July is here with a full month of fun and educational programs for all ages. Summerstrine is bike time! Learn about “Bicycle Commons” from well-known San Franciscoan, Chris Carlson, who helped launch the monthly bike-ins known as Critical Mass. Brush up on bicycle safety with SF Bicycle Coalition and ride in style with a DIY funky bike seat cover. The BayAreaBikeMobile is ready, willing and able to fix flat tires, adjust brakes and teach hands-on repairs for youth. Plus, don’t let July pass you by without building a bike with the Scraper Bike Team and founder Champ, “The Scraper Bike King”. Educate yourself this summer by learning the history and science of chocolate, how cannabis may be used for health purposes, and how to pair wine and cheeses, with our partners at Rainbow Grocery. Ever wonder about the lifecycle of a worm or how important bees are to the food that is on our tables? Fog City Gardener is here to teach children all about worm compost and bee life. Also, look out for The Science of Me, presented by the Children’s Creativity Museum, a four-part series for children to explore the biological systems that make us fundamentally human.

Bike on over to your library today for science, cycling and summer! Find out about more programs in the calendar on pages 3-6 and at sfpl.org/summerstride.

Get on Your Gardening Gloves

This summer, dive into the dirt with gardening events at your local branch library. Learn about worm composting, saving succulents and how to create a garden in an apartment. Pick up new plants at the Ortega plant swap. Swing by Portola in San Francisco’s official Garden District, check out their “seed library” or help maintain their flourishing garden. Learn to get the most from your small-space urban food garden with author/gardening expert Pam Peirce. Along with Fog City Gardener, teens and tweens can learn to harvest honey and arrange flowers. Visit the bookmobile at the Botanical Garden in Golden Gate Park for special craft programs—make flower crowns, press flowers and create driftwood marionettes.

Gardening for Renters — July 7, 2 p.m., Main Library, Learning Studio, 5th Floor

Grow Fresh Air with Indoor Plants — July 10, 2 p.m., Main Library, Sycip Room, 4th Floor

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Discover Diverse Women Authors

Looking for great new authors to add to your list? Our Voices, Our Stories SF features women writers of color and showcases their work to both new and loyal readers. In 2014, founder Lisa Gray read data published by the organization VIDA:Women in Literary Arts on women of color in publishing along with reports of the outmigration of San Francisco’s Black residents, and identified an essential opportunity to create space for Black women writers to help ensure that the City’s Black literary culture survived gentrification and displacement. The vision for the event quickly grew to include all women of color.

In its third year of programming, the series has brought the work of more than 25 established and emerging women writers of color and their work to SF readers and audiences. Writers like Natalie Basile, Aya De Leon, Jaqueline Luckette, Devi Laskar and most recently award-winning author of An American Marriage, Tayari Jones, have graced audiences with their words and wisdom.

At each event, women writers of color select their best work to share. The highlight of the evening is a book talk with a featured author. Read the books before each event to join the conversation. The July event showcases Vanessa Hua, author of A River of Stars, named Best Book of the Year by NPR and the Washington Post.

Our Voices, Our Stories SF — July 24, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

AUGUST 13 National Parks in Your Neighborhood

Main Library, Children’s Center, 2 p.m.

AUGUST 28 NY Times Talk

Main Library, Koret Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 31 Bayview Community Baby Shower

Bayview Branch Library, 12 p.m.
Travel Light This Summer with eBooks and eMagazines

Leave your print books and magazines behind and enjoy SFPL eBooks and eMagazines on the go with your digital device for free. Download titles before you leave and read them anywhere in the world. In addition to your favorite summer fiction, Axis 360, Hoopla and Libby offer popular and reputable travel guides from Lonely Planet, Fodor’s, Culture Smart, DK Eyewitness Travel, Berlitz Pocket Guides and Moon Travel. Hiking, biking and camping enthusiasts can pack light by loading titles from Falcon Guides and 101 Hikes onto a smartphone. Furthermore, families with 4th graders who have an Every Kid in a Park Pass from the National Park Service can use state and national parks guides in digital format.

If you prefer magazines, SFPL offers travel, cooking and fashion titles in full digital color on Flipster, RB Digital and Kono for Chinese and Japanese language titles. It’s also the perfect time to try out SimplyE, where you can download and access both Axis 360 and Overdrive titles in one app. Visit sfpl.org/elibrary to find out more.

