

AT THE LIBRARY

Events and Happenings at San Francisco Public Library

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V.E. Schwab Presents Her Newest Fantasy World



The Library partners with Folio Books for a special event with bestselling author V.E. Schwab to discuss her latest book, *The Fragile Threads of Power*.

With *The Fragile Threads of Power*, Schwab opens another door to a new fantasy series set in the dazzling world of Shades of Magic. Prepare for tangled schemes and perilous adventures with friends old and new.

Victoria "V. E." Schwab is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of more than 20 books, including the acclaimed Shades universe, the Villains series, the City of Ghosts series, *Gallant* and the international bestseller *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*. Her critically acclaimed work has been translated into more than two dozen languages and optioned for television and film. When not haunting Paris streets or trudging up English hillsides, she lives in Edinburgh, Scotland, and is usually tucked in the corner of a coffee shop, dreaming up monsters.

V.E. Schwab – Sept. 27, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium. **Because of limited space, preregistration is required for this free in-person event. Register at on.sfpl.org/schwab9-27-23.**



Discover *Love in the Library*

SFPL welcomes author Maggie Tokuda-Hall this month. Tokuda-Hall's critically acclaimed picture book, *Love in the Library*, is based on her grandparents' experience in Minidoka, a Japanese internment camp in Idaho. Earlier this year, Tokuda-Hall received national media attention when she shared her experience working with the publisher Scholastic. Scholastic issued an apology after asking Tokuda-Hall to remove the words "virulent racism" in describing her grandparents' ordeal, and a paragraph about the ongoing legacy of racism in America, which they deemed "politically sensitive".

This month, Tokuda-Hall presents *Love in the Library* to share her grandparents' story of resiliency, love and humanity in the face of inhumane circumstances. She will be in conversation with an SFPL librarian in a program for all ages at the Main Library with an additional focus on the writing process, authenticity and representation on Asian Americans in literature.

Tokuda-Hall in Conversation –

Sept. 13, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium. For all-ages

Sept. 14, 10:30 a.m., Western Addition. For children and their families

Sept. 23, 2 p.m., Visitacion Valley. For children and their families

¡VIVA! Time for ¡VIVA!



San Francisco has a rich Latinx heritage that is highlighted in a diverse array of exciting programs for all ages, from Spanish/bilingual storytimes, to author talks, to art and cultural presentations. Come enjoy with us.

Este mes de septiembre, la Biblioteca Pública de San Francisco se complace en anunciar ¡VIVA! en la Biblioteca, una celebración de las culturas y tradiciones latinx. San Francisco tiene una rica herencia latinx que es resaltada en una amplia gama de programas interesantes para todas las edades, desde cuentos en español/bilingües, hasta círculo de lectores y presentaciones artísticas y culturales. Ven a disfrutar con nosotros.



Juana Alicia. Photo: Alexa Treviño

Meet Artist Juana Alicia Araiza

The Library is thrilled to work with Juana Alicia Araiza (commonly known as Juana Alicia), one of the City's most prolific muralists and arts educators. *Nopal de la Misión*, her watercolor design for a glass mural that will be a highlight of the Mission Branch Library renovation, is featured in this year's ¡VIVA! campaign.

Juana Alicia has created murals and worked as a printmaker, sculptor, illustrator and studio painter for more than 30 years. Her style, akin to genres of contemporary Latin American literary movements, can be characterized as magical and social realism, and her work addresses issues of social justice, gender equality, environmental crisis and the power of resistance and revolution.

Born in 1953, Juana Alicia was shaped by many rich cultural influences growing up in Detroit, near Diego Rivera's *Detroit Industry Murals*. Her sculptural and painted public commissions (individual and collaborative) can be seen in Nicaragua, Mexico, Pennsylvania and in many parts of California, most notably in San Francisco. They include *Sanarte* at U.C.S.F. Medical Center, *Santuario* (with Emmanuel C. Montoya) at the San Francisco International Airport, *La Llorona's Sacred Waters* at 24th and York streets in the Mission, the *Maestrapeace* mural of the San Francisco Women's Building and the *Gemelos* mural at the Metropolitan Technical University in Mérida, Mexico.

Learn more about Juana Alicia at juanaalicia.com. Catch her solo show, *Me Lllaman Calle: The Monumental Art of Juana Alicia*, at the SFAC Main Gallery. Info at sfartscommission.org.

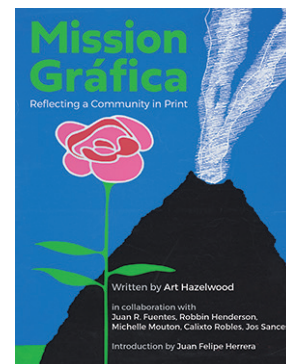
Mission Gráfica: Reflecting a Community in Print Is Now Open!

