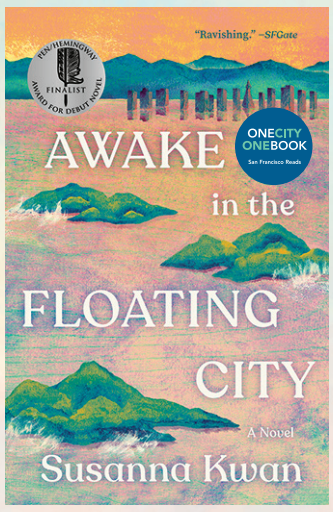
For the past several years, the train has been designed and built by railroad aficionados from the Carquinez Model Railroad Society, who seek to encourage a love of model railroading in future generations. A big thanks, also, to the Fisher Children's Center and Library engineering staff who support the train display.

Holiday Train – Main Library, Fisher Children's Center, 2nd Floor

Celebrating Ujima

Our annual commemoration of the wintertime holiday Kwanzaa celebrates Ujima, the practice of building and maintaining our community together, featuring a performance by saxophonist Ashley Jeminson. The Kwanzaa holiday is celebrated from December 26 through New Year's Day and emphasizes seven principles aimed at strengthening the African American community. In partnership with The Village Project and citywide festivities, this program begins with the pouring of libations and a Kwanzaa message, followed by Together We Rise, a 30-minute live saxophone experience celebrating connection, community and the collective spirit of Ujima. Following the show, participants are welcome to partake in a feast prepared by Nia Soul Food.

Kwanzaa 2026: Ujima – Dec. 28, 1–4 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level



One City, Many Stories: In Conversation with Susanna Kwan



Susanna Kwan



Becca Prowda

Photo: Andria Lo

Celebrate San Francisco Public Library's 2026 One City One Book selection with author Susanna Kwan and Becca Prowda, First Lady of San Francisco. Together, they'll explore the themes of *Awake in the Floating City* and consider what it means to care for one another and the places we call home.

Set in a future San Francisco transformed by years of rain, Kwan's novel asks how we tend to what matters as our world changes. As Kwan says, the book is about "finding life-sustaining connection in difficult times through conversation, art and relationship to place."

For Kwan, the Library is an especially meaningful place to share this story. It's where she learned to read and where, across 15 branches, she wrote, researched and revised her first novel. "What a privilege to be in conversation with readers across the City now," she reflects.

Join Kwan and Prowda for a conversation about memory, art, caregiving and belonging—and the stories and shared spaces that connect us to San Francisco and one another.

Explore more One City One Book programs at *sfpl.org/onecityonebook*.

Author Event – Sunday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

What's New at The Mission

The Library's Mission Branch is back—and better than ever! On the ground floor, the 100-person community room is a hub for programs and events, and the expanded children's area offers picture books, decodable readers and graphic novels in a bright, cheery space.

Upstairs, the historic main reading room has been beautifully refurbished with improved lighting, furniture and flexible lower shelving. Juana Alicia's stained-glass artwork, *Nopal de la Misión*, is the centerpiece, while the new light-filled dedicated teen room gives teens a place to call their own.

With rooftop solar panels, air-conditioning and an air filtration system, Mission Branch remains a safe, comfortable space for the community during heat waves and air quality events.

Don't miss the vinyl collection, a refreshed and updated browsing collection, a water-bottle filling station, 24 laptops for lending and a fenced courtyard on Bartlett St. Come and visit Mission Branch at 3359 24th St.

Freeing Poetry From the Page

Celebrate the power of words, art and connection in an exciting new program series. Genny Lim, Poet Laureate of San Francisco, hosts Words Without Walls, a series of poetry writing workshops. In partnership with San Francisco's first cohort of Youth Poet Laureates and accomplished SF Bay Area artists rooted in performance arts, Lim draws upon the oral traditions of poetry as an equal companion to the written word, a fluid and expansive expression of poetry that reaches diverse audiences of all cultures.



Genny Lim



Antonio López



Adrian Arias

In December, Lim welcomes two special guest artists, San Mateo County Poet Laureate Antonio López and San Francisco artist Adrian Arias, for a program in honor of Las Posadas. Derived from the Spanish word *posada*, which means "lodging," the tradition of Las Posadas is typically celebrated each year from December 16–24.

Words Without Walls welcomes poets of all ages and abilities to speak to emotional truths, unique perspectives and lived experiences through interdisciplinary arts workshops held in San Francisco Public Library branches across the city. Words Without Walls is sponsored by SFPL and the Academy of American Poets, which named Lim an Academy of American Poets Laureate Fellow in 2026.

Poetry Workshop – Dec. 19, 3 p.m., Excelsior Branch

Coming Up:

Jan. 9
San Francisco Beginnings of Korean American Immigration
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Jan. 20
Panel: *From Street to Stage with Beaver Bauer*
Main Library, Jewett Gallery

Jan. 22
Youth Poet Laureate Showcase
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Throughout January
Lunar New Year Celebrations
Various locations

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Winter Break with the Library

FOR YOUTH

Scandinavian Paper Hearts



Weave paper into two-color hearts that look flat, but open into little baskets. For ages 5 and older.
Dec. 21, 3:30 p.m., Glen Park Branch

Drive-In Movie: *Frozen 2*
Turn a cardboard box into a cool, kid-friendly car. Park your sweet ride for a drive-in film, *Frozen 2*.
Dec. 24, 2 p.m., Portola Branch

Chess Club
Practice playing chess in a casual environment.
Dec. 27, 2 p.m., Ortega Branch;
2:30 p.m. Ingleside Branch