A Garden of Books

Celebrate 140 years of San Francisco’s Conservatory of Flowers with a readers’ treasure trove full of gardening guides, histories, botanical encounters and exotic plants. Pick up a bookmark celebrating this milestone with a list of wonderful gardening books.

Located in Golden Gate Park and designated as a historic landmark, the Conservatory is the oldest existing wood-and-glass conservatory in North America, housing nearly 2,000 plant species from around the world, including cloud forest orchids.

Indoor Green: Living With Plants by Bree Claffey
The Savage Garden by Peter D’Amato
Designing with Palms by Jason Dewees
Atlas of Poetic Botany by Francis Hallé
The Kew Gardener’s Guide to Growing House Plants by Kay Maguire
The Orchard Thief by Susan Orlean
San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park: A Thousand and Seventeen Acres of Stories by Christopher Pollock
The Orchard Whisperer: Expert Secrets for Growing Beautiful Orchids by Brian Rogers
The Plant Lover’s Guide to Ferns by Richie Steffen and Sue Olsen
The Victorian Gardener by Anne Wilkinson

Get on Your Gardening Gloves

Gather and Garden – July 11 & 25, 11:30 a.m., Portola Branch
Plant Swap – July 13, 11 a.m., Ortega Branch
Small Space Food Gardening with Pam Peirce – July 20, 12:30 p.m., Sunset Branch
Worm Composting – July 21, 2 p.m., Main Library, Learning Studio, 5th Floor
Gardening with Succulents – July 28, 2 p.m., Main Library, Learning Studio, 5th Floor

Pam Peirce

A Garden of Books

Ages 10-18:
Harvesting Honey – July 15, 3 p.m., Glen Park Branch and July 24, 3 p.m., Marina Branch
Backyard Flower Arranging – July 29, 3 p.m., Ocean View Branch
Gardening for Bees – July 31, 3 p.m., Ingleside Branch

Bookmobile:
SF Botanical Garden, 1199 9th Ave.
DIY Flower Crowns – July 1, 1:30 p.m.
Pressed Flower Art – July 15, 1:30 p.m.
Driftwood Marionettes – July 29, 1:30 p.m.

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SFUSD Recommended Summer Reading

Another summer brings another stellar list of recommended reads for youth, co-created with librarians from the San Francisco Unified School District. Head over to your neighborhood library to check out some (or all!) of these titles for free all summer long. Our youngest patrons can travel with Little Lobo to the bustling Mercado in ¡Vamos! Let’s Go to the Market, and through an alternate universe in Another. Elementary-school-age students will build their imaginations in The Cardboard Kingdom, and visit remarkable places with The Atlas Obscura Explorer’s Guide for the World’s Most Adventurous Kid. Middle-schoolers can uncover the gruesome side of history with They Lost Their Heads, and hear directly from young immigrants in Voices Sin Fronteras: Our Stories, Our Truth. Likewise, with books such as With the Fire on High, Children of Blood and Bone, and Here to Stay, high school students can get caught up in the experiences of a diverse array of voices, real and imagined. Look for the full list of recommended titles in the 2019 Summer Stride Guide, and online at sfpl.org/summerstrides.
Events and Exhibitions

Summer Sundays at the Branches

If your typical summer Sunday includes fog, cold beaches and long lines for brunch, you may want to try something different—a little more exciting, inspirational and sparkling. July at the Library is full of sparkle in more ways than you can imagine. If you’re serious about becoming gastronomical, visit Mission and create a BBQ rub spice mix or join Rainbow Grocery for cheese and wine pairing at Anza. For an art slant, attend a geometric watercolor class at Bayview or marbled paper program at Potrero. Start moving your body with Hip-Hop/Creative Movement through Ocean View and Excelsior or Zumba Gold at Eureka Valley. Or find your inner calm with Yoga at Visitacion Valley. Check out the 2019 Summer Stride Guide to find out what else is going on Sundays at the Library.

