At the Library

Events and Happenings at San Francisco Public Library

April 2023 Vol. 54 No. 4

Tongo Eisen-Martin, Kim Shuck and Nadia Elbgal

Celebrate National Poetry Month

In honor of National Poetry Month, we have hands-on art and poetry workshops, open mics, a night of Filipino/a/x poets, an afternoon reading curated by San Francisco's Poet Laureate Tongo Eisen-Martin, along with many other poetry events, book displays and poetry reading lists.

Echoes: Poets in Memoriam – April 2, 1 p.m., Main Library, Latino Hispanic Community Room, Lower Level

Kim Shuck's Poem Jam Celebrates *This Wandering State* – April 13, 6 p.m., Main Library, Latino Hispanic Community Room, Lower Level

Presidio Poetry Series: Judith Ayn Bernhard and Byron Spooner – April 15, 3 p.m., Presidio Branch

Lee Herrick and Poets in the Basement – April 16, 1 p.m., Main Library, Latino Hispanic Community Room, Lower Level

Writing Workshop with Nadia Elbgal, 2022 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate – April 17, 4:30 p.m., Glen Park Branch

Chen Chen in Conversation with Sam Herschel Wein – April 23, 2 p.m., Virtual Library

Filipino/a/x Futurisms & Tenuous Archaeologies – April 27, 6 p.m., Virtual Library

The West Revisits Harlem – April 30, 4 p.m., Main Library, Latino Hispanic Community Room, Lower Level

Pollen – Poems for Planet Earth with Local Author E.K. Keith – Every Wednesday in April, 6 p.m., Portola Branch

Visual Poetry with Poet Donté Clark and Artist Amy Bergstein – April 15, 2 p.m., Ingleside Branch; April 22, 2 p.m., Excelsior Branch; April 30, 1 p.m., North Beach Branch

Financial Capability Month

April is National Financial Capability Month, aptly renamed by the Biden administration from National Financial Literacy Month. Build your financial capability with help from your library. Starting on April 4, the Business, Science and Technology Department at the Main Library, in partnership with our experts, provide presentations on a wide menu of topics, ranging from the basics on saving, financial planning and cash flow management, to investing, retirement planning, property tax and insurance sub-limits. We'll even cover the psychology of spending and how to overcome procrastination.

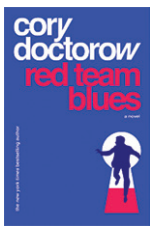
Access financial literacy coaching weekdays through our partners at Smart Money Coaching and Advisers Give Back. Smart Money Coaching offers free, confidential, basic financial guidance for anyone living, working or receiving services in San Francisco regardless of citizenship status. Coaches are fluent in Spanish, Cantonese and Mandarin with additional translation services as requested. Sessions are in-person or virtual.

Advisers Give Back offers a pro bono CFP® to create a financial plan and achieve your goals—pay off debt sooner, figure out investing, plan for retirement, save for the future, boost emergency savings and more.

Turn your tomorrow into today and get started with the tools you'll gain for putting your financial life in order.

Financial Capability Month – April 1–30, Main Library, Business, Science & Technology Department, 4th Floor. See website for event details: *on.sfpl.org/finance-month*.

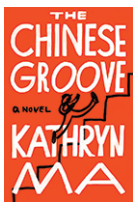
Acclaimed Authors Bring Their Latest to SFPL



New York Times-bestselling author Cory Doctorow speaks about his latest novel, *Red Team Blues*, in conversation with science fiction author Annalee Newitz. Doctorow's latest is a fast-paced thriller about cryptocurrency shenanigans that will awaken you to how the world really works. Even better, the book features a cameo appearance of the Main Library.

Red Team Blues is a gripping tale about a forensic accountant (yes, really) who has been roped into a job that's more dangerous than anything he's ever agreed to before—and it will take every ounce of his skill to get out alive.

Doctorow is an author, activist and journalist with a slew of books to his name, most recently science fiction novels *Radicalized* and *Walkaway*; *Chokepoint Capitalism* with co-author Rebecca Giblin, a nonfiction book about monopoly and creative labor markets; *In Real Life*, a graphic novel and the picture book *Poesy the Monster Slayer*. His novel *Attack Surface* is a standalone sequel to *Little Brother*, San Francisco Public Library's 2008 One City One Book selection.



Also in April, San Francisco author Kathryn Ma discusses her new book, *The Chinese Groove*, in conversation with Julie Flynn Siler, the author of *The White Devil's Daughters: The Women Who Fought Slavery in San Francisco's Chinatown* at the Main Library. *The Chinese Groove* is a buoyant, good-hearted and sharply written novel about a blithely optimistic immigrant with big dreams, dire prospects and a fractured extended family in need of his help—even if they don't know it yet.

Over at Noe Valley Branch, author Leslie Kirk Campbell reads from her award-winning short story collection, *The Man with Eight Pairs of Legs*. Campbell is a Noe Valley author who teaches at Ripe Fruit Writing, a creative writing program she founded in Noe Valley.

April Author Events

Jennifer S. Cheng and Diana Khoi Nguyen in Conversation, Wildness: Parenthood and Writing – April 14, 7 p.m., Medicine for Nightmares Bookstore

Yumi Komatsudaira, *Japanese Superfoods* – April 15, 2 p.m., Main Library, Learning Center, 5th Floor.

Kathryn Ma, *The Chinese Groove* – April 16, 3 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Leslie Kirk Campbell, *The Man with Eight Pairs of Legs* – April 26, 6:30 p.m., Noe Valley Branch

Cory Doctorow, *Red Team Blues* – April 30, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

April Is Open House Season

Four branches around the city are hosting open houses this month. Kicking things off on April 1, the **Presidio Branch's Open House** celebrates the building's 102-year anniversary with an afternoon of festivities and fun for all ages. Come for live musical and dance performance by the Flying Angels Chinese Dance Company at 1 p.m., and Mr. Shap Balloons and Magic Show for children at 4 p.m. Enjoy other fun activities, including button making and free youth book giveaways from 1–5 p.m.

On April 8, stop by the **Glen Park Branch's Open House** for fun events from 11 a.m.–3 p.m., including Drag Story Hour with Honey Mahogany, a family-friendly sing-along led by our librarians; violin and flute music performed by local community members; crafts, face painting and light snacks.

Celebrate Earth Day at **Ingleside Branch's Open House** with seed planting, button making, facepainting and a farm animal petting zoo! Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 22, 1–4:30 p.m.

Drop by the **Visitacion Valley Branch's Open House** for a community celebration on April 29 from 1–5 p.m. Special programs include the Chispa roving art cart, a Hot Siva class (Polynesian dance) by Neo Veavea, a hands-on activity with light artist Grant Patterson, musical performances, community information tables and free books.

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Coming Up:

May 7–13
Tech Week
Main Library and Virtual Library

May 9–12
Small Business Week
Virtual Library

May 18
Library Rangers
Portola Branch

May 20
Potrero Hill Artists' Exhibition Opening Reception
Potrero Branch

May 27
Community Baby Shower
Ocean View Branch

Events, Collections and Services

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Tax Information You Need

Tax Day 2023 (April 18) is quickly approaching! Did you know the Nolo Legal Information Reference Center has information to help you with your taxes? Nolo (formerly Nolo Press) covers all kinds of legal situations from bankruptcy to landlord-tenant relationships to wills, trusts and estates and now many of their books are available online through the Nolo Legal Information Reference Center!

