San Francisco Public Library celebrates the Summer of Love

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Sex, Drugs and Runaways

Few observers will deny the impact, for better or worse, that the summer of 1967 had on the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco. On January 14, the Human Be-In at the Polo Fields in Golden Gate Park drew between 15,000–50,000 people to the area. Some Be-In participants remained in the neighborhood. Those who resided in the Haight-Ashbury found themselves at the center of increasing drug use (LSD and marijuana), rising crime rates, acceleration of sexually transmitted diseases, and an upturn in runaway youth. By the end of the summer of 1967, the issues facing the Haight-Ashbury were problems that the state of California and the nation as a whole had to confront: sex, drugs, and runaways. This exhibit presents the Summer of Love as seen through the eyes of three government entities: local, state and federal.

June 24–Oct. 19, Main Library, 5th Floor Government Information Center

Summer of Love and Haight

During the summer of 1967, young people from throughout the country flocked to San Francisco for the promise of a cultural, political and social revolution. The epicenter for this experience was the previously unnoticed, suddenly notorious, Haight-Ashbury neighborhood. This exhibit showcases period photographs and films, rock posters, grass roots newspapers and flyers, record albums and manuscript materials from community groups and local government collections, all documenting the upheaval of the Summer of Love of 1967.

July 15–Oct. 29, 2017, Main Library, Jewett Gallery

Opening Event: Revolution – Film and discussion.

July 16, 1 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Haight-Ashbury’s Summer of Love: National and Local Media Coverage

This small display shows the national coverage of the “Hashbury” through magazine and newspaper articles that focused on the Summer of Love. Many stories from the San Francisco Chronicle will be featured. See what people thought about the Summer of Love 40 years ago.

June 15–Sept. 15, 2017, Main Library, 5th Floor Magazines and Newspapers Center

The Seen: What you would have seen on Haight Street in 1967

This exhibit highlights the Haight-Ashbury scene in 1967. It’s a walk down memory lane—featuring fashion, posters, handbills and photographs of Haight Street businesses and people. Plus, there’s a special section of then-and-now photographs.

Aug. 5–Dec. 7, Park Branch Library
The Grateful Dead: Before, During & After the Summer of Love  
Author Rosie McGee. 
Aug. 2, 6:30 p.m., 
Main Library, Learning Studio

Jefferson Airplane: A Deep Dive  
Speaker Rodney Paul discusses the rock group Jefferson Airplane. 
Aug. 22, 6 p.m., 
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

The Gender Revolution  
Four panel discussions feature Bay Area women who were pivotal in the revolution for women's rights in the 1960s. Speakers include Judy Gumbo, Alta, Anne Weills, Jane Scherr, Ruth Rosen, Black Panther Judy Juanita, Alexandra Hart, Denise Kaufman and others. 
Sept. 7, 3:30 p.m., 
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Irwin Klein and the New Settlers  
Lecture and discussion about Bay Area hippies who went to New Mexico during the Summer of Love. 
Sept. 12, 6:30 p.m., 
Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Room

Hippie Food: How Back to the Landers, Longhairs and Revolutionaries Changed the Way We Eat  
Author talk with Jonathan Kauffman. 
Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m., 
Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Room

FILMS  
July 6: The Graduate  
July 13: Cool Hand Luke  
July 20: Bonnie and Clyde  
July 27: In the Heat of the Night  
Thursdays, 12 p.m., 
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Revolution  
The counter culture revolution of the hippies during the Summer of Love. Discussion follows the film. July 16, 1 p.m., 
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Riot on Sunset Strip  
July 26, 6:30 p.m., Park Branch

Les Diggers de San Francisco  
Discussion with Digger Judy Goldhaft follows the film. Aug. 5, 2 p.m., 
Main Library, Koret Auditorium

How I Won the War  
Aug. 16, 6:30 p.m., 
Park Branch

Richie Unterberger Presents: The Summer of Love in Cinema  
Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m., Park Branch

ART, CRAFT & FASHION  
Let's Dye!  
July 12, 7 p.m., Park Branch

Macramé Plant Holders  
July 19, 6 p.m., Park Branch

1960s Fashion Show  
Aug. 5, 3 p.m., Park Branch

Tie Dye for All Ages  
Aug. 26, 3 p.m., Park Branch

Summer of Love Experience: Art, Fashion, and Rock & Roll  
Join the DeYoung in an interactive art activity inspired by de Young Museum exhibition on the Summer of Love. For ages 6-12 years old and their caregivers. Limited to 30 participants.  
July 13: 10 a.m., Portola Branch  
July 14: 1 p.m., Richmond Branch  
July 20: 11 a.m., Potrero Branch  
July 21: 1 p.m., Bayview Branch  
July 27: 1 p.m., Main Children's Center  
July 28: 1 p.m., North Beach Branch  
Aug. 1: 1 p.m., Park Branch
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