Marbled Paper with Shaving Cream
July 7, 3 p.m., Potrero Branch

Zumba Gold – July 14, 11 a.m., Eureka Valley Branch

Geometric Watercolor Art – July 14, 2 p.m., Bayview Branch

BBQ Rub Spice Mix Workshop – July 14, 2 p.m., Mission Branch

Hip-Hop/Creative Movement Workshop – July 14, 2 p.m., Ocean View Branch and July 22, 2 p.m., Excelsior Branch

Yoga – July 21, 1 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

Wine and Cheese Pairing – July 28, 2 p.m., Anza Branch

On View

Jewett Gallery
How We Play Engaging photos by Jarrel Phillips show how play shapes our lives. Through Aug. 11

Skylight Gallery
Anna Frank: A History for Today July 6−Aug. 15

Hand Bookbinders of California 47th Annual Members’ Exhibition Traditional and innovative approaches to the art of bookbinding, including a special project in which members bind quotes from the 1937 edition of Bret Harte’s The Right Eye of the Commandant. Through Sept. 1. Related event: Aug. 18

The Stuff of Life: San Francisco Trade Catalogs The 1850s California gold rush and the Nevada silver boom that followed propelled San Francisco into its position as the preeminent manufacturing and importing center on the West Coast. Through Sept. 26

Other Exhibits at the Main Library

Armchair Travel: Summer Stride If you can’t travel this summer, live vicariously through images from our beautiful travel magazines. Through Aug. 20

Other Exhibits at the Branches

Queer as German Folk: A Transatlantic Commemoration of the Stonewall Riots Co-presented with the Goethe-Institut San Francisco, this exhibition is curated by Dr. Birgit Bosold, Schwules Museum Berlin, and is hosted by the Library’s TAY(k) Care Program. Through Sept. 26

Creating Resilience: Art by Transitional Age Youth of San Francisco This exhibit from Larkin Street Youth Services looks through the lens of Creating Resilience and is hosted by the Library’s Tak’i Water Project. July 13−Sept. 19, General Collections, 3rd Floor

Light of Nanjing: Photo Exhibit of a City Through Sept. 1

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July/August Selection: *Fruit of the Drunken Tree* by Ingrid Rojas Contreras

Seeing Colombia’s Past Through Adolescent Eyes

The Drunken Tree (Arbol del Borrachero) is a tropical species that only grows in certain areas in South America. Its fruit is well known for being extremely toxic and having a hallucinogenic effect when inhaled or consumed, which author Ingrid Rojas Contreras uses as a fitting symbol in her extraordinary novel describing the devastating effects of the cocaine drug wars of 1980s Colombia during the reign of drug lord Pablo Escobar. Paradoxically based on the author’s real-life experiences growing up in Bogotá, *Fruit of the Drunken Tree* is a vivid depiction of innocent young lives caught in the middle of a horrifying conflict.

A Bay Area resident, Ingrid Rojas Contreras’s short stories have appeared in *The Los Angeles Review of Books, Electric Literature, Guernica* and *Huffington Post*, among other publications. She is also the book columnist for KQED. She currently teaches writing to immigrant high school students as part of a San Francisco Arts Commission initiative bringing artists into public schools. *Fruit of the Drunken Tree* is her first novel.

An Evening with Ingrid Rojas Contreras – July 17, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

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**Classical Guitar**
Main, Art, Music & Recreation Center, 3:30–4:15 p.m.

**Face Masks Preregister**
East Portal, 4–5:30 p.m.

**Author Talk: Chris Carlson**
Noe Valley, 1–1:30 p.m.

**SF Correspondence**
Main, Learning Studio, 1–3:30 p.m.

**Creative Storytelling**
North Beach, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

**Geology, Rocks & Gems**
Sunset, 1–3 p.m.

**Film: Columbus**
Anza, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Geometric Watercolor Art**
Bayview, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Staged Reading**
Main, Koret, 6–7:30 p.m.

**Creative Writing**
Portola, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Film: Loving Vincent**
Richmond, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Fiction Recommendations**
Main, At-Om, 5–4 p.m.

**Death Cafe**
North Beach, 1–3 p.m.

**Genealogy**
Main, Learning Studio, 1:30–2:45 p.m.

**Death and Dying At the Threshold of Death**
Main, Latino/Hispanic Rms, 3:30–7:30 p.m.

**Letterform Lecture: Carolyn Porter**
Main, Koret, 6–7:30 p.m.

**Mary Oliver Poems**
West Portal, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

**Bilbo Bistro**
Heart of the City Farmer’s Market, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Café “Stray Dog” (in Russian)**
Richmond, 5–5:30 p.m.

**Author Talk: Ingrid Rojas Contreras**
Main, Koret, 6–8 p.m.

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**Spanish Speakers Preregister**
Mission, 2–3 p.m.