Navigate to the Nolo Legal Information Reference Center from our Articles and Databases page (*sfpl.org/articles-databases*) to access their resources with your library card.

The landing page of the Nolo Legal Information Reference Center shows many of the most popular topics and titles. Tax information can be found under "Money & Financial Planning". Whether it's business taxes or personal taxes you're interested in, there's a section that includes relevant information from across a range of Nolo titles, all available to view in full-text PDF format.

If a chapter you've opened seems particularly relevant, use the menu along the left sidebar to view other chapters in the same book. You can even download and print pages for your own reference or to take to a meeting with your tax professional, attorney or lawyer.

Celebrate Children and Books at Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros is back, celebrating 24 years of children, books and literacy. Laugh with Big Top Bubbles, be inspired by the dance moves of Danza Azteca Xitlalli-Xolotl, listen to the sounds of DJ Pakípayá and La Familia Peña-Govea and take home free books and activities provided by the Library and our community partners. We hope to see you there for an afternoon filled with joy for the entire family.

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros has been a beloved free literacy celebration since 1999. Día was started in 1996 by author Pat Mora with support from Reforma and the Association for Library Service to Children. For more details on Día San Francisco, the organizing team and resources, visit *diasf.org*.

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros – April 30, 12 p.m., Parque Niños Unidos, 3090 23rd St. (at Folsom)

Southwest Asian/North African (SWANA) Reads

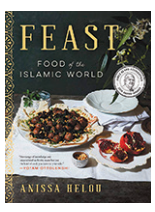
A collection of books and films from creators representing Southwest Asia and/or Northern Africa and the Middle East. Find SWANA programs and more reading recommendations at *sfpl.org/swana*.

Flavors

on.sfpl.org/SWANA23Culinary

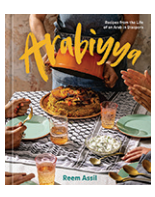
***Bilhana: Wholefood Recipes from Egypt, Lebanon, and Morocco* by Yasmine Elgharably and Shewekar Elgharably**

Easy to follow, this cookbook is a showcase of the vibrant colors and immense variety of Middle Eastern cooking.



***Feast: Food of the Islamic World* by Anissa Helou**

A richly colorful and exceptionally varied cookbook of timeless recipes from across the Islamic world.



***Arabiyya: Recipes from the Life of an Arab in Diaspora* by Reem Assil**

A collection of bright, bold recipes influenced by the vibrant flavors and convivial culture of the Arab world. The cookbook is filled with moving personal essays on food, family and identity, mixed with a pinch of California cool, from chef and activist Reem Assil.

Adult Fiction

on.sfpl.org/SWANA23Fiction

***The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak**

A novel about belonging and identity, love and trauma, nature and renewal, from the Booker-shortlisted author of *10 Minutes 38 Seconds in This Strange World*.

***Love Is an Ex-country: A Memoir* by Randa Jarrar**

Queer. Muslim. Arab American. A proudly Fat woman. Randa Jarrar is all of these things. In this provocative memoir of a cross-country road trip, she explores how to claim joy in an unraveling and hostile America.

***A Country for Dying* by Abdellah Taïa, translated by Emma Ramadan**

In this award-winning, newly translated work of fiction, the Paris-based Moroccan writer and filmmaker looks at sexuality, desire and identity in a post-colonial world.

Kids Books

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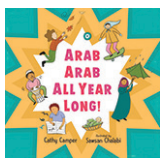

***Arab Arab All Year Long!* by Cathy Camper**

A vibrant portrait of Arab life and childhood joy, like learning to write Arabic or looking at hijab fashion sites while planning costumes for a local comic convention.

***Thunderbird: Book One* by Sonia Nimr, translated by M. Lynx Qualey**

Noor, a young orphaned Palestinian girl, must go back in time to get four magical bird feathers and save the world.

***The Secret Diary of Mona Hasan* by Salma Hussain**

Mona Hasan is a young Muslim girl growing up in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates (UAE). When the first Gulf War breaks out in 1991, her family moves from big-city Dubai in the UAE to small-town Darmouth on the east coast of Canada.

On View

Jewett Gallery, Main Library, Lower Level

ART/WORK II: Art Created by the Staff at SFPL Through April 9

Dreaming People's History: The Asian American Radical Imagination April 29–Aug. 6

6th Floor Exhibits, Main Library

Heavy Metal: The Humor of Mechanization April 1–June 30. Skylight Gallery

Artists in the Archive Through June 8. San Francisco History Center Exhibit Spacer

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Other Exhibits at the Main Library

Close to Home: Government's Pivotal Role in Redlining and Housing Exclusion Through May 11. Government Information Center, 5th Floor

I Still Love You: Queerness, Ancestors and the Places That Made Us Through June 29. James C. Hormel LGBTQIA Center, 3rd Floor

Library Card by Creativity Explored Through April 30. Art, Music & Recreation Center Exhibit Space, 4th Floor

Treasured Stories: Treasure Island Oral Histories, 1997–Present April 1–June 30. Business, Science & Technology Center, 4th Floor

Collections Corner: Jean Kortum Papers

Those interested in San Francisco politics regarding development and historic preservation should know about a newly processed archival collection at the San Francisco Center, the Jean Kortum Papers. The collection documents Jean Kortum's activism around issues relating to the natural environment and the built environment in Northern California, but especially in San Francisco. The collection is rich with her correspondence, notes and newspaper clippings regarding politicians and political campaigns in San Francisco.

Jean Kortum

With her husband Karl Kortum and his brother, Bill Kortum, she helped defeat a Pacific Gas & Electric Co. proposal to build a nuclear power plant at Bodega Head in 1963. Additionally, documentation includes the grass-roots resistance to the construction of a Golden Gate Freeway, beginning in 1957 and intensifying after 1964. Kortum briefed Assemblyman Art Agnos on environmental issues and was Willie Brown's conservation chairman in his first Assembly session. In 1966, Governor Pat Brown asked her to serve on his Conservation committee. Kortum was a founding member and Board member of the 1970s San Francisco Tomorrow, San Francisco's first environmental organization, and a member of the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board.

To find out more about this and other gems in our collection, visit *on.sfpl.org/sf-history* and visit the Main Library, San Francisco History Center, on the 6th Floor.

Programs are in person unless listed as virtual. Register for virtual programs at *sfpl.org/events*.

ON THE SAME PAGE

MARCH–APRIL
Selection

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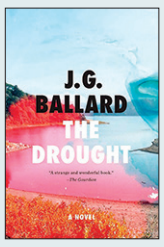
– Read-Alikes –

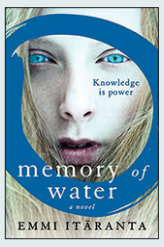
***The Light Pirate* by Lily Brooks-Dalton**

As the effects of climate change begin to overwhelm America, we meet Wanda, a girl born during and named after a devastating hurricane.



***The Drought* by J. G. Ballard**

Tells the chilling story of a world on the brink of extinction due to a global drought resulting from industrial waste. Humanity is left struggling for survival and constantly searching for water in a world where violence is prevalent and insanity reigns.

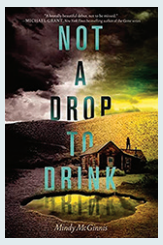


***Memory of Water* by Emmi Itäranta**

In a world ravaged by global warming where wars are commonly waged over water, we follow seventeen-year-old Noria as she learns to become a tea master like her father.