Light and Shadow Play
Explore light and shadow with everyday materials in this hands-on interactive experience brought to you by the Exploratorium. For ages 6 and older.
Dec. 30, 2 p.m., Mission Branch



Pokémon Trading Card Game Club
Learn to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game or help teach someone else to play. Decks and Level One gameboards available to participants. For ages 6–13.
Dec. 31, 3:30 p.m., Richmond Branch

FOR TEENS



Sewing Basics
Learn the basics of machine sewing and become certified to use the machines independently by demonstrating knowledge of the fundamentals. For ages 12–18.
Dec. 22, 5 p.m., Main Library, The Mix, 2nd Floor

Art Studio
Make the Library more unique and beautiful with art-centered, constructive volunteerism. For ages 13–18.
Dec. 31, 5 p.m., Merced Branch

Collections Corner:
The Juniper Von Phitzer Collection



The Juniper Von Phitzer Press was founded in 1976 by Marvin R. Heimstra and Lloyd L. Neilson in San Francisco, at a time when there were several miniature fine presses in the city. The unusual name of the press derives from their three cats: Juniper, Von and Phitzer. The pair printed 89 miniature books between 1976 and 2005 and housed their personal collection in a multi-level art deco cabinet within a miniature library, along with their objets d'art. The cabinet is decorated with their miniature books, antique vases, furniture, art and mice! The case, which was formerly in their dining room, now resides in Book Arts & Special Collections.

The book collection features local artists, including Grace S. Smith and her miniature botanical paintings; Marcie Collin and her animal personalities; Michael D. Cookinham, who was fond of Zen expression; and Carol Garcia, who created skeleton images used in *The Seven Deadly Sins*. In addition to the cabinet library, Special Collections also has the Kelsey Press (one of seven they owned) that was used to print these books.

This whimsical collection was donated to Book Arts & Special Collections in December 2017 by Marvin R. Hiemstra.

Get Ready for the Holidays with *Consumer Reports*



In a world overflowing with fake reviews and confusing product claims, *Consumer Reports* (*CR*) stands out as a trusted, unbiased resource. With holiday gift-giving upon us, you can shop with confidence, knowing that you have access to both the magazine and its annual *Buying Guide* through Flipster, which can be found under Quick Links at *sfpl.org/emags*.

Finding information is easy once you know the tools. The magazine's index (at the end of each issue) points you straight to articles, like "Toaster ovens… May/Jun 26, 80"—meaning the May/June 2026 issue, page 80. *The Buying Guide*, organized by Home, Tech and Autos, offers deeper annual overviews. Smart search tips, such as using "digital cameras" in quotes, help you navigate the issues more efficiently. The Library's access to *Consumer Reports* empowers you to make confident, informed buying decisions.

Native American and Indigenous Heritage Celebration

Continue learning about and celebrating Native American and Indigenous Heritage at the Library this December and beyond. See highlights below; visit *sfpl.org/native-american-heritage* for more information.

FOR ADULTS

Gold, Greed and Genocide
View the International Indian Treaty Council's groundbreaking documentary about the impacts of the California Gold Rush on Native peoples, and discuss concepts presented in the film with members of the International Indian Treaty Council.
Dec. 10, 6:15 p.m., Potrero Branch
Jan. 21, 2027, 6 p.m., Excelsior Branch



Native Stories and Sounds
Learn about Native history and listen to music and tales from Paul Steward, professor of Native American Studies and a tribal member of the Elem Indian Colony of Pomo Indians of the Sulphur Bank Rancheria.
Jan. 9, 2027, 3 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch

FOR ALL AGES



Ohlone Food Culture
Discover the role of food in Ohlone culture past and present, and sample ingredients as you learn with Cafe Ohlone co-founders Vincent Medina and Louis Trevino.
Dec. 12, 2 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch
Jan. 23, 2027, 2 p.m., Marina Branch

YOUTH PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Pan-American Companion Plant Stories



Be inspired by the legends of the Three Sisters as told by colorful corn-husk characters in an original story and music performance presented by Alicia Retes.
Dec. 5, 11 a.m., Presidio Branch
Dec. 18, 4 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

Living Harriet Tubman: Film Screening and Discussion



Discover the story of a woman who has spent more than three decades bringing Harriet Tubman's legacy to life. *Living Harriet Tubman*, a short documentary by filmmakers Brandon Tauszik and Theo Schear, follows Nancy Whittle, a Fresno-based social worker and educator who portrays Tubman at Civil War reenactments throughout California.

As Whittle prepares for her final performance, she challenges whitewashed historical narratives and reflects on her personal connection to Tubman. The film also follows her journey to Maryland, where she visits sites connected to the Underground Railroad.

Following the screening, Whittle and the filmmakers discuss the making of the documentary, historical representation and the way U.S. history is remembered and taught. KQED columnist Pendarvis Harshaw moderates.

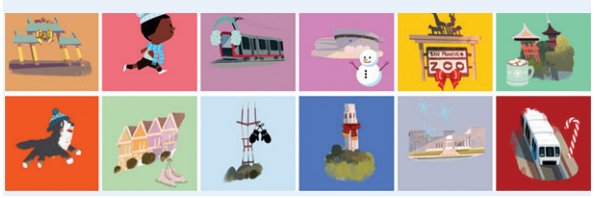
Learn more: *on.sfpl.org/12-15-26*

Living Harriet Tubman – Dec. 15, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

T(w)een Winter Read

Attention tweens and teens! Looking for something to do this winter break? Want to find a new favorite book but don't know where to start? Do you like entering raffles for free prizes? Find all this and more by participating in T(w)een Winter Read, San Francisco Public Library's winter reading program for ages 10–18. Register in person at any San Francisco Public Library location and receive a free book. Complete ten hours of your choice of reading, listening and attending library programs between December 1st and January 10th to receive an Art Kit and be entered for a chance to win prizes like a Nintendo Switch, polaroid and digital cameras, mystery blind boxes and more.