**Share Care**
Bernal Heights, 3–4 p.m.

**20. 27 Saturday**
Dance Meditation Richmond, 6–7:30 p.m.

**21. Sunday**
Films: The 400 Blows and Umbrellas of Cherbourg Main, Koret, 1–5 p.m.

**Yoga Visitation Valley, 1–2 p.m.**

**Worm Composting**
Main, Learning Studio, 2–4 p.m.

**22. Monday**
Experiential Writing North Beach, 1–3 p.m.

**23 Tuesday**
*Film: A Kiss Before Dying* Golden Gate Valley, 6–7:30 p.m.

**A Date with Lucky Man, Koret, 6–7:30 p.m.**

**Poetry (in Russian)**
Richmond, 6–8 p.m.

**Film: Bicycle Thieves**
Eureka Valley, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

**Author Talk: Carla Black**
Man, Latino/Hispanic Rms, 6:30 p.m.

**Science of Chocolate Preregister**
Sunset, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

**24 Wednesday**
*Afternoon Tea* Preregister, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

**Nail Art**
Ingleside, 4–5 p.m.

**Our Voices, Our Stories SF African American Arts and Culture Complex, 6–8 p.m.**

**Video Art**
North Beach, 6–7:30 p.m.

**25 Thursday**
*Film: Bad Lucky Goat* Ocean View, 6–7 p.m.

**Film: Faces Places**
Main, Koret, 3:30–7:30 p.m.

**Knitting**
Golden Gate Valley, 6–7:30 p.m.

**Photography**
Mission, 6:30–8 p.m.

**Earthquake Preparedness Public Knowledge Branch (SFMOEMA), 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

**26 Friday**
Audio Described Film: Individual Family Main, Koret, 2–4 p.m.

**27 Saturday**
*Film: Saving Private Ryan* Chinatown, 1–4 p.m.

**Beginners Ukulele**
Main, Learning Studio, 1–2 p.m.

**28 Sunday**
*Wine and Cheese Pairing* Preregister, Anza, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Bacteria & Biomanufacturing**
Main, Latino/Hispanic Rms, 2–4 p.m.

**Succulents**
Main, Learning Studio, 2–4 p.m.

**Laughter Class**
North Beach, 2–3:30 p.m.

**29 Saturday**
*Film: The Return of the Pink Panther* Park, 2–4 p.m.

**Film: A Star Is Born**
Main, Koret, 4–7 p.m.

**Investment: Mutual Funds and ETFs**
Main, Latino/Hispanic Rms, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

**30 Sunday**
*Film: The Hunchback of Notre Dame* Park, 5–6:30–7:30 p.m.

**31 Wednesday**
*NY Times Talk* Mark Sullivan.

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**Book Groups**

**1 Monday**
Book Group: Western Addition, 4–5:30 p.m.

**3 Wednesday**
ASL Book Club Main, Deaf Services Center, 6–8 p.m.

**6 Saturday**
Japanese Books Main, Western Addition, 2–3:30 p.m.

**9 Tuesday**
Great Books Richmond, 6:15–8:15 p.m.

**12 Friday**
*Film: Sunset* 1:30–3:30 p.m.

**16 Saturday**
*Film: Great Books* Richmond, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

**19 Tuesday**
Great Books Richmond, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

**23 Thursday**
*Death at La Fenice* Ingrid Rojas Contreras.

**26 Saturday**
*Film: Saving Private Ryan* Preregister.

**29 Sunday**
*Film: The Return of the Pink Panther* Preregister.

**32 Wednesday**
*April: The Art of the Novel* Preregister.

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**Essential Life Skills for Teens**
Teens can visit Parkside to learn or brush up on life-long skills. Visit the main library for free resources on food prep basics and language survival at a four-part life skills series. Interested in practicing the hidden hem-stitch and button sewing? Come over and make finger puppets. Ever wonder what to look for in order to pick good fruit and vegetables? Learn some best practices as well as prep techniques. Do you know how to cha cha? Can you offer tricks on folding a fitted sheet? Show off your Windsor knot tie skills? The opportunities are endless at the Parkside Branch.

**Computing Basics**
Computing Basics Preregister.

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Wish You Could Get More Done in Less Time?

Nearly everyone wishes they could manage their time better and procrastinate less. The Library is pleased to welcome back prominent career and personal coach Marty Nemko (KGO, KCBS, KALW, SF Chronicle, author of Careers for Dummies) to help with the following:

• Getting yourself motivated to do that task you’re dreading.
• Keys to getting started and dealing with stumbling blocks.
• Time-management hacks, on everything from working to cooking.