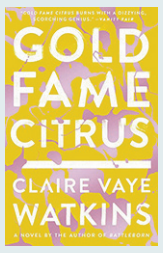
***Life As We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer**

Written in a series of journal entries, 16-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions that disrupt life across the planet.



***Not a Drop to Drink* by Mindy McGinnis**

16-year-old Lynn will do anything to protect her valuable water source from others, but the arrival of new neighbors forces her to reconsider opening herself up to the possibility of friendship.



***Gold Fame Citrus* by Claire Vaye Watkins**

In the wake of a devastating Southern California drought, Luz and Ray fall in love as they scavenge for their survival.

Related Event: On the Same Page Book Club – April 24, 7 p.m., Virtual Library

Big SF Play Date Is Back!

Big San Francisco Play Date provides families with young children the opportunity to engage in accessible activities that promote growth and exploration in a safe and welcoming environment. Geared for children aged 0–5, we welcome caregivers and older siblings to play along with them. Big Play Date encourages side-by-side play, choice, turn-taking and making new friends while providing their grown-ups an opportunity to learn about the importance of play.

Big San Francisco Play Date – April 8, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., Merced Branch; April 18, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Richmond Branch; April 29, 3–4 p.m., Park Branch

More Than a Month Performance: Caribbean Music with Asheba

Asheba is a musical storyteller who specializes in calypso, the musical and folkloric oral tradition of his homeland, Trinidad. Enjoy the stories of hope and happiness, which range from original lullabies to fast tempo tunes and remakes of classics.

Caribbean Music with Asheba – April 3, 10:30 a.m., Mission Bay Branch and April 8, 11 a.m., Anza Branch

Heavy Metal: The Humor of Mechanization

Selections from the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor

Chances are, the subject of mechanization isn't part of your everyday dinner conversation; yet the machine is behind practically everything we use in daily life: the food we eat; the tools in our home and garage; the appliances on our countertops; the clothes we wear; the furnishings in the home. We spend much of our lives working with and surrounded by machines. These innovations, meant to improve efficiency and productivity, are the genius of centuries of inventors and engineers, some of whom will forever remain among the anonymous heroes of civilization.

Heavy Metal: The Humor of Mechanization, an exhibition showcasing the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor, looks at the comic nature of mechanization as it takes command of home, factory, business, transportation and communication. The exhibition opens April Fool's Day, continuing through June 30, in the Skylight Gallery on the 6th Floor of the Main Library.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the Library's Art, Music & Recreation Department presents themed film screenings during the month of April. All films are shown at 12 p.m. in the Main Library's Koret Auditorium:

April 6: *Cheaper by the Dozen* (1950)
April 13: *Modern Times* (1936)
April 20: *Desk Set* (1957)
April 27: *Idiocracy* (2006)

The Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor was founded by San Francisco attorney, book collector and humanitarian Nat Schmulowitz (1889-1966) on April Fool's Day, 1947, when he presented 93 jest books to San Francisco Public Library. He faithfully continued to add toward the establishment of what is now considered the world's largest public collection of wit & humor. As far as we know, there is no evidence that Schmulowitz was mechanically inclined.

Heavy Metal: The Humor of Mechanization – April 1–June 30, Main Library, Skylight Gallery, 6th Floor

Get to Know the Original Caretakers of This Land

Ranger Fatima Colindres

Learn about the flora and fauna of Ramaytush Ohlone land as well as modern and traditional uses of indigenous plants with Ranger Fatima Colindres, a member of the National Park Service's Community Programs & Outreach team.

Listen to stories and a short history of Muir Woods as a National Monument. Find out about Coast Redwoods and fire practices of the Coast Miwok with Ranger Jackson Lam, a member of the Community Programs & Outreach team.

Discover the culture, history and current practices of the Lisjan (Ohlone) people with the Sogorea Te' Land Trust. Sogorea Te' Land Trust is an urban Indigenous women-led land trust based in the San Francisco Bay Area that facilitates the return of Indigenous land to Indigenous people. Listen and learn about topics ranging from the importance and meaning of the land acknowledgment to how communities can contribute to the organization.

The Natural Presidio – April 5, 2 p.m., Portola Branch

Muir Woods – April 18, 4 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

Sogorea Te' Land Trust, Indigenous and Woman-led – April 27, 4 p.m., Excelsior Branch and Virtual Library. Registration required for Zoom attendance. In-person attendance does not require registration; seats available first-come, first-served.

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How They Got Here: APIA Politicians Past and Present

State Senator (Hawai'i) Mike Gabbard, Vice President Kamala Harris, Congressman Andy Kim and Vice Mayor Juslyn Manalo are among the many individuals from the Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) community who rose through the ranks into positions of political power. The 10th anniversary of the APIA Biography Project launches AANHPI Heritage Month at the Main Library with a kickoff event by honoring past and present APIA politicians.

Through illustrated displays, games, and craft activities, learn about the voting process and accomplishments of distinguished APIAs serving in office. Throughout May, access videos and activities online at *apiabiography.sfsu.edu*. View "Wall of Fame" exhibits at the Children's Center and the Chinese Center and participate in a scavenger hunt. The first 50 children ages 12 and under get a free goody bag!

In-Person Kick-Off Event – April 30, 12 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Community Room, Lower Level
Online Events throughout May: *apiabiography.sfsu.edu.*

Climate Action *sfpl.org/climate-action*

Climate Action Month is a time for education and action. At the Library, we have programs that help us nurture, protect, sustain and enjoy the natural world around us. This month you can look forward to events that feature conservation, gardening, plant swaps and poetry. We also have book clubs and special walking tours of our beautiful city.

Adult Programs

Plant and Seed Exchange – April 1, 11 a.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch

The Great Blue Heron Colony – April 1, 2 p.m., Merced Branch. Nancy DeStefanis presents slides of 30 years of Blue Herons at Stow Lake from 1995 to the present and screens the movie *Great Blues of the Golden Gate*.

Spiller, Thriller, Filler: How to Create Stunning Container Gardens – April 2, 2 p.m., Mission Bay Branch

Vegetable Gardening in Containers – April 8, 1 p.m., Richmond Branch

Book Club: *Life Stories: Ducks* by Kate Beaton – April 9, 2 p.m., Main Library, Fulton Conference Room, 3rd Floor. We discuss the harsh reality of life in the oil sands, where trauma is an everyday occurrence yet is never discussed.

Watercolor Postcards – April 9, 3 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch. Make nature-inspired watercolor postcards using leaves.

How I Built My Refillery Business with Karen Chaw – April 11, 12 p.m., Virtual Library. From why and how it was started, learn what it means for The Daisy Refillery to be a Green business.

Water Issues in Central America – April 12, 1-2:15 p.m., Virtual Library. A conversation on water issues in contemporary Central America with Professor Jorge Cuéllar; UC Berkeley librarian, Dr. Liladhar R. Pendse and SFPL librarian Xima Avalos.

Eco-Friendly Pest Management and Gardening Practices – April 12, 6:30 p.m., Glen Park Branch

Nature Books with the Golden Gate National Park Conservancy: Forest Health and Resilience in Marin – April 14, 12 p.m., Virtual Library

***Vox* Reporter Benji Jones** – April 18, 5 p.m., Virtual Library. Jones speaks about climate change and the ongoing loss of biodiversity.