Visit *sfpl.org/tween-winter-read* for full details, available prizes and recommended wintery reads.



SFPL Recommends



Our staff picked their favorite books, movies and music that they discovered in 2026 for you.

Books

Death Does Not End at the Sea, by Gbenga Adesina

This Kingdom Will Not Kill Me, by Ilona Andrews

Jojo's Bizarre Adventure, Part 7. Steel Ball Run, by Hirohiko Araki

Cursed Daughters, by Oyinkan Braithwaite

Strangers: A Memoir of Marriage, by Belle Burden

Absolute Martian Manhunter. Vol. 1, Martian Vision, by Deniz Camp

Reservoir Bitches, by Dahlia de la Cerda

Flashlight, by Susan Choi

Switzy, by Emma Cline

George Falls Through Time, by Ryan Collett

A Bad, Bad Place, by Frances Crawford

Legendary Frybread Drive-in: Intertribal Stories, edited by Cynthia Leitich Smith

The Correspondent, by Virginia Evans

His & Hers, by Alice Feeney

Stealing America: The Hidden Story of Indigenous Slavery in US History, by Lindford D. Fisher

Sky Daddy, by Kate Folk

Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone, by Diana Gabaldon

Muñeca, by Cynthia Gómez

Last Night in Brooklyn, by Xochitl Gonzalez

Everything is Tuberculosis, by John Green

The Dying Sun and Other Stories, by Syed Afzal Haider

Coyoteland, by Vanessa Hua

The Scammer, by Tiffany D. Jackson

The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois, by Honorée Fanonne Jeffers

Kin, by Tayari Jones

London Falling: A Mysterious Death in a Gilded City and a Family's Search for Truth, by Patrick Radden Keefe

A Good Person, by Kirsten King

Heart the Lover, by Lily King

Angel Down, by Daniel Kraus

Devour Me, Again, by Bambi Lake

Frozen River, by Ariel Lawhon

The Beheading Game, by Rebecca Lehmann

Lives of the Saints, by Nancy Lemann

Theo of Golden, by Allen Levi

Music Against the Night, by Yiyun Li

I'm Sorry for My Loss: An Urgent Examination of Reproductive Care in America, by Rebecca Little and Colleen Long

Wild Dark Shore, by Charlotte McConaghy

Mega Milk, by Megan Milks

The Murder of Mr. Ma, by John Shen Yen Nee and S. J. Rozan

Land, by Maggie O'Farrell

Joyride, by Susan Orlean

Inventing the Renaissance: The Myth of a Golden Age, by Ada Palmer

Whistler, by Ann Patchett

The Master Key: Qigong Secrets for Vitality, Love, and Wisdom, by Robert Peng

Revolt Eclipses Whatever the World Has to Offer, by Idris Robinson

The Man Who Could Move Clouds, by Ingrid Rojas Contreras

Vigil, by George Saunders

The Slip, by Lucas Schaefer

The Blue Moon Café & 24-Hour Occult Emporium, by Lexie Sharabianlou

Witch Hat Atelier. Volume 1, by Kamome Shirahama

How Fascism Works: The Politics of Us and Them, by Jason Stanley

You Are Now Old Enough to Hear This, by Aaron Starmer

The Calamity Club, by Kathryn Stockett

John of John, by Douglas Stuart

Charity and Sylvia, by Tillie Walden

Profiles In Cowardice, by Jacob Weisberg

Platform Decay, by Martha Wells

Crossing the Wine-Dark Sea: Journeys through Ancient Literature, by Emily R. Wilson

Movies

Fantastic Mr. Fox, Wes Anderson

L'avventura, Michelangelo Antonioni

Eddington, Ari Aster

Indigo Girls: It's Only Life After All, Alexandria Bombach

The Drama, Kristoffer Borgli

Sinners, Ryan Coogler

Spider-Man: Brand New Day, Destin Daniel Cretton

L'immensità, Emanuele Crialese

Juice, Ernest R. Dickerson

Beyond the Visible: Hilma Af Klint, Halina Dyrschka

The Housemaid, Paul Feig

The Exorcist, William Friedkin

Antonia's Line, Marleen Gorris

Groove, Greg Harrison

9 to 5, Colin Higgins

Notorious, Alfred Hitchcock

Nirvanna the Band the Show the Movie, Matt Johnson

Exit 8, Genki Kawamura

Cars, John Lasseter

Sirāt, Óliver Laxe

Pillion, Harry Lighton

Mulholland Drive, David Lynch

The Summer with Carmen, Zacharias Mavroeidis

Hokum, Damian McCarthy

Avatar Aang: The Last Airbender, Lauren Montgomery

The Odyssey, Christopher Nolan

I Love Boosters, Boots Riley

Stop! That! Train!, Adam Shankman

Toy Story 5, Andrew Stanton

Grave of the Fireflies, Isao Takahata

The Invite, Olivia Wilde

Hamnet, Chloé Zhao

Music

B'day, Beyoncé

Lost Weekend, Phoebe Bridgers

Debí tirar más fotos, Bad Bunny

Creature of Habit, Courtney Barnett

Sweat, Melanie C.

Inferno, Boards of Canada

El Alimento, Cimafunk

Heaven or Las Vegas, Cocteau Twins

The Art of Loving, Olivia Dean

Todo Te Lo Di, DELACiiO

Secret Love, Dry Cleaning

Motewolonuwok, Jeremy Dutcher

Big Disgrace, Haute & Freddy

Conflict DLC, HEALTH

Sing Me Alive, I'm With Her

Piss in the Wind, Joji

The Gem, Julia Jacklin

The Great Divide, Noah Kahan

Kehlani, Kehlani

New Avatar, Kelela

Confessions II, MADONNA

Shadows and Light, Joni Mitchell

Doctrine of Love, Jalen Ngonda

Cello Concertos, Jacqueline du Pré

Singin' to an Empty Chair, Ratboys

Where Are We, Joshua Redman

Different Trains, Steve Reich

You Seem Pretty Sad for a Girl So in Love, Olivia Rodrigo

Lux, Rosalía

To Whom This May Concern, Jill Scott

So Much for Goodbyes, Billy Strings

Straight Line Was a Lie, The Beths

Wake of the Flood, The Grateful Dead

Hootenanny, The Replacements

World's Gone Wrong, Lucinda Williams

Milagro, Sebastián Yatra

Do Not Disturb, Young Miko

Discover your new favorites: visit *sfpl.org*.

December 2026 Events

Adults

1 Tuesday

Hojalata Ornaments
Presidio, 3 p.m.*

Watercolor: Fruit Friends
West Portal, 5:30–7 p.m.

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

The Divine in Indian Art
Virtual, 6:30 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Tuesdays

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

Fit for Life (Seniors)
North Beach, 1 p.m.*

Genealogy Virtual, 1 p.m.

ESL Convo Excelsior, 5–6 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 29 Tuesdays

ESL Online Convo Virtual, 3 p.m.

2 Wednesday

Book Swap
Golden Gate Valley, 1–2 p.m.

Storytelling for Adults
Golden Gate Valley, 2:30–4 p.m.

Climate Action at Home
Ortega, 5 p.m.

Opera in the Latin World
Mission Bay, 6 p.m.

2, 16 Wednesdays

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

Yoga Ingleside, 6 p.m.*

2, 9, 16 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.

Intro to ASL
Glen Park, 5:30–6:45 p.m.

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 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.

4, 11, 18 Fridays

Chronic Disease Self-Mgmt
Noe Valley, 1 p.m.*

4, 18 Fridays

Knitting Anza, 3–5 p.m.

5 Saturday

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

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

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

Knitting Circle
Noe Valley, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Holiday Concert: SF Forest Choir Merced, 11 a.m.

Author: Rosanna Xia w/ Marina Psaros Main, Koret, 1 p.m.

Author: David Schmidt, *SFBay Area: An Environmental History* Main, Environmental Ctr - 5th Fl, 1 p.m.

AIDS Quilt (Repair/Panel Making) Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 12–4 p.m.

Air Dry Pottery
Noe Valley, 2 p.m.*

Memoir Writing w/ Jing Li
Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

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

5, 12, 19, 26 Saturdays

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

5, 19 Saturdays

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

6 Sunday

Eugene O'Neill: 51 Plays in 51 Mins Main, Latino/Hispanic Rm, 1 p.m.

Record & Art in Photography
Main, Koret, 1 p.m.

Author: Joan Steinau Lester w/ Jewelle Gomez Main, African Amer Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2 p.m.

Recipe/Cookie Swap
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

Speed Friending
Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 3 p.m.

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

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

7 Monday

Watercoloring Mission, 3 p.m.

7, 17, 21, 28 Mondays

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

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

8 Tuesday

Author: Elizabeth Svoboda w/ Sweta Chawla Main, The Page - 1st Fl, 6 p.m.

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

8, 22 Tuesdays

Knitting Circle Glen Park, 1–2:30 p.m.

9 Wednesday

Genealogy Virtual, 1–3 p.m.

Darshan: The Act of "Seeing" in Hindu Virtual, 6:30 p.m.

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

Crochet Bernal Heights, 6 p.m.

9, 23 Wednesdays

Knitting Ortega, 12–1:30 p.m.

10 Thursday

Senior Fitness Ortega, 1 p.m.

Normalize Aging & Dying
Glen Park, 3 p.m.

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

Adult Crafts
West Portal, 5:45 p.m.*

Print Kwanimals
Main, Koret, 5–7 p.m.

Kim Shuck's Poem Jam Main, Latino/Hispanic Rm, 6 p.m.

10, 24 Thursdays

French Conversation
Excelsior, 5 p.m.

11 Friday

Watercolor
Glen Park, 1:30–5 p.m.
Bernal Heights, 1–5 p.m.

粵語講座: 防範及識別詐騙騙局 Visitacion Valley, 2–3 p.m.

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

Karaoke Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

12 Saturday

作家: 刘宗坤, 异乡故人
Main, Koret, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Walking Tour
Golden Gate Valley, 1–3 p.m.

Puzzle Swap Ortega, 2–3 p.m.

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

Holiday Greeting Cards
Richmond, 2 p.m.*

Scrapbook Holiday Cards
Presidio, 3 p.m.

12, 26 Saturdays

Gentle Yoga Mission Bay, 10 a.m.

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

13 Sunday

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

Winter Craft Portola, 2 p.m.*

Author: Susanna Kwan, *Awake in the Floating City*
Main, Koret, 2–3:30 p.m.

OWLs Poetry Reading
Bernal Heights, 2–4 p.m.

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

Seasonal Greeting Cards
Eureka Valley, 3 p.m.

Decorate a Wreath
Western Addition, 3 p.m.*

14 Monday

TBBC Writer's Salon
Main, TBBC - 2nd Fl, 12 p.m.*

14, 28 Mondays

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

15 Tuesday

Washi Tape Gift Box
Sunset, 4 p.m.*

16 Wednesday

Writing Group Excelsior, 5 p.m.