What really works in reducing procrastination.

Improving Your Time Management, Reducing Your Procrastination – July 20, 10 a.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Vive la France!

Celebrate Bastille Day by attending the Main Library’s staged reading of The Revolutionists, San Francisco playwright Lauren Gunderson’s thought-provoking comedy about women active in the French Revolution.

The Revolutionists is set in Paris in 1793, at the height of the French Revolution’s Reign of Terror. Robs are forming, heads are rolling and Olympia de Gouges is writing a comedy. When an assassin, a spy and an infamous former queen knock on Olympia’s door, these bad ass women must decide their role in the revolution. Will they be remembered in the pages of history? Or will their time be cut short by Madame Guillotine? The Revolutionists is based on real women, real executions and real terror... but remember, it’s a comedy!

The Revolutionists, directed by Annie Sears, is the first in a series of July programs celebrating French culture (Vive la France! July 14 – 25).

The Revolutionists – July 14, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Classics of French Cinema: The 400 Blows and The Umbrellas of Cherbourg – July 21, 1 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Classics of French Cinema: Faces Places – July 25, 5:30 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

All programs and events are free and open to the public.
Children's Calendar

JULY 2019

- All programs and events are free and open to the public.
- Programs are for children of all ages, except where noted.
- Please call ahead to confirm dates and times.
- Groups of five or more make reservations.
- Children's programs at the Main Library are for the Children's Center except where noted.

1 Monday
Chain Reactions Ortega, 2 p.m.
*BikeMobile Richmond, 2 p.m.
LEGO Movie 2 Bayview, 3 p.m.
Buttons V Interstate Valley, 4:30 p.m.
2 Tuesday
Playdate Presidio, 10–11 a.m.
*Bubblesology Presidio North, 2–4 p.m.
*Ozobots Portola, 2–3 p.m.
Lanya Ortega, 2 p.m.
*LEGO * Eureka Valley, 3:30–5 p.m.
- Merced, 4–5:30 p.m.
- Printing Bots Haight, 4 p.m.
12, 13, 14, 15, 16 Tuesdays
Science of Me Presidio
- Anza, 2–3 p.m.
- Chinatown, 3–4 p.m.
20 Tuesday
Playtime Mission, 10:15 a.m.
3 Wednesday
Outdoor Play Main, 1 p.m.
*Button Making Excelsior, 2 p.m.
Big Bilder Golden Gate Valley, 2–3 p.m.
Film: *West Portal, 6:30–8 p.m.
*Anza, 2–3 p.m.
*Merced, 4–5:30 p.m.
10 Wednesday
*Button Making Excelsior, 12:30–2 p.m.
*Math Winner Richmond, 1 p.m.
*Soccer Stars Presidio
- Chinatown, 2–3 p.m.
- Main, 2–3 p.m.
Building Bonanza Golden Gate Valley, 2–3 p.m.
*Bubblesology Mission, 2 p.m.
*KEVA Ocean View, 2–3 p.m.
Marble Machine Western Addition, 2:30–4 p.m.
*Embodiment Bayview, 4 p.m.
*DIY Stickers Ingleside, 4 p.m.
*Keepsake Tins Mission Bay, 4–5:30 p.m.
*LEGO Motorcars Sunset, 4 p.m.
Duct Tape Villascan E Excelsior, 4:30–5:30 p.m.
** 10, 17, 24, 21 Wednesday
*Chess Ingleside, 3:30 p.m.
3 Wednesday
*Paper Dolls Excelsior, 4–5:30 p.m.
*LEGO * Haight, 6–8 p.m.
- Western Port, 6:30–8 p.m.
13, 17, 24, 21, 26 Wednesday
Book Lists Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.
17, 24, 21, 31 Wednesdays
Play and Learn Bayside, 11 a.m.
5 Friday
STEMpede Chinatown, 2 p.m.
*Paper Airplanes Merced, 3 p.m.
*LEGO Parkside, 3:30–5 p.m.
6 Saturday
Playdough Mission Bay, 10:30 a.m.
*Big Build West Portal, 11 a.m.
*Bird Feeders Marina, 2 p.m.
Read with Rocky Ocean View, 10:30 a.m.
Butterfly Craft Ortega, 2 p.m.
*LEGO Sunset, 3:30–4 p.m.
*Ice Cream Making Mission Beach, 4–5 p.m.
- Potrero, 4–5 p.m.
6, 13, 20, 27 Sundays
*Playtime Glen Park, 10 a.m.
- SnackMeat Ingleside, 11 a.m.
- Science of Me Presidio
- Ingleside, 2–3 p.m.
7 Sunday
*BikeMobile Meredith, 2–5 p.m.

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Great Ways to Donate to Friends and Save on Your Taxes

Gifts of Appreciated Stock
You can make a big impact by donating long-term appreciated securities, including stock, bonds and mutual funds directly to a charity. Compared to donating cash, or selling your appreciated securities and contributing after-tax proceeds, donating appreciated stock can increase both the value of the gift and the value of your tax deduction. Appreciated publicly traded stock that you’ve held for more than one year is considered long-term capital gains property. If you donate it to a qualified charity, you may be able to enjoy two tax benefits:

1. If you itemize deductions, you can claim a charitable deduction equal to the stock’s fair market value.
2. You can avoid the capital gains tax that you would have paid if you sold the stock.

Donating appreciated stock can be especially beneficial to taxpayers facing the 3.8% net investment income tax (NII) or the top 20% long-term capital gains rate this year.

IRA Roll-overs
Did you know that individuals ages 70½ years or older can make charitable gifts from their traditional individual retirement accounts (IRAs) of up to $100,000 per year that qualify as tax-free charitable interests? Recent changes in the federal tax law doubled the standard deduction for charitable giving. This, combined with cut-backs in other deductions, make IRA gifts to nonprofit organizations increasingly popular for donors who want to support a great cause while also reducing their taxes. Consider choosing a charitable IRA distribution, which can accommodate gifts of all sizes.

To learn more about how you can make these types of gifts to Friends of the Library, contact our Chief Advancement Officer, Craig Palmer, at (415) 477-5235 or craig.palmer@friendssfpl.org. As with all giving options, it is advisable to consult professionals in accounting, estate planning and wealth management.

Big Book Sale: Back Where It Belongs

September 18–22

The Big Book Sale, a beloved San Francisco tradition, returns to its regular weekend in September. This year is going to be bigger and better than ever! The pallets of books are already starting to overflow the Friends Donation Center—mark your calendars for deals for book lovers of all ages, including hard-to-find classics and popular children’s books. We see tremendous volume come through our system because the Big Book Sale (and Friends’ Community Book Program) is the ultimate recycling system. Some patrons donate their entire personal libraries to Friends, and then restock the shelves with new books they buy at the sale. The event, the largest used book sale on the West Coast, is only made possible by the efforts of hundreds of volunteers including hard-to-find classics and popular children’s books. We see tremendous volume come through our system because the Big Book Sale (and Friends’ Community Book Program) is the ultimate recycling system. Some patrons donate their entire personal libraries to Friends, and then restock the shelves with new books they buy at the sale. The event, the largest used book sale on the West Coast, is only made possible by the efforts of hundreds of volunteers who organize the donated books, stack the boxes of books in pallets and actively spread the word around the City about the event.

Don’t you want to be a part of this great effort? Get involved with the Big Book Sale and volunteer! Visit friendssfpl.org/BigBookSale for information. Remember, both of our bookstores are open during the Big Book Sale and will be stocked with special inventory. If you do not find the exact book you are looking for at the sale, the Fort Mason store is right across the way.

Books at 10% off! Friends’ Independent Bookstore Program!
Friends members (50+ level) receive a 10% discount on the following bookstores:

A. Cavalli Italian Bookstore

*LEGO, Magna-Tiles* Art 4.5 p.m.

*Zipline Racers* Pre-register.

*Alley Cat Books*

*Bird & Beckett Books & Records*

*Black Oak Books Holding Corp.*

*Bollierum Books*

*Books, Inc.*

*Borders Books*

*Breaker Books*

*Chronicle Books*

*Compass Books, Inc.*

*Dorothy Records*

*Eastwind Books*

*Globe Book & Music*

*Green Apple Books & Music*

*The Green Arcade*

*Kore Books*

*Louie Brothers Book Store, Inc.*

*Manning’s Books & Prints*

*Marcus Book Stores*

*Omnivore Books on Food*

*Readers Bookstore: Fort Mason and Main Library*

*Red Hill Books*

*SF Botanical Gardens, Garden Bookstore*

*Thidwick Books*

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*Rock the Bike* Mission, 2 p.m.

*Zipline Racers* Pre-register.

*Alley Cat Books*

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