Earth Day with Annie Sprinkle, Beth Stephens & E.A.R.T.H. Lab SF – April 22, 2 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch. Get off your computer and follow along with a gang of colorful, fun tour guides in this site-specific exploration, embodied experience and performative walk around Holly Park.

Sogorea Te' Land Trust, Indigenous and Woman-led – April 27, 2 p.m., Excelsior Branch and Virtual Library. Learn about the culture, history and current practices of the Lisjan (Ohlone) people.

350 San Francisco - SF's Climate Action Plan – April 30, 3 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch. A discussion of local climate issues.

Family Programs

Tour Presidio Nursery – April 12, 10 a.m. This event will take place at Presidio Nursery located in the Presidio at 1249 Appleton St. We encourage participants to carpool, take public transit or use an electric bike share. Reservations required: call Presidio Branch (415) 355-2880 or online.

Upcycled T-Shirt Tote Bags – April 22, 2 p.m., Marina Branch. Bring new life to a well-loved t-shirt by learning how to turn that t-shirt into a tote bag in 5 simple steps.

Climate Action Book/Film Lists

Kids Books

***The Coquíes Still Sing a Story of Home, Hope, and Rebuilding* by Karina Nicole González**

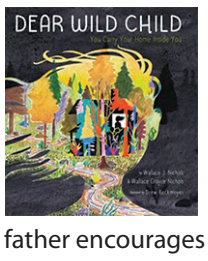
Elena, alongside her family and community, begins to rebuild her home after Hurricane Maria causes devastating damage in Puerto Rico.

***To Change a Planet* by Christina Soontornvat**

A clear-eyed but hopeful discussion of climate change that looks at the relationship of humans and the earth.

***Maybe You Might* by Imogen Foxell**

A positive and optimistic poem full of hope that it's not too late to do something about climate change.



***Dear Wild Child: You Carry Your Home Inside You* by Wallace J. Nichols & Wallace Grace Nichols**

A California family loses their home to a forest fire, but the father encourages resilience by remembering all the beauty rather than the loss.

Films

2040 (2020)
Damon Gameau travelled the globe to chat with people who are developing ways to reduce our emissions, sequester excess carbon from the system and disrupt the economic system—in renewable energy, regenerative farming, marine permaculture and electric, shared transportation.

The Great Green Wall (2021)
Africa's ambitious Great Green Wall is the focus of this stunning documentary, the 8,000-kilometer wall of trees cultivated by communities across the continent to restore land ravaged by the effects of climate change.

Anthropocene: The Human Epoch (2020)
A look at how much human activity has permanently impacted the natural world on a colossal scale.

Takeout (2020)
Highlights the disastrous impact of our food choices on the Amazonian rainforests.

One Word (2021)
Using the fate of the Marshall Islands as an example, the filmmakers were able to demonstrate the impact of global warming and rising sea levels.

Meet Gregory Hom – The New Stegner Environmental Center Librarian

Gregory Hom is thrilled to be the new program manager at the Stegner Environmental Center at the Main Library. He was most recently in the Magazines & Newspapers Center, also on the 5th Floor.

An Eagle Scout, Hom loves spending time outdoors, and plans to finally see the Lost Coast this summer. When thinking about environmentalist programs and materials for the Center, he's interested in both the personal ways we can act on making less waste or saving water, but also in the public policies that shape our choices around conservation and climate change.

Hom has done writing with an intersectional analysis on state violence and human rights. He brings that analysis to issues of climate and the natural world, and also to the Stegner Center's new focus on Indigenous land rights and activism. With his appointment, the Library will collaborate with the American Indian Cultural District to develop a collection and series of programs that reflect traditional Native environmental knowledge, conservation practices and stewardship of ancestral lands.

Programs are in person unless listed as virtual. Register for virtual programs at *sfpl.org/events*.

Event Calendar: April 2023

Adults

Start times only are listed for programs that run 1–2 hours.

1 Saturday

Healthy Living for your Brain and Body Sunset, 1:30 p.m.

Knitting Noe Valley, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Plant and Seed Exchange Golden Gate Valley, 11 a.m.

Bel Canto Flutes Richmond, 1 p.m.

The Great Blue Heron Colony Merced, 2 p.m.

Film: *Dead Poets Society* Ocean View, 2–4:15 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Saturdays

悠閑練字周六午 / **Chinese Calligraphy** Chinatown, 2 p.m.

1, 15, 29 Saturdays

Knitting Sunset, 10:15 a.m..

2 Sunday

Echoes: Poets in Memoriam Main, Latino/Hispanic Mtg. Rm., 1 p.m.

Create Stunning Container Gardens Mission Bay, 2 p.m.

3, 10, 17, 24 Mondays

Tai-Chi Anza, 12 p.m.

3, 17 Mondays

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

4 Tuesday

Film: *Firestarter* Potrero, 5:30 p.m.

North Beach Vinyl Club North Beach, 6:30 p.m.

4, 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays

Fit for Life North Beach, 1 p.m.

ESL Conversation Group Virtual, 3–4 p.m.

Spanish Conversation / Club de conversacion en español Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl., 4 p.m.

5 Wednesday

America Works of CA and Department of Rehabilitation Main, Atrium, 1–3:30 p.m.

Yoga with TendWell Mission Bay, 6 p.m.

Recycled Jar Lanterns with Pressed Flowers Mission, 6 p.m.

Film: *Milford Graves: Full Mantis* Richmond, 6 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Wednesdays

Adult Coloring Club North Beach, 1 p.m.

Advanced Tai Chi Presidio, 12:15 p.m.

張老師國畫班 /**Chinese Brush Painting** Chinatown, 4:30 p.m.

Pollen—Poems for Planet Earth Portola, 6 p.m.

6 Thursday

Stencilled Totes Ortega, 1 p.m.

Film: *Cheaper by the Dozen* Main, Koret, 12 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Thursdays

Breath Meditation Richmond, 11 a.m.

Wild Goose Qigong Presidio, 2 p.m.

7, 21 Fridays

Watercolor Bernal Heights, 1–5 p.m.

Knitting Anza, 3:30 p.m.

8 Saturday

Stiffened Fabric Envelopes Ingleside, 10:30 a.m.

Plant Swap Sunset, 10:30 a.m.

Aging - Disability Resource Center West Portal, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Glen Park Duo Glen Park, 1 p.m.

Book Exchange Golden Gate Valley, 1 p.m.

Vegetable Gardening in Containers Richmond, 1 p.m.

Vision Boards Excelsior, 2 p.m.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Sanaz Toosi's *English* Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl., 3 p.m.

8, 22 Saturdays

Music & Yarn Mission Bay, 10:30 a.m.

9 Sunday

Watercolor Postcards Eureka Valley, 3 p.m.

11 Tuesday

Mini Origami Potted Plant Richmond, 3 p.m.

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

12 Wednesday

Tour Presidio Nursery Presidio, 10 a.m.

Asian Pacific American Community Center Office Hours Visitacion Valley, 1 p.m.

Film: *Don't Bother to Knock* Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

Film: *The Farewell* Richmond, 5:30 p.m.

Eco-Friendly Pest and Gardening Practices Glen Park, 6:30 p.m.

Hands on History: Identification Photos into Context Main, SF History Center - 6th Fl., 6:30 p.m.

13 Thursday

Film: *Modern Times* Main, Koret, 12 p.m.

Clay Pots Chinatown, 2 p.m.

Crafts West Portal, 5:45 p.m.

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

14 Friday

Forest Health and Resilience in Marin Virtual, 12 p.m.

Film: *This Gun for Hire* Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

Author: Jennifer S. Cheng and Diana Khoi Nguyen Medicine for Nightmares Bookstore, 3036 24th St., 7 p.m.

14, 21, 28 Fridays

Chair Yoga Excelsior, 3 p.m.

15 Saturday

Visual Poetry Ingleside, 2 p.m.

Heart Health North Beach, 2 p.m.

Yumi Komatsudaira, *Japanese Superfoods* – Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 2 p.m.

Photo Frame with Used Discs Ocean View, 2 p.m.

Judith Ayn Bernhard and Byron Spooner Presidio, 3 p.m.

Film: *Alcatraz | Eberbach* Richmond, 3 p.m.

Film: *The Other Sister* Park, 3 p.m.

Film: *William S. Burroughs* Richmond, 4 p.m.

16 Sunday

Lee Herrick and Poets in the Basement Main, Latino/Hispanic Mtg. Rm., 1 p.m.

Correspondence Co-op Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl., 1–3:30 p.m.

Book spine bookmarks Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl., 3 p.m.

Author: Kathryn Ma, *The Chinese Groove* Main, Koret, 3 p.m.

18 Tuesday

Vision Boards with Cricut Sunset, 4 p.m.

Film: *Wuthering Heights* (2011) North Beach, 5:30 p.m.

Speaker: Benji Jones, Vox reporter Virtual, 5 p.m.

Film: *Firestarter* Potrero, 5:30 p.m.

Zinething Main, Paley Conf. Rm. - 3rd Fl., 6 p.m.

19 Wednesday

Emergency Preparedness for Seniors and People with Disabilities Anza, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

VA Healthcare System Main, Atrium, 1–3:30 p.m.

From Korea to America 120 Years and Beyond Main, Koret Lobby, 3 p.m.

Film: *Long Weekend* Glen Park, 6 p.m.

Film: *Thelonious Monk: Straight, No Chaser* Richmond, 6 p.m.

20 Thursday

Film: *Desk Set* Main, Latino/Hispanic Mtg. Rm., 12 p.m.

22 Saturday

Visual Poetry Excelsior, 2 p.m.

Ecosex Walking Tour Bernal Heights, 2 p.m.

Upcycled T-Shirt Tote Bags Marina, 2 p.m.

Cut your Gas and Electricity Costs 節省您的煤電開銷 Ocean View, 2 p.m.

Tye Dye Park, 3 p.m.

23 Sunday

Film: *Joy Luck Club* Western Addition, 1:30–4 p.m.

Chinese Stand-Up Comedy Show 表演：中國脫口秀大彙演 Main, Koret, 1–5 p.m.

Author: Chen Chen and Sam Herschel Wein Virtual, 2 p.m.

Stamp Making Portola, 3 p.m.

24 Monday

Jorge E. Cuéllar, Water Issues in So. America Virtual, 12 p.m.

25 Tuesday

Poetry Reading North Beach, 6:30 p.m.

26 Wednesday

Film: *Cast a Dark Shadow* Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

Film: *Pandaemonium* Richmond, 5:30 p.m.

Author: Leslie Kirk Campbell Noe Valley, 6:30 p.m.

Chess Bernal Heights, 6 p.m.

27 Thursday

Film: *Idiocracy* Main, Koret, 12 p.m.

Wine Cork Succulent Chinatown, 2 p.m.

Sogorea Te' Land Trust Virtual and Excelsior, 4 p.m.

Film: *Dances for Camera* Main, Koret, 6 p.m.

Filipino/a/x Futurisms & Tenuous Archaeologies Virtual, 6 p.m.

28 Friday

Book Art Bird Craft Mission Bay, 2 p.m.

29 Saturday

David David James's GPS Western Addition, 1 p.m.

30 Sunday

Visual Poetry North Beach, 1 p.m.

Ghosts of the Golden Gate Bernal Heights, 2 p.m.

Author: Cory Doctorow, Red Team Blues Main, Koret, 2 p.m.

Mini Birdhouse Painting Bayview, 2 p.m.

350 San Francisco—SF's Climate Action Plan Eureka Valley, 3 p.m.

The West Revisits Harlem Main, Latino/Hispanic Mtg. Rm., 4 p.m.

Book Clubs

Start times only are listed for book clubs that run 1–2 hours.

2 Sunday

Love in the Big City Eureka Valley, 3:30 p.m.

3 Monday

Night Circus Virtual, 4 p.m.

4 Tuesday

Reader's Club on 9th / Читательский клуб на 9–ой. Richmond, 6 p.m.

5 Wednesday

ASL Book Club Virtual, 5 p.m.

5, 19 Wednesdays

Silent Book Club Richmond, 3 p.m.

6 Thursday

Notebook of a Return to the Native Land Virtual, 6 p.m.

8 Saturday

Britt-Marie Was Here Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

9 Sunday

Ducks Main, Fulton Conf. Rm. - 3rd Fl., 2 p.m.

12 Wednesday

The Body in the Garden Presidio, 3 p.m.

15 Saturday

The Personal Librarian Ortega, 11 a.m.

16 Sunday

Shakespeare Anza, 1:30 p.m.

Wuthering Heights Virtual, 2 p.m.

IQ Eureka Valley and Virtual, 3:30 p.m.

17 Monday

Dry Virtual, 7 p.m.

19 Wednesday

In the Country of Others Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

Buddah in the Attic Noe Valley, 6:30 p.m.

20 Thursday

中文線上讀書會 **Chinese Language Book Club** Virtual, 6 p.m.

23 Sunday

The Maid Marina, 2 p.m.

On the Landing: Stories Eureka Valley and Virtual, 3:30 p.m.

25 Tuesday

Song of Solomon Bernal Heights, 2 p.m.

Kindred Visitacion Valley, 4 p.m.

Rest is Resistance Virtual, 7 p.m.

26 Wednesday

Tony Morrison, "Recitatif" Virtual, 6:30 p.m.

Tech Time

Held in Main, 5th Floor Computer Training Center unless otherwise noted

Tech Coaches

Visitacion Valley
1, 8, 15, 22 Sat., 2:30–5 p.m.

West Portal
Every Saturday, 1:15–5 p.m.

Sunset
Every Saturday, 3:30–5:30 p.m.
Every Sunday, 1–5 p.m.
Every Wednesday, 2–6 p.m.

Marina
6, 13, 20 Thursdays, 5–7 p.m.

Excelsior
Every Tuesday, 4:30–6 p.m.
Every Thursday, 4:30–6 p.m.
7, 21, 28 Fridays, 4:15–5:45 p.m.

4, 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays

預約圖書館員 / **Book a Librarian** Chinatown, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Basic Tech Drop-In 1–2:30 p.m.

5 Wednesday

Languages with Mango and Rosetta Stone Golden Gate Valley, 3–4 p.m.

Ayuda de computación en español 6–7:30 p.m.

7 Friday

Drop-In Tech Support for Older Adults Richmond, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

11 Tuesday

Drop in Tech Help Noe Valley, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

12 Wednesday

Genealogy Virtual, 1–3 p.m.