Phil Kline's Unsilent Night
Golden Gate Valley, 6–7 p.m.

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

History of The Velvet Underground Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

Poetry: *Everything Has Been Moved, Even the Dead*
Main, The Page - 1st Fl, 6 p.m.

Mexican Terracotta Candles
Mission, 6–7:30 p.m.

17 Thursday

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

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

18 Friday

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

Iris Folding Style Greeting Card Ortega, 2 p.m.*

Walking Club Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

19 Saturday

Cork Keychains Ingleside, 10:30 a.m.*

Improv Theatre
Anza, 1–2:30 p.m.

Paint Parol Christmas Cards
Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2–4 p.m.

Khachapuri Trio
Park, 3 p.m.

Living Poets Society
Excelsior, 3 p.m.

20 Sunday

Craft: Furoshiki
Excelsior, 2–3:30 p.m.

21 Monday

Guided Visualization
Mission, 12 p.m.

22 Tuesday

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

Peppermint Sugar Scrub
Bernal Heights, 4:30 p.m.*

23 Wednesday

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

26 Saturday

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

Mahjong Sunset, 1:30 p.m.*

Explore OPUS (N)ONE
Golden Gate Valley, 2 p.m.

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

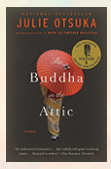
28 Monday

Kwanzaa—Ujima
Main, Koret, 1–4 p.m.

New Year's Reflective Writing
Glen Park, 3 p.m.

San Francisco: Past, Present and Future

Explore San Francisco's hidden histories, changing neighborhoods, architecture, waterfront and imagined futures. These books offer fresh perspectives on the City at the heart of Susanna Kwan's *Awake in the Floating City*, San Francisco Public Library's 2026 One City One Book selection. See more at *on.sfpl.org/SFPast*.



***The Buddha in the Attic* by Julie Otsuka**

Follow a group of Japanese women who arrive in San Francisco in the early 20th century as picture brides. Through a collective voice, Otsuka traces their journeys, work, families and displacement, illuminating a largely overlooked chapter of the City's immigrant history.



***We Run the Tides* by Vendela Vida**

Follow two teenage girls through the streets of San Francisco's Sea Cliff neighborhood as a childhood friendship begins to unravel. Set against the City's foggy coastline, changing neighborhoods and shifting relationships, this atmospheric novel explores memory, friendship, growing up and the places that shape us.



***Infinite City: A San Francisco Atlas* by Rebecca Solnit**

Explore San Francisco through a series of unconventional maps that reveal connections among its neighborhoods, histories, communities, landscapes and cultures. Solnit's inventive atlas invites readers to see the City not as a single place, but as many overlapping cities.



***Valencia* by Michelle Tea**

Enter the queer punk world of 1990s San Francisco in this raw, funny and intimate memoir. Tea captures a particular neighborhood and subculture while exploring friendship, desire, identity and the freedom—and limits—of finding a community of your own.

Shop Small for the Holidays: Polk Street Small Business Stroll

Get a head start on holiday shopping while exploring the small businesses along San Francisco's Polk Street.

Hosted by the Library's Small Business Center and Golden Gate Valley Branch, this guided walk features six locally owned businesses, including Molte Cose for one-of-a-kind gifts, Smoke Signals Newsstand for its incredible magazine selection, and Russian Hill Bookstore for holiday cards and gift wrap.



Along the way, meet local business owners, hear their stories and discover more neighborhood gems. Shop small and support local businesses this holiday season!

Learn more: *on.sfpl.org/polkstroll*

Polk Street Small Business Stroll – Dec. 5, 2 p.m., Helen Wills Playground (1401 Broadway)

All Ages

1 Tuesday

Crafting Circle
Visitacion Valley, 4:30–6 p.m.

4 Friday

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

5 Saturday

Plant Swap Golden Gate Valley, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Open House
Bernal Heights, 12–4 p.m.

Wax Holiday Cards/Stamped Gift Wrap Park, 3 p.m.*

5, 19 Saturdays

Line Dancing
Potrero, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

7 Monday

Main Tour
Main, Atrium, 12–1 p.m.

12 Saturday

An Afternoon w/ Cafe Ohlone
Eureka Valley, 2–3 p.m.

Washi Tape Holiday Cards
Portola, 2–3 p.m.

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

Aurora Mandolin Orchestra
Main, Koret, 2–4 p.m.

Hanji Lantern Crafting
Western Addition, 2–4 p.m.

Sew a Drawstring Bag
Golden Gate Valley, 3:30–5 p.m.

15 Tuesday

Crochet Club Richmond, 5–7 p.m.

16 Wednesday

Crochet Club
Ingleside, 4–5 p.m.

17 Thursday

Pet Therapy
Richmond, 3–3:45 p.m.

19 Saturday

Craft Club in ASL Main, Deaf Services Center - 1st Fl, 11 a.m.

Nutcracker History/Chair Dance Main, Latino/Hispanic Rm, 11 a.m.

Gift Wrap Paper Swap
Visitacion Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

31 Thursday

New Year's Balloon Drop
Portola, 11:30 a.m.

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Book Clubs

2 Wednesday
Silent Book Club Magnolia Brewing (Haight St), 5:30–7 p.m.

3 Thursday
Ngugi wa Thiong'o, *Weep not, Child*
Virtual, 6 p.m.

Susanna Kwan, *Awake in the Floating City*
Virtual, 7 p.m.

6 Sunday
Silent Book Club
Portola, 2–4 p.m.

8 Tuesday
Louise Hegarty, *Fair Play*
Presidio, 3–4 p.m.

9 Wednesday
Chinatown Readers
Chinatown, 5:15–7:15 p.m.

Susanna Kwan, *Awake in the Floating City*
Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl, 6 p.m.

9, 23 Wednesdays
Silent Book Club
Richmond, 3–5 p.m.

10 Thursday
Discuss Talking Books
Main, TBBC - 2nd Fl, 3 p.m.*

12 Saturday
Longform Article: Zadie Smith, *Joy*
Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

15 Tuesday
Rincón Literario Main, Paley Rm - 3rd Fl, 6–7:30 p.m.

16 Wednesday
Book/Movie: Jane Austen, *Sense & Sensibility*
Western Addition, 4 p.m.

Jon Krakauer, *Into Thin Air*
West Portal, 6 p.m.

17 Thursday
Talking Book Club Selection
Main, TBBC - 2nd Fl, 12 p.m.*

Silent Book Club Sol Botanica (Market Hall), 5:30–7 p.m.

18 Friday
Rachel Cusk, *Second Place*
Noe Valley, 3 p.m.

19 Saturday
Karen Russell, *The Antidote*
Ortega, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

22 Tuesday
Hisashi Kashiwai, *The Kamogawa Food Detectives*
Visitacion Valley, 4–5:30 p.m.

Gina María Balibrera, *The Volcano Daughters*
Excelsior, 6:30 p.m.

23 Wednesday
Reader's Choice
Mission Bay, 6:30 p.m.

27 Sunday
Gabrielle Zevin, *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*
Marina, 2–3:30 p.m.

Films

3 Thursday
Potrero:
Family Plot 12:30 p.m.
Vertigo 3 p.m.
Alfred Hitchcock in the SF Bay Area 6 p.m.

5 Saturday
Drawing From Film: *Night of the Hunter* Main, Latino/Hispanic Rm, 11 a.m.

10 Thursday
A Muppet Christmas Carol
Potrero, 3 p.m.

14 Monday
Mildred Pierce
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

15 Tuesday
***Living Harriet Tubman* w/ Q&A** Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

16 Wednesday
A Christmas Story
Park, 5 p.m.

19 Saturday
Project Hail Mary
Mission, 2 p.m.

Comfort and Joy
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

23 Wednesday
Christmas in Connecticut
Chinatown, 1 p.m.

28 Monday
Repeat Performance
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

31 Thursday
20 Feet from Stardom
Potrero, 3 p.m.

Jobs & Careers, Personal Finance and Small Business

1 Tuesday
Job Seeker Meetup
Main, Jobs Ctr - 4th Fl, 10–12 p.m.

2 Wednesday
Will Writing West Portal, 6 p.m.*

3 Thursday
Mindful Budgeting
Virtual, 11–12 p.m.

5 Saturday
Polk St Small Biz Stroll
Golden Gate Valley, 2–5 p.m.

9 Wednesday
Workplace Discrimination & Harassment Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

Get Stuff Done: Admin Night
Main, Jobs Ctr - 4th Fl, 6–7:45 p.m.

10 Thursday
Spot the Scam
Golden Gate Valley, 2–3 p.m.

Careers: Nuclear Engineering/ Fusion Research
Virtual, 4–5 p.m.

15 Tuesday
StopScams SF
West Portal, 6–7 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, 10–12 p.m.

Tech Tuesdays
Bayview, 1–3 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 29 Tuesdays
Tech Drop-In
Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 1–2:30 p.m.

2, 9, 16 Wednesdays
Computer Basics Main, Computer Ctr - 5th Fl, 12–1 p.m.

2, 16 Wednesdays
Tech Savvy (Cantonese, 60+)
Richmond, 2–3:30 p.m.

3, 10, 17, 24 Thursdays
Tech Help
Excelsior, 10–12 p.m.

4 Friday
Tech (Older Adults)
Richmond, 1:30 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.

6, 13, 20, 27 Sundays
Tech Help
West Portal, 1:30–4 p.m.

8 Tuesday
Tech Time
Marina, 2–3 p.m.

13 Sunday
Drop-in Tech Help (English, Spanish, Filipino, Cantonese, Mandarin) Excelsior, 1–4 p.m.

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

Tablets/Phones Class (60+)
Sunset, 1–2:30 p.m.

17 Thursday
eBook Drop-In Main, Info Desk - 1st Fl, 4–5:30 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 Fridays
Cricut Custom Design 4–5 p.m.

6, 13, 20 Sundays
Dungeons & Dragons 3–5 p.m.

17 Thursday
Biblio Bistro 4–6 p.m.

24 Thursday
Snack Trials 4–5 p.m.

The MIX 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

3 Thursday
Hot Chocolate Cafe
Western Addition, 4–6 p.m.

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Thursdays
Art Studio Merced, 5–6 p.m.

4 Friday
PEN 2 POWER Main, Koret, 6–9 p.m.

5, 19, 26 Saturdays
Gardening Merced, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Sundays
Chess Club Ingleside, 2:30–4 p.m.

9 Wednesday
MARS Music Project
Main, Koret, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Snack Trials Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

10 Thursday
Teen Music Lounge
Mission, 5–6 p.m.

13 Sunday
Skin Care for Teens
Ortega, 2–3 p.m.

16 Wednesday
Decoden Magnetic Photo Frames
Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

17 Thursday
Teen Lounge
Western Addition, 4–6 p.m.

19 Saturday
Blue Bear School Concert
Main, Koret, 12–5 p.m.

20 Sunday
Blue Bear School Concert
Main, Koret, 12–5 p.m.

22 Tuesday
Monopoly Board Game
大富翁桌遊 Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.

29 Tuesday
Electronic Snap Circuits
電路模組綠色能源
Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.

On View

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

Jewett Gallery, Main Library, Lower Level

From Street to Stage with Beaver Bauer
This exhibit surveys the career of Debra "Beaver" Bauer, which spans more than 50 years of creative work. View original renderings, performance photography, video clips and elements from costumes drawn from her expansive oeuvre. Through April 11, 2027

Skylight Galleries, Main Library, 6th Floor

ART/WORK 3: Artworks Created by SFPL Staff
The third installment of the staff art exhibition features paintings, photography, sculpture, textiles, jewelry and other media created by employees in departments and branches throughout the library. Through Jan. 7, 2027

Other Exhibits, Main Library

50 Years of Mother Jones View iconic photographs from the magazine and engage with curated issues from the past five decades. Through April 29, 2027. Magazines & Newspapers Center, 5th Floor

Akiko Neumann: Miniform Newsletter
This exhibit presents the Miniform Newsletter, a newsletter series created by Akiko Neumann during her Lisa Brown and Daniel Handler residency with the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library. Dec. 11, 2026–March 29, 2027. 4th Floor Rotunda

아리랑 ***ARIRANG: Art Inspired by the Album***
This exhibition brings together fan artists from around the world, each reimagining the music's themes, emotions and cultural roots through their own artistic lens. Through Jan. 7, 2027. Chinese Center, 3rd Floor

atemtuhe A mural honoring the Ramaytush people, whose enduring presence on the San Francisco Peninsula continues today through deep relationship with their homelands. Through Fall 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. 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. 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, 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 Jan. 21, 2027. Government Information Center, 5th Floor

Thou Drawest All Things: San Francisco by Its Artists
From Lands End to the county line, explore how visual artists have interpreted this kaleidoscopic city, featuring original artworks from the San Francisco History Center's archives. Through Jan. 7, 2027. San Francisco History Center, 6th Floor

Exhibits at the Branches

BTS through ARMY's Eyes: A Fan Art Exhibit
Celebrate the creativity and passion of ARMY (fans of the South Korean group BTS) with this special exhibit featuring fan-created portraits of BTS. Through Jan. 31, 2027. Western Addition Branch

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 papers of Mission Bay resident and small-business owner Blanche Pastorino, this exhibition features the pier at 4th and Channel Streets, and those who made it a gathering place for artists, poets and workers. Through Jan. 3, 2027. Mission Bay Branch

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Children

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Early Childhood

3 Thursday

Mini-Makers
Merced, 11–11:30 a.m.

3, 10, 17 Thursdays

Play with Purpose
Portola, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

5 Saturday

Mini-Makers
Mission Bay, 10–11 a.m.

Arabic Story Hour Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 2 p.m.

Playtime Portola, 3–4 p.m.

7, 14, 21, 28 Mondays

Morning Play
North Beach, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

7, 21 Mondays

Family Dance Party
Glen Park, 10–11 a.m.

9 Wednesday

Ballet Book Club
North Beach, 4–5 p.m.

12 Saturday

Little Artists
Eureka Valley, 10–11 a.m.

13, 27 Sundays

Self-Guided Play/Learning
Excelsior, 1:15–2:15 p.m.

14 Monday

Toddler Dance Class
Merced, 11–11:30 a.m.

15 Tuesday

Little Artists
Parkside, 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

22 Tuesday

Nutcracker Storytime
Merced, 10:15–11:15 a.m.

24 Thursday

Big SF Play Date
Presidio, 10–11 a.m.

Elementary School Age

1 Tuesday

Tinkering
Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

1, 8 Tuesdays

Homework/Academic Tutoring Glen Park, 4–5:30 p.m.

2 Wednesday

LEGO Free Play Bayview, 3–5 p.m.

Origami Potrero, 4–5 p.m.

Book Club: *Inspector Flytrap*
Marina, 6–7 p.m.

LEGO/Robotics
Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

2, 9, 16 Wednesdays

Mad Science! Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Mission Science Workshop
Mission Bay, 3–4:30 p.m.

3 Thursday

LEGO Free Play
Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

LEGO & Holiday Ornaments
North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

3, 10, 17 Thursdays

The Art in Stories w/ Asé Arts
Main, Children's Ctr - 2nd Fl, 4–5:15 p.m.

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Thursdays

Tutoring Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

3, 31 Thursdays

Pokémon Trading Cards
Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

4 Friday

Peppermint Paper Spinner
Chinatown, 3:45–4:45 p.m.

Therapy Pet Glen Park, 4 p.m.

5 Saturday

LEGO Robotics
Parkside, 2:30–4 p.m.

Math Tutoring/Homework Help Portola, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Crafts: Solstice Celebration
Sunset, 4–5 p.m.

5, 12, 19 Saturdays

Chess Club Excelsior, 1–2 p.m.

6 Sunday

LED Paper Circuits
Parkside, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

LEGO Robotics
Merced, 2:30–4 p.m.

LEGO/STEM Free Play
Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

Marble Machine
Mission Bay, 8–9 a.m.

6, 13 Sundays

Math Tutoring
Noe Valley, 3–4 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Sundays

Math Tutorial/Homework Help West Portal, 3–4 p.m.

8 Tuesday

LEGO Free Play
Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

Wood Snowman Photo Frame Ornaments
Golden Gate Valley, 4–5 p.m.

9 Wednesday

KEVA Contraptions
Presidio, 2–3 p.m.

Salt Dough Ornaments
Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Slime Challenge
Portola, 3–4 p.m.

"Stained Glass" Window Ornaments Marina, 3–4:30 p.m.

10 Thursday

STEM Free Play
Ocean View, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

11 Friday

Honeycomb Snowman Ornament Chinatown, 3:45–4:45 p.m.

