April 30, 2019

Dear San Francisco families,

Are you ready to read this summer? Then stop by the San Francisco Public Library and pick up a Summer Slide reading and activity tracker. Every hour you read and every library you visit brings you closer to winning a prize. There are even special prizes available for young people and families who read the most minutes over the summer!

But the real prize is what you can learn this summer! During the summer months, kids often fall victim to what is called “Summer Slide” — a decline in reading ability and other academic skills that occurs when those skills aren’t being used.

Having grown up in San Francisco, I know how important it is for kids here to have free access to books all summer. I want San Francisco students to stay engaged all summer long and to take advantage of the free local activities offered seven days a week in their neighborhood and community.

The San Francisco Public Library is actively supporting students with weekly programs to boost their science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills. In addition to these summer activities, I am partnering with HOPE SF to add free mini library boxes in San Francisco Public Housing sites all around the City so that kids and families can borrow and share their books from home with their local community.

I wish you all a fantastic summer filled with reading and learning!

London Breed
Mayor

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Kick Off & Finale in the Presidio
4th Year of Partnership
Mayor London Breed’s Be Invincible Women’s Summit

New Opportunities
Creative Community
Summer Stride Outcomes

37,096 participants
15,323 finishers
1268 teen volunteers
233% participation growth since 2008
82% read more this summer
56% attended a library program
69% learned/ tried something new

69,664 raffle entries
1103 free programs

More than **19 million minutes** of reading, learning, listening and library time
We have been challenged in our historical assumptions and received wonderful new perspectives. Thank you for your heart, for the people of Alcatraz and for their stories and truth to be told!

With deepest gratitude,
Noreen & Greg Guyer - Eureka Valley

Such a great opportunity for communities of all background & ages to come together & learn & experience cultural food and build community.

Pinky M. Enty - Anza
Youth Engaged
Parkside Branch

YELL Members: Eoin, Kate, Donna, Brendan, Alyson, Julie
Librarian: Dorcas Wong, Teen Services Librarian
Life Skills Series

- Sewing
- Food Prep
- Language
- Skill Swap
Excelsior Branch

YELL Members: Ashley, Daniel, Grace, Ian, Karen, Maya

Librarian: Marla Bergman, Teen Services Librarian
YELL PROGRAM PRESENTS...

LIFE IN SF: LUCK, LOSS, AND GAIN

Join us for a fun, interactive game discussing socioeconomic issues in our city and a panel about homelessness, featuring San Francisco’s community leaders.

AUGUST 9, 2019
2 PM TO 3:30 PM
EXCELSIOR LIBRARY
AGES 14+

Reserve your spot by signing up at the Excelsior Library or call 415-555-2868. Refreshments will be served.

Excelsior Branch | YELL Presents
Outcomes

57 YELL members at 10 libraries attended 124 Meetings,
contributed 2,353 service hours and delivered 58 STEM programs