13 Thursday

Floppy Copy and Old Files Rescue 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

14 Friday

Tech Support for Older Adults Anza, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

14, 28 Fridays

Tablet/Smartphones for Seniors and Adults with Disabilities Sunset, 1–2:30 p.m.

18 Tuesday

Drop-In Tech Support for Seniors Visitacion Valley, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

20 Thursday

谷歌翻譯簡介 / **Google Translate Basics** Chinatown, 2–3:30 p.m.

26 Wednesday

Earn a Certificate in Microsoft Basics 4–5:30 p.m.

Book a Librarian Eureka Valley, 6–7:30 p.m.

27 Thursday

Computer Skills Practice 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

eBook Drop-In Main, Atrium, 4–6 p.m.

Work It (Jobs, Business, Finance)

Meet One-on-One with a Smart Money Coach Monday–Saturday, by appointment only. Main, Study Room 441 – 4th Fl., and Virtual

Meet One-on-One with a Certified Financial Planner™ Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Virtual.

4 Tuesday

Sustainable Investing Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

5 Wednesday

Estate Planning Basics Virtual, 6–7 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Wednesdays

Career Coaching Main, Sycip Conf. Rm. - 4th Fl., 3–5 p.m.

6 Thursday

How to Apply For a California State Job Virtual, 1–2:30 p.m.

7 Friday

Best Retirement Savings Plans Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

9 Sunday

Resume Writing and Cover Letter Virtual, 3–4:30 p.m.

10 Monday

Property Tax 101 Virtual, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Resume Writing Essentials Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

11 Tuesday

"How I Built My Refillery Business" with Karen Chaw Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

The Psychology of Spending Virtual, 2–3 p.m.

Job Match with SF ReServe First Impressions Virtual, 3:15–4 p.m.

12 Wednesday

LinkedIn for Job Search, Pt 1 Virtual, 3:30–4:45 p.m.

13 Thursday

Avoid Scams, Fraud and Identity Theft Virtual, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

13, 27 Thursdays

Career Coaching Main, Sycip Conf. Rm. - 4th Fl., 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

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14 Friday
Everyone Retires—Things You Should Think About Virtual, 3–4:30 p.m.

15 Saturday
Demystifying the Financial Planning Process Virtual, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

19 Wednesday
Intro. to Senior Community Service Virtual, 11:15–12 p.m.

7 Pillars to a Successful Retirement Plan Virtual, 4–5 p.m.

20 Thursday
Interviewing Essentials Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

Overcoming Procrastination Virtual, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

21 Friday
Get More Out of Your Cash Flow Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

22 Saturday
Why Invest in Stocks? Virtual, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

25 Tuesday
Intro to Smart Investing Virtual, 4–5 p.m.

26 Wednesday
Insurance—Know Your Sublimits Virtual, 4–5 p.m.

27 Thursday
Behavioral Finance Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

29 Saturday
Dividends Investing: Beginners Virtual, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Teens

The Mix at SFPL

Main Library, 2nd Fl.

Guitar and Bass Lessons
- Tuesdays, 5:30–6 p.m.
- Wednesdays, 4–4:30 p.m.
- Fridays, 4–4:30 p.m.
- Saturdays, 3:30–4 p.m.

1, 8, 22, 29 Saturdays
Noon Toons 12–2 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Sundays
Hand Build with Clay 4–5 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Wednesdays
Basic Sewing 4–5 p.m.

Youth D&D and Tabletop Role-Playing Game Club 5–6:30 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Thursdays
Writer's Club 5–6 p.m.

12 Wednesday
Biblio Bistro 4–6 p.m.

19 Wednesday
Customize Your Water Bottle 5–7 p.m.

Mix Recording Studio

Recording Studio Orientation
- Tuesdays, 6–6:30 p.m.
- Wed.–Fridays, 4:30–5 p.m.
- Saturdays, 4–4:30 p.m.

Intro to Recording and Songwriting
- Tuesdays, 6:30–7 p.m.
- Wed.–Fridays, 5–5:30 p.m.
- Saturdays, 4:30–5 p.m.

Teens at the Branches

1 Saturday
Teen Writing Circle Western Addition, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

DIY Zine Making Visitacion Valley, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

1, 8, 22, 29 Saturdays
Gardening Merced, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Book Review Parkside, 2–4 p.m.

3 Monday
Self-Love Virtual, 5–6:30 p.m.

4 Tuesday
Henna Art Sunset, 4–5 p.m.

Writing Virtual, 4–5 p.m.

11 Tuesday
Lounge Eureka Valley, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

14 Friday
Book Swap Excelsior, 4–5:30 p.m.

17 Monday
Nadia Elbgal, 2022 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Glen Park, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

21 Friday
Book Swap 青少年圖書交換寫書評 Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.

College Consultation Office Hours Virtual, 5–6 p.m.

22 Saturday
SAT Prep Portola, 12–4 p.m.

25 Tuesday
Bean Bag Toss Richmond, 3–5 p.m.

CD Art North Beach, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

26 Wednesday
Earth Day Acrylic Art North Beach, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Henna Art Ortega, 4–5:30 p.m.

28 Friday
Teen ESL Club 青少年學英語會話 Chinatown, 3:30–5 p.m.

Children

Early Childhood

5 Wednesday
Storytime For Preschoolers Carousel, Yerba Buena Gardens, 10:30–11 a.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Wednesdays
Storytime For Families in Salesforce Park 425 Mission, Rooftop, 10–10:30 a.m.

7, 14, 21, 28 Tuesdays
Swing Into Stories 10:30–11 a.m.
4/4 – Garfield, 4/11 – Koret
4/18 – Hilltop, 4/25 – Redwood
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8 Saturday
Big Play Date Merced, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

11 Tuesday
Makers Merced, 11–11:30 a.m.

18 Tuesday
Big Play Date Richmond, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Little Builders, Magna-Tiles Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

27 Thursday
Play-Doh Ocean View, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

PJ Storytime Portola, 6–6:30 p.m.

29 Saturday
Big Play Date Park, 3–4 p.m.

Elementary School Age

Homework Help Every Wed., 4–6 p.m. Excelsior

1 Saturday
LEGO Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

Bubble Wrap Painting Golden Gate Valley, 3–4 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Saturdays
LEGO Chinatown, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Sundays
Dungeons & Dragons Club Main, Children's Ctr. - 2nd Fl., 3:30–5:30 p.m.

4 Tuesday
Tinker Toy Builders Golden Gate Valley, 2–4 p.m.

5 Wednesday
LEGO Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

6 Thursday
LEGO Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

Catapults North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

8, 22 Saturdays
Origami Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

9 Sunday
Crafts West Portal, 1–4 p.m.

10 Monday
Brain Games Sunset, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

11 Tuesday
Become a Library Ranger Visitacion Valley, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

12 Wednesday
Marble Machine Ingleside, 3–4 p.m.

15 Saturday
Butterfly Suncatcher Bayview, 2–3 p.m.

Seed Planting Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

Make Toys from Trash Glen Park, 2–4 p.m.

16 Sunday
No-Sew Doll and Stuffed Animal Clothes Mission Bay, 2–3:30 p.m.

19 Wednesday
LEGO Bayview, 3–5 p.m.

Great Stuffy Sleepover Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

STEMpede Presidio, 6–7 p.m.