...The streets. That's where you see the posters...You'll notice the friendship, the reclamation of lands, forests, songs, music, jazz, community, and voices. This is where the art has its second life. This is where you will have your second life too. Life, yes. Vida. – Juan Felipe Herrera, poet laureate of the United States, Emeritus from the introduction to *Mission Gráfica: Reflecting a Community in Print*

Mission Gráfica's legacy as an iconic epicenter for artists, activists and community members in the Mission District is celebrated in a new exhibition on view in our Jewett Gallery. The exhibition showcases 42 vibrant and eclectic prints created during the span of four decades and which address critical issues of importance pertinent not only to San Francisco Bay Area audiences, but also to national and international communities. In the show, you'll get to see works from emerging, mid-career and established artists like Enrique Chagoya, Carmen Lomas Garza, Mildred Howard, Jean La Marr, Nancy Hom, Rupert Garcia and Ester Hernandez.

Exhibition: *Mission Gráfica: Reflecting a Community in Print* – Through Dec. 17, Main Library, Jewett Gallery, Lower Level

Exhibition Tour & Artist Talk – Sept. 9, 11 a.m., Main Library, Jewett Gallery, Lower Level



Fall Open Houses

Anza Branch welcomes patrons to its open house on the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 20. Come celebrate with an autumn moon theme, a harpist, a moon cake tasting and lantern craft.

Enjoy a plant swap, a school band performance, a visit from the fire truck, the creatures of Tree Frog Treks, face painting and more at the Ortega Branch open house on Saturday, Sept. 9.



Ortega Branch Open House – Sept. 9, 12–3 p.m.

Anza Branch Open House – Sept. 20, 4–7 p.m.

Coming Up:

Throughout October
Tricycle Music Fest,
Filipino American History
Month and Litquake
Various locations

Oct. 1
44th Annual
American
Book Awards
Main Library

Oct. 5
Chloe Sherman, *Renegades:*
San Francisco, The 1990s
Main Library

Oct. 7
Illyanna Maisonet,
Diasporican: A Puerto
Rican Cookbook
Ocean View Branch

Oct. 21
Financial
Planning Day
Main Library

Events, Collections and Services

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instagram.com/sfpubliclibrary

youtube.com/user/SanFranciscoLibrary

¡VIVA! 2023: Read This!

Discover books that embrace this year's theme of Prosperity, Progress and Pride.

Books for Kids on sfpl.org/Viva23Kids



La Guitarrista by Lucky Diaz

When Canta finds a guitar in the trash, she's one step closer to her dream of becoming a rock star even though the guitar is broken and she doesn't know how to play.

Jovita Wore Pants: The Story of A Mexican Freedom Fighter by Aida Salazar

As a teenager, Jovita went against her family's wishes, cut off her hair, wore pants, renamed herself Juan and led a rebel army against the Mexican government.

Vámonos a San Salvador by Patty Rodríguez and Ariana Stein

This board book introduces your littlest readers to San Salvador, the magnificent capital of El Salvador in Central America.

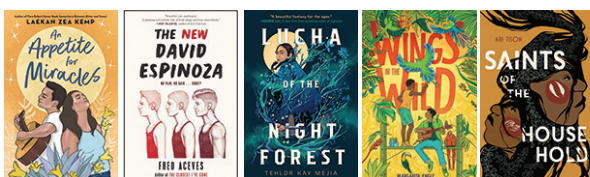
Phenomenal AOC: The Roots and Rise of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez by Anika Aldamuy Denise

An inspiring biography of Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, proud Puerto Rican.

Frizzy by Claribel A. Ortega

Why does everyone want Marlene to straighten her naturally curly hair? She really doesn't want to do it anymore and asks for help from her Dominican friends and family.

Teen Fiction on sfpl.org/Viva23Teen



An Appetite for Miracles by Laekan Zea Kemp

Danna seeks her grandpa's memories through food; Raul finds solace in music as he copes with his mother's return. Together, they navigate loss and find first love.

The New David Espinoza by Fred Aceves

17-year-old David, tired of being ridiculed for his skinny frame, joins a gym and befriends body-builders. He turns to steroids for quicker results, facing side effects and alienation from family and friends.

Lucha of the Night Forest by Tehlor Kay Mejia

Young Mateo witnessed San Madrigal drown; now in Brooklyn, he struggles as a musician. During a celebration, he discovers his divine heritage and dangerous powers.

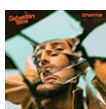
Wings in the Wild by Margarita Engle

After a hurricane reveals family sculptures, Soleida's parents' arrest forces her to flee Cuba. In a Costa Rican refugee camp, she meets Dariel, a Cuban-American musician, and together, they fight for the environment and imprisoned artists.

Saints of the Household by Ari Tison

Brothers Jay and Max shunned after protecting their cousin. Max finds solace in art and love, while Jay retreats into books. Reconciliation awaