

AT THE LIBRARY

Events and Happenings at the San Francisco Public Library

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iVIVA! Comes Alive

In September and October we celebrate iVIVA!: Latino Hispanic Heritage Month. In Spanish, “Viva” translates as “to live”—and you are invited to our virtual fiesta with a kaleidoscope of programs for youth, families and adults: craft programs, a family cooking class, artist and author talks, Queer Latinx History, Latinx kid lit panels and a concert.

With school back in session, the SF Early Literacy Network will share critical student success and family support resources to ease into this school year.

Kid and adult booklovers alike will not want to miss a conversation between Oakland Public Library and SFPL discussing their top picks for past and upcoming Latinx kidlit titles and the impact of the Pura Belpré Book Award. Two weeks later, Latinx authors Aida Salazar, Rebecca Balcárcel and Reina Luz Alegre, members of the groundbreaking author collective, Las Musas, share their latest works, discuss Latinx cultural elements and offer advice for young writers.



The Lucky Band

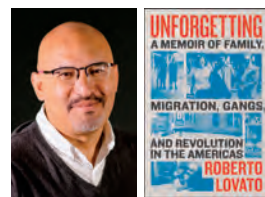
Cultural programs abound with a special amate paper craft program offered in partnership with The Mexican Museum, family cooking class presented in Spanish and a special family concert by Latin Grammy winners The Lucky Band. Weekly storytimes in Spanish offer an early literacy foundation for caregivers of children up to 5 years old.

Adults can look forward to a celebration of culture, art and authors. In anticipation of SFMOMA's *Diego Rivera's*



Section of mural: *Pan American Unity* by Diego Rivera

America, scholar Will Maynez discusses Rivera's time in San Francisco. Additionally, we are partnering with The Mexican Museum for two art talks. Robert McDonald of Bond Latin Gallery presents “Mexico in San Francisco,” a visual presentation of Mexican artists who were instrumental in a movement blending politics and beauty, and well-known Mexican contemporary painter Daniel Lezama discusses a retrospective of his work.



Roberto Lovato

El Salvador to investigate the country's horrific gang wars.

Benjamin Bac Sierra, author, educator, activist and SF native, talks about his new book, *Pura Neta*, the long-awaited sequel to *Barrio Bushido*.



Benjamin Bac Sierra

For program information, see the calendar on page 3 and sfpl.org/viva.

Library Hosts Community Learning Hubs

In late July, Mayor London N. Breed announced that San Francisco would transform facilities around the city into supervised Community Learning Hubs to support distance learning for San Francisco Unified School District students starting this fall.

The Department of Children, Youth and Their Families is spearheading this effort to launch the Hubs on Sept. 14 at more than 40 sites across the city including select branch libraries: Anza, Bayview, Bernal Heights, Chinatown, Glen Park, Ingleside, Noe Valley, North Beach, Ortega, Portola, Potrero, Richmond, Sunset, Visitacion Valley and Western Addition. Other sites include recreation centers, cultural centers and several community-based organizations. The Hubs will provide support to students while prioritizing

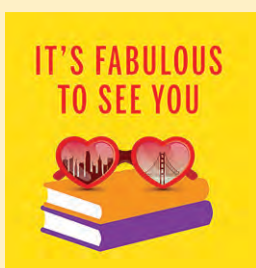
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children and youth with the highest need, including low-income and high need youth.

“San Francisco Public Library is ready to support families during this challenging time,”

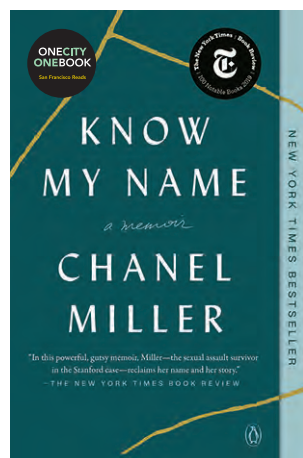
stated City Librarian Michael Lambert. “Libraries are sanctuaries of learning, and we look forward to welcoming students through our doors and doing our part to ensure a successful academic year.”

For more information, visit dcyf.org/care.



More SFPL To Go locations added! You can now drop off and pick up materials at Eureka Valley, Marina, Merced and Mission Bay branches. Find out more at sfpl.org/sfpl-to-go.

Chanel Miller's *Know My Name: A Memoir* Named 2021 One City One Book Selection



San Francisco is rolling out the red carpet for Bay Area native Chanel Miller. In addition to an exhibition of original artworks at the Asian Art Museum, San Francisco Public Library has selected her book, *Know My Name: A Memoir* (Penguin Random House), as next year's One City One Book title. A citywide literary event, One City One Book: San Francisco Reads encourages members of the San Francisco community to read the same book at the same time and then discuss it in a variety of public programs.

Next year's program coincides with the Library's annual Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Celebration and Sexual Assault Awareness Month—a cause championed by Miller.

Universally acclaimed, rapturously reviewed and an instant *New York Times* bestseller, Chanel Miller's breathtaking memoir “gives readers the privilege of knowing her not just as Emily Doe, but as Chanel Miller the writer, the artist, the survivor, the fighter” (*The Wrap*). Her story of trauma and transcendence illuminates a culture biased to protect perpetrators, indicting a criminal justice system designed to fail the most vulnerable, and, ultimately, shines with the courage required to move through suffering and live a full and beautiful life.

Know My Name will forever transform the way we think about sexual assault, challenging our beliefs about what is acceptable and speaking truth to the tumultuous reality of healing.

School Tools for Distance Learning Success

Do you need support with distance learning? We have a wide array of free resources to help students, educators and families thrive in the virtual learning realm. Grab your library card and start exploring our top tools today.

BrainFuse – Do you have a question about your homework? In addition to your teacher's support, you can use Brainfuse for homework assistance needs.

Available 24/7 with online tutors from 1–10 p.m. every day and with free help for kindergarten through high school in both Spanish and English.



with high-resolution pictures, videos and articles from journals, magazines and newspapers.

Kids InfoBits – Find reference content for students that range from Animals to Social Studies



Scholastic GO! – Search eight encyclopedias for your assignments with your library card.

Learning Express Library 3.0 – Practice math problems, reading comprehension and writing exercises, created in line with Common Core standards at the School Center to keep skills sharp. For teens, take online practice tests based on the official exams for Advanced Placement, SAT, GRE and GMAT.



Educators, did you know we offer virtual visits to your classroom? Book talks, Library basics, research tools, career pathways, online curriculum tools, tutorials, storytimes and more. Contact info@sfpl.org to request a virtual fieldtrip with a Librarian. sfpl.org/kids/virtual-library sfpl.org/teen-virtual-library

Events, Collections and Services



ON the SAME PAGE

September/October 2020 Selection:

Pura Neta by Benjamin Bac Sierra

In conjunction with iVIVA! Latino Heritage Month, SFPL is honored to host Benjamin Bac Sierra as our On the Same Page author. We celebrate this local author, educator, poet, activist and Mission District native. Bac Sierra's new book *Pura Neta*, the long-awaited sequel to *Barrio Bushido*, is due out in September from Pochino Press.

Set in the San Francisco Mission barrio from 2012 to 2014, *Pura Neta* explores the creative struggle of home-boys and homegirls fighting against gentrification, police brutality, racism and economic and educational injustice.

Benjamin Bac Sierra was raised by a widowed mother and the streets of the Mission District. He served in the Marine Corps, where he participated in frontline combat during the first Gulf War. He is a professor at City College of San Francisco, a community innovator and keynote speaker throughout the Bay Area. Bac Sierra's essays and stories have been published in newspapers and literary magazines. His first novel, *Barrio Bushido*, received a Best of the Bay Award and an International Latino Book Award.

Bac Sierra will be interviewed by Luis J. Rodriguez, author of *Always Running: La Vida Loca* and most recently *From Our Land to Our Land: Essays, Journeys, and Imaginings from a Native Xicanx Writer*.

On the Same Page Events: **Author Talk** – Sept. 30, 7 p.m. **Book Club** – Sept 28, 7 p.m. and Oct. 26, 7 p.m.



Art by Miguel Arzabe

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Teens Create Educational Videos, Bridge Technology Gap

This summer, 29 teens collaborated on content creation for STEM tutorials and tech tools. The YELL internship program culminated with two Community Impact Projects.

STEM Challenge – Two-thirds of the YELL members were on Team STEM Challenge and were charged with brainstorming, developing, creating, executing and evaluating a group of video tutorials for elementary and middle school students. Using easily accessible materials, the videos included such lessons as how to make ice cream in a bag, a pencil catapult launcher and a bee hummer and straw oboe. The teens filled a variety of roles like editor, graphic designer, script writer, talent and host. See final films at sfpl.org/stemchallenge.

Tech For Elders (T4E) – The remaining third of YELL members assisted seniors living in Sequoia Living affordable housing. Over the phone, youth assessed both prior knowledge and current barriers and goals for technology use, and offered friendly, patient tutoring tailored to the interests of the senior. It became apparent that being able to meet via video call was a prerequisite for being able to demonstrate any other task, so the cohort developed print and online tutorials for a variety of operating systems to instruct on how to register for and use a Zoom video-conferencing account. The materials developed by YELL have already been put to use in other library tech-help programs, and will continue to be a great resource as the demand for accessing the Library's eResources continues to grow.

For the fourth year, YELL teens have shown the resilience, determination and integrity of our teen community. They have contributed over 800 hours of time creating community, doing a deep dive into professional skills, learning about library resources and offering event and program suggestions to carry us through 2020 and onward.

A iVIVA! Reading List

YOUTH



Across the Bay by Carlos Aponte

A young boy's search for his father's life away from his family takes him through the vibrant sights and sounds of Old San Juan, Puerto Rico. Recipient of the 2020 Pura Belpré Illustrator Honor Award.



Each Tiny Spark by Pablo Cartaya

Young activists will cheer for Emilia Rosa Torres, a neurodiverse preteen, as she has a social and political awakening within the context of her Cuban American family in Georgia.



Ghost Squad by Claribel Ortega

When 12-year-old Lucely Luna finds out her father might lose their house, she has to think quickly about what to do with the family ghosts who live in the willow tree out back.



Where We Go from Here by Lucas Rocha

Set in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the lives of Victor, Henrique and Ian crash together with HIV testing and diagnosis towards a story of friendship, love, truth and self-acceptance.

ADULT



Fiebre Tropical by Juliana Delgado Lopera

Lit by the hormonal neon glow of Miami, this heady, multilingual debut novel follows a Colombian teenager's coming-of-age and coming out as she plunges headfirst into lust and evangelism.

The Undocumented Americans: A Homecoming by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio



Villavicencio was a DACA recipient when she decided to write about being undocumented for the first time. Sensitive reporting and powerful personal narratives bring to light remarkable stories of resilience, madness and death.



Mexican Gothic by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

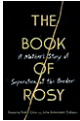
A reimagining of the classic gothic suspense novel follows the experiences of a courageous socialite in 1950s Mexico who is drawn into the treacherous secrets of an isolated mansion.

Both Sides: Stories from the Border by Gabino Iglesias



Fifteen stories from a talented and diverse roster of authors that look at one of the most controversial issues of our time: the border.

The Book of Rosy: A Mother's Story of Separation at the Border by Rosayra Pablo Cruz and Julie Schwietert Collazo



A searing critique of the Trump administration-induced immigration crisis, written by a mother who was separated from her children and the American who helped reunite the family.



Hurricane Season by Fernanda Melchor

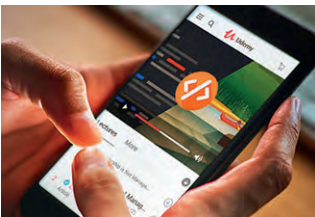
Inspired by a real event of the murder of a woman in rural Mexico, *Hurricane Season* takes place in a world filled with superstitions and toxic violence.

Sabrina & Corina: Stories by Kali Fajardo-Anstine



A debut story collection about female relationships and the deep-rooted truths of our homelands features Latina protagonists of indigenous descent who cautiously navigate the violence and changes in a Denver community.

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Get started: sfpl.org/elearning.



SFPL SEPTEMBER 2020
VIRTUAL EVENT CALENDAR

Adults

How to Apply for a California State Job

Thursday, Sept. 3, 10–11:30 a.m.
Reserve: <https://bit.ly/StateJobs9-3>

Book Club: World Literature Thursday, Sept. 3,
6–7:30 p.m. Reserve: <https://bit.ly/WLitGalileo>

How to Budget, Save and Invest

Saturday, Sept. 5, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Speakers: Caroline Matthews, CFEI and Alex Caswell,
CFA, CFP. Reserve: <https://bit.ly/Budgeting9-5>

SF Mime Troupe - *Tales of the Resistance*

Discussion Saturdays, Sept. 5, 19, 3–4:15 p.m.
Tune in on YouTube.

iVIVA! Diego Rivera in San Francisco with Will

Maynez Saturday, Sept. 12, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Reserve: <https://bit.ly/WMaynezRivera9-12-20>

39th Northern California Book Awards

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2–3:30 p.m.
Reserve: <https://bit.ly/39NoCal9-13-20>

How to Get Grants with Foundation Directory

Online Wednesday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Reserve: <https://learning.candid.org/training/2020-09-16-learn-fdo-virtual-office-hours-with-candid/>

iVIVA! Roberto Lovato, *Unforgetting: A Memoir of*

Family Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6–7 p.m.
Reserve: <https://bit.ly/RLovato9-16-20>

Interviewing Essentials

Thursday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
Reserve: <https://bit.ly/InterviewEssentials9-17-20>

Bridget Quinn and Kate Schatz in Conversation

Friday, Sept. 18, 12–1 p.m.
Reserve: <https://bit.ly/Quinn9-18-20>

iVIVA! Mexico in San Francisco

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2–3 p.m. In partnership with
The Mexican Museum and Bond Latin Gallery.
Reserve: <https://bit.ly/MexMuseum9-19-20>

Resume Writing Essentials

Monday, Sept. 21, 10–11:30 a.m.
Reserve: <https://bit.ly/Resume9-21-20>

Art in the Time of COVID Tuesday, Sept. 22, 6–7 p.m.

Alexandra Blum. Reserve: <https://bit.ly/Blum9-22-20>

Harlem of the West Friday, Sept. 25, 12–1 p.m.

Reserve: <https://bit.ly/HarlemWest9-25-20>

Shade Gardening with California Native Plants

Saturday, Sept. 26, 1–2 p.m.
Reserve: <https://bit.ly/CANativePlant9-26-20>

iVIVA! Daniel Lezama, Art Talk Sunday, Sept. 27,

2–3 p.m. Reserve: <https://bit.ly/Lazama9-27-20>

iVIVA! Book Club: *Barrio Bushido* by

Benjamin Bac Sierra Monday, Sept. 28, 7–8 p.m.
Reserve: <https://bit.ly/OTSPBkClb9-28-20>

iVIVA! Benjamin Bac Sierra in Conversation with

Luis Rodriguez Wednesday, Sept. 30, 7–8 p.m.
Reserve: <https://bit.ly/PuraNeta9-30-20>

Elementary-Middle School Age

iVIVA! Latinx Kidlit Past and Future

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 5–6 p.m. Tune in on YouTube.

Elementary School Age/Family

iVIVA! Celebrate Chilean Cooking Friday, Sept. 18,
3–3:45 p.m. Tune in on YouTube. In Spanish.

iVIVA! Craft: Amate Paper Paintings

Friday, Sept. 25, 3–4 p.m. Tune in on YouTube.

Early Childhood, Family

iVIVA! Storytime en Español Thursdays, 11–11:30 a.m.

iVIVA! The Lucky Band

Saturday, Sept. 19, 11–11:30 a.m.

Middle School Age - Teen

iVIVA! Las Musas Panel with Aida Salazar, Rebecca
Balcárcel and Reina Luz Alegre in Conversation
Wednesday, Sept. 30, 5–6 p.m. Tune in on YouTube.

Adult, Family

iVIVA! Community Chat for School Success
Wednesday, Sept. 23, 5–6 p.m. For families with
pre-K through elementary school-age children.
Presented in Spanish.

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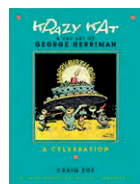


Brown Handler Writer's Residents' Book Recommendations

There's still time to add to your summer reading list. Here are top picks from our Writing Residents.



Shruti Swamy – *The Lathe of Heaven* by Ursula K. Le Guin and *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy



Mia Paschal – *Krazy Kat: The Comic Art of George Herriman* and the works of Primo Levi, Paul Éluard and Albert Camus



Earle McCartney – *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward; *Pale Rider* by Katherine Anne Porter; *Love* by Hanne Ørstavik



Amanda Moore – *Post-Colonial Love Poem* by Natalie Diaz; *If the House* by Molly Spencer; *The Undressing: Poems* by Li-Young Lee



K-Fai Steele – *Crab Cake* by Andrea Tsurumi; *Still Stuck* by Shinsuke Yoshitake; *Gaston* by Kelly DiPucchio, illustrated by Christian Robinson

Maddy Raskulinecz –

The Summer Book by Tove Jansson; *In the Freud Archives* by Janet Malcolm

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EXCELSIOR	4400 Mission St.	355-2868	Tuesday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Beginning Sept. 1:			
EUREKA VALLEY/HARVEY MILK MEMORIAL	1 José Sarria Ct. (at 16th St., near Market)	355-5616	Tuesday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
MARINA	1890 Chestnut St.	355-2823	Tuesday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
MERCED	155 Winston Dr.	355-2825	Tuesday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
MISSION BAY	960 Fourth St.	355-2838	Tuesday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

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“At the end of the day, we can endure much more than we think we can.” – Frida Kahlo