Upcycled Crafting
Anza, 3–4 p.m.

Therapy Dog
Eureka Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

The Breakfast Project: Citrus Salad Ingleside, 4–5:15 p.m.

Gnome Craft
Portola, 4–5:30 p.m.

12 Saturday

Shrinky Dinks
Parkside, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

D&D Richmond, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Pinecone Owls
Potrero, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Puppy Dog Tales
Potrero, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

STEM: Chemical Reactions
West Portal, 3–4 p.m.

13 Sunday

LEGO Robotics Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

Crafternoon
West Portal, 2–3 p.m.

14 Monday

Watercolor Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

15 Tuesday

Keychain Button
Golden Gate Valley, 4–5 p.m.

16 Wednesday

LEGO/Magna-Tiles
Anza, 3:30–5 p.m.

Marina Bookworms
Marina, 8–9 a.m.

17 Thursday

LEGO Build-O-Rama
North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

18 Friday

Karaoke Portola, 2:30 p.m.

Puppy Dog Tales
North Beach, 4–5 p.m.

19 Saturday

2D Parol Decorating
Portola, 2–3 p.m.

Turkish Story Hour
Potrero, 2–3:30 p.m.

LEGO Robotics
West Portal, 3–4 p.m.

21 Monday

Paper Snowflakes
Parkside, 2–3 p.m.

23 Wednesday

Minecraft LEGOs & A Minecraft Movie Portola, 1–3:30 p.m.

24 Thursday

Drive-In Movie: *Frozen 2*
Portola, 2–4 p.m.

Middle School Age

2 Wednesday

Gaming Hour
Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

2, 9 Wednesdays

Homework Help
Ortega, 3–5 p.m.

4 Friday

Journal Hour
Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

5 Saturday

Jeepney Paintings
Mission Bay, 2–3 p.m.

Origami Club
Bernal Heights, 2–5 p.m.

5, 19 Saturdays

DigitalX STEM Experience
Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

7 Monday

Homework Hangout
Noe Valley, 3:30–5 p.m.

Improv Games
Glen Park, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

7, 14 Mondays

Tutoring/Homework Help
Ingleside, 4–5:30 p.m.

9 Wednesday

Cookies & Hot Chocolate
Potrero, 4–5 p.m.

12 Saturday

Puppet Movie Studio
Marina, 3–5 p.m.

16 Wednesday

Zine-Making Glen Park, 3–4 p.m.

Family

3 Thursday

Book Club: *A Rover's Story*
West Portal, 6:45–7:45 p.m.

5 Saturday

Holiday Crafting
North Beach, 10–3 p.m.

Chilean Community Gathering
Mission, 11–12 p.m.

The Plant Sisters
Presidio, 11–12 p.m.

Open House Ortega, 12–3 p.m.

Light Up Ornaments
Merced, 3–4 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Saturdays

Playtime
Glen Park, 10:30–12:30 p.m.

6 Sunday

Puppy Dog Tales
Ortega, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

8 Tuesday

Dog Reading Circle
Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

Board Games/LEGO
Noe Valley, 6–7:30 p.m.

9 Wednesday

Bel Canto Flutes
Ortega, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

10 Thursday

Puppy Dog Tales
Visitacion Valley, 3–4 p.m.

Toilet Paper Roll Reindeer
Ingleside, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Therapy Dog
Ortega, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

12 Saturday

Story Hour in ASL Main, Deaf Services - 1st Fl, 11–12 p.m.

Family Dance Party
Noe Valley, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

13 Sunday

Therapy Dog in the Library
Ortega, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

15 Tuesday

Quiet Dog Reading Circle
Parkside, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

16 Wednesday

Winter Sing Along
Potrero, 4–5 p.m.

17 Thursday

Book Club: *The Wrong Way Home* West Portal, 6:45–7:45 p.m.

18 Friday

The Plant Sisters
Visitacion Valley, 4–5 p.m.

19 Saturday

Holiday Concert: SF Forest Choir Western Addition, 2–3 p.m.

20 Sunday

Game Time West Portal, 2–3:30 p.m.

LEGO Free Play Glen Park, 2–4 p.m.

21 Monday

Scandinavian Paper Hearts
Glen Park, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

26 Saturday

Family Dance Party
Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

27 Sunday

Chess Club Ortega, 2–4 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 – 7, 14, 21, 28 Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Merced – 1, 8, 15, 29 Tuesdays, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Mission – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.* [Español/English]
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 – 3, 10, 17 Thursdays, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Richmond – Every Monday, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.*
Sunset – 7 Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Visitacion Valley – Every Monday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
West Portal – Every Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. & 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 Monday, 11:30–12 p.m.
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 – Every Thursday, 11:15–11:45 a.m.* [Español/English]
Every Tuesday, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m. [en Español]
Mission Bay – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.*
Noe Valley – Every Monday, 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.
Ortega – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Park – Every Monday, 3:30–4 p.m.
Parkside – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Portola – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.*
Presidio – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Richmond – Every Tuesday, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.*
Every Wednesday, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.*
Sunset – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Visitacion Valley – Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
West Portal – Every Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.–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 – 4. 11, 18 Fridays, 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.*º

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.
31 Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m. (English/Español)
Glen Park – 9, 23 Wednesdays, 7–7:30 p.m.
Golden Gate Valley – 4, 11, 18 Fridays, 1:15–1:45 p.m.*
Main – Every Saturday, 11:30–12 p.m.
Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m. (English/粵語課程 Cantonese)
Marina – Every Saturday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
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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 - Temporary	950 Grant Ave. opening Dec. 19	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	3359 24th 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
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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
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