21 Friday
Tree Frog Treks Excelsior, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

22 Saturday
Earth Day Dessert Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

23 Sunday
DIY Clothing Repair Merced, 2–3 p.m.

LEGO Motorcars Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

25 Tuesday
LEGO Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

27 Thursday
Library Club Chinatown, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

28 Friday
Portola's Got Talent Portola, 2–4 p.m.

29 Saturday
Planting Flowers Bernal Heights, 3–4 p.m.

Middle School Age

1 Saturday
Origami Bernal Heights, 2–5 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Saturdays
Tinker West Portal, 12–1:30 p.m.

1, 15 Saturdays
Foldscopes Parkside, 2–4 p.m.

2 Sunday
Zine Making for National Poetry Month Main, Children's Center - 2nd Fl., 1–2 p.m.

4 Tuesday
Tesselation Exploration Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

5 Wednesday
Gaming Excelsior, 3–5 p.m.

6 Thursday
Henna Mission, 4–5:30 p.m.

6, 20 Thursdays
Young Writers Group Glen Park, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

8 Saturday
Henna Portola, 2–3 p.m.

Henna Parkside, 2–3:30 p.m.

19 Wednesday
Upcycled T-Shirt Tote Bags Excelsior, 3–5 p.m.

Drop-In eBook Help Main, Children's Ctr. - 2nd Fl., 6–7 p.m.

20 Thursday
Tile Art Bookmark Golden Gate Valley, 4–5 p.m.

Family

1 Saturday
Open House Presidio, 1–5 p.m.

Dancing Home Portola, 2–3 p.m.

1, 8 Saturdays
LEGO Robots Ortega, 12:30–1:30 p.m.

2 Sunday
Dance Party Portola, 2–3 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Sundays
Board Games Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

5 Wednesday
Natural Presidio Portola, 2–2:45 p.m.

6 Thursday
Film: *Raya and the Last Dragon* Ocean View, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Book Club For Boys West Portal, 6:45–7:45 p.m.

7 Friday
Puzzle Swap Bayview, 1–5:30 p.m.

7, 14, 21, 28 Fridays
Board Games Visitacion Valley, 4:15–5:30 p.m.

8 Saturday
Drag Story Hour with Honey Mahogany Glen Park, 11–11:45 a.m.

Branch Open House Glen Park, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Plant Swap Ocean View, 12–1 p.m.

Family Sing-Along Glen Park, 12–12:30 p.m.

Craft Glen Park, 2–3 p.m.

9 Sunday
Bubbleology Merced, 2–4 p.m.

Table Tennis / Ping Pong Visitacion Valley, 2–4 p.m.

13 Thursday
LEGO Ingleside, 3:30–5 p.m.

Rainbow Macrame Hanger Ocean View, 4–5 p.m.

14 Friday
Board Games Mission Bay, 2–4 p.m.

Mobile MakeArt Excelsior, 3–5 p.m.

15 Saturday
Nicole Maria Belly Dance West Portal, 2–3 p.m.

16 Sunday
Seed Bombs Portola, 2–3 p.m.

18 Tuesday
Muir Woods with NPS Visitacion Valley, 4–4:30 p.m.

20 Thursday
Dance Party Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.

21 Friday
Mobile MakeArt Portola, 2–4 p.m.

22 Saturday
Youth Earth Day Art Show Marina, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Seed Planting Ingleside, 1–2 p.m.

Button Making Ingleside, 1–2 p.m.

Drag Story Hour with Per SIA Richmond, 1–2 p.m.

Open House Ingleside, 1–4:30 p.m.

Farm Animals Petting Zoo Ingleside, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Golden Thread Fairytale Players Main, Children's Ctr. - 2nd Fl., 2–2:30 p.m.

Teen Storytellers Merced, 2–3 p.m.

Fog City Faces Ingleside, 2–4 p.m.

Belly Dance Ortega, 3–4 p.m.

Henna Eureka Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

27 Thursday
Seed Bombs Ingleside, 4–5 p.m.

Mother-Daughter Book Club, West Portal, 6:45–7:45 p.m.

28 Friday
Dance Party Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

Chess Ortega, 12:30–4:30 p.m.

29 Saturday
Branch Open House Visitacion Valley, 1–5 p.m.

Tie-Dye Bayview, 2–4 p.m.

Children's Book Swap Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

30 Sunday
APIA Politicians Past and Present Main, Latino/Hispanic Mtg. Rm., 12–3 p.m.

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros Parque Niños Unidos, 3090 23rd St., 12–4 p.m.

Children's Storytimes

Storytimes for Babies

Songs, rhymes and books for infants and their caregivers.

Bernal Heights – Every Wednesday, 12–12:30 p.m.
Chinatown – Every Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Eureka Valley – Every Wednesday, 1:30–2 p.m.
Golden Gate Valley – Every Tuesday, 11:15–11:45 a.m.
Main – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Ortega – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Park – Every Saturday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Potrero – Every Tuesday, 1:15–2:15 p.m.
Sunset – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.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 Every Tuesday, 10–10:30 a.m. *English/español*
Eureka Valley – Every Tuesday, 1:30–2 p.m.
Excelsior – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Glen Park – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Every Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Ingleside – Every Monday, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
Every Sunday, 1:30–2 p.m.
Main – Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Merced – Every Monday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Mission Bay – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Ocean View – 4, 18, 25 Tuesday, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Every Thursday, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m. (Minnie & Lovie Ward Rec Center, 650 Capitol Ave.)
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.
Sunset – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Visitacion Valley – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.

Storytimes for Preschoolers

Stories, songs, fingerplays, and more for ages 3–5.

Bayview – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m. *English/español*
Every Friday, 1:30–2 p.m. *English/español*
Excelsior – Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
27 Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m. *English/國語 (Mandarin)*
North Beach – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Portola – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
West Portal – Every Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Storytimes for Families

Books, songs, rhymes and fun for children of all ages.

Anza – Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Bernal Heights – Every Saturday, 10–10:30 a.m.
Excelsior – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Main – 1, 8, 15, 29 Saturdays, 2–2:30 p.m.
Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m. *Español/English*
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Parkside – Every Sunday, 1:30–2 p.m.
Portola – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Richmond – 4, 11, 25 Tuesday, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Visitacion Valley – 8 Saturday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
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Programs are in person unless listed as virtual. Register for virtual programs at *sfpl.org/events*.

Friends of San Francisco Public Library

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Friends Bookstore at the Main

Main Library, 100 Larkin St.
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Hours:
Tuesday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
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To donate books, go to *friendssfpl.org/donatebooks* to make an appointment.

Step Sales at the Main Library

Join us every Wednesday from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. at the Larkin St. steps of the Main Library for a Friends Step Sale! Did we mention Big Book Sale pricing?

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National Library Week 2023: "There's More to the Story"

National Library Week is April 23-29! Founded in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries of all types across the country each April. The theme for this year is "There's More to the Story," amplifying that libraries are much more than just a place to access books.

San Francisco Public Library is a haven for our community, providing extraordinary programming for all, and ensuring the enrichment of San Franciscans in every neighborhood. From children's storytimes, to immigration services, from help on how to use a computer, to help on how to start a business—the amount of services the Library provides is vast. We encourage you and your fellow community members to visit any of the 28 branches of the Library during National Library Week! Follow and tag @friendssfpl with a picture of you at the branch of your choice and/or with your favorite library staff member.

We're particularly excited to highlight three days during this celebration that recognize different sectors of library excellence:

- **April 25: National Library Workers Day,** a day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.
- **April 26: National Bookmobile Day,** a day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are.
- **April 27: Take Action for Libraries Day,** a day to rally advocates to support libraries.

April 25 Is National Library Worker Appreciation Day

Our library system in San Francisco is truly exceptional, which wouldn't be possible without our hard-working library staff. Friends wants to shout out the incredible library workers that make SFPL one of the most exceptional and tone-setting urban libraries in the country. SFPL has inspired other cities across the country with programs like Summer Stride and One City One Book. With the Library Preservation Fund that was passed in 2022, Friends worked tirelessly to fortify library funding and library jobs for the next 25 years. This year and every year, Friends appreciates our local Library workers!

"Libraries do more than you'd think, and the Mission Branch is a great example of social services for libraries. Because of how passionate we are about serving people, we connect with diverse, library patrons."

Joanna Arteaga La Spina, the Youth Services Librarian at The Mission Branch Library, is an employee we'd like to spotlight. Joanna worked as a Spanish Translation Coordinator for the Library before obtaining her MLIS degree at San Jose State in 2020. She, like many of her colleagues, became a Disaster Service Worker for the city of San Francisco during the pandemic. Now, she's working on a program to bring Spanish language books to children locally and internationally.

"Like most people after COVID, we still feel the trauma from the pandemic. Especially for us, so many of us had to do emergency work and were put in very difficult situations. Seeing our friends struggling coming back from this [experience, created] a balancing act. The support team and library staff are amazing. Everybody, you know? There's not just one person for this or that. Although everyone has specific roles, everybody supports each other. It's a real team."

April 26 Is National Bookmobile Day

Mobile Outreach brings the library to you!

SFPL Bookmobiles connect with SF residents where they work, play, create, learn and live. The team serves people of all ages and abilities throughout the City of San Francisco regardless of physical, economic, social, geographic or other barriers. Mobile Outreach librarians curate a variety of diverse library materials in order to provide fun and engaging programs. You can find bookmobiles at schools, early learning centers, senior residences, and community day centers. They circulate materials, create library cards and provide the public with information about library services and programs.

April 27 Is National Take Action for Libraries Day

This is a day to rally advocates to support libraries. We ask that you take action by making a gift to Friends of the Library. Your gift goes to support our wonderful local library system. As advocates, Friends fought for decades to ensure stable Library funding and asked the voters to create the Library Preservation Fund in 1994. The LPF has resulted in a 174% increase in the SFPL's budget and powered its evolution into a nationally-recognized urban public library. As investors, Friends has raised $24 million for Library programs and services and $45 million to support construction and renovation of the Main Library and 24 neighborhood branches. It continues to provide over $1 million in direct annual support every year. Friends champions the San Francisco Public Library as a democratic institution founded on the values of equity, inclusion and free access to resources and opportunity for everyone.

To make a donation, go to *friendssfpl.org/donate*.

Friends members ($60+ level) receive a 10% discount at the following bookstores:

■ Alexander Book Co., Inc ■ Amazing Fantasy ■ Bird & Beckett Books & Records ■ Bolerium ■ Books Inc. Opera Plaza ■ Books Inc. Laurel Village ■ Books Inc. Marina ■ Borderlands Books ■ Christopher's Books ■ Compass Books, Inc. ■ Dog Eared Books ■ Fabulosa Books ■ Green Apple Books ■ Green Apple Books on the Park ■ Omnivore Books on Food ■ Originals Vinyl ■

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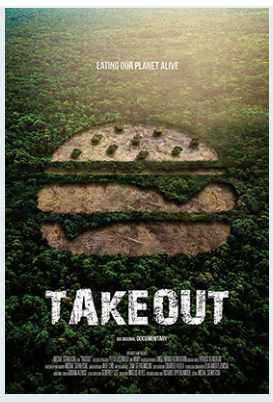

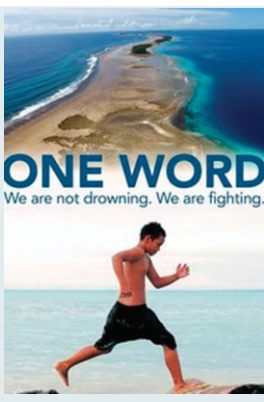

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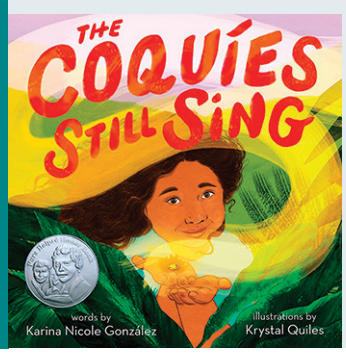

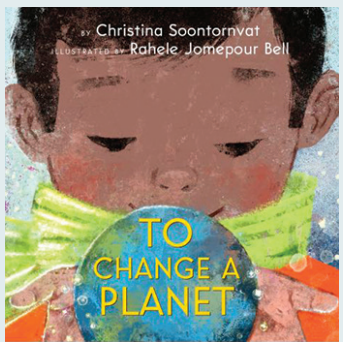

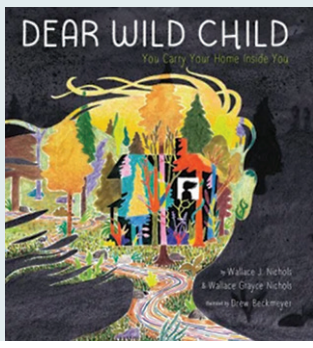

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Assistance with Registering for Programs: (415) 557-4400

SFPL Bookmobiles

Library on Wheels/ Senior Bookmobile
Info: *sfpl.org/bookmobile*

Treasure Island
Avenue H & 11th St., near Island Cove Market, Wednesdays, 2–6 p.m.

Youth: Swing Into Stories
9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
Storytime at 10:30–11 a.m.

Garfield Playground:
Treat & 26th St, 1st Tuesday

Koret Playground:
Golden Gate Park, carousel, 2nd Tuesday

Hilltop Playground:
Newcomb Ave. & Whitney Young Circle, 3rd Tuesday

Redwood Grove Playground:
McLaren Park, 200 John F. Shelley Dr., 4th Tuesday

Yerba Buena Gardens:
LeRoy King Carousel, 1st Wednesday

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ANZA	550 37th Ave.	355-5717	1–5	10–6	10–8	1–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
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	1135 Powell St.	355-2888	1–5	1–6	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	10–6	1–6	10–6
EXCELSIOR	4400 Mission St.	355-2868	1–5	1–6	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	12–8	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	1–6	1–8	1–8	1–8	1–6	12–6
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	12–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
MISSION - Temporary Branch	1234 Valencia 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	12–6	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	12–6	10–8	12–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
PARKSIDE	1200 Taraval St.	355-5770	1–5	1–6	10–8	11–8	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	1–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
PRESIDIO	3150 Sacramento St.	355-2880	1–5	1–6	10–8	11–8	10–6	1–6	10–6
RICHMOND/MARKS	351 9th Ave.	355-5600	1–5	1–6	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
VISITACION VALLEY	201 Leland Ave.	355-2848	1–5	10–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
WEST PORTAL	190 Lenox Way	355-2886	1–5	1–6	10–8	10–8	10–8	1–6	10–6
WESTERN ADDITION	1550 Scott St.	355-5727	1–5	10–6	10–6	1–8	10–7	1–6	10–6

All phone numbers are in the 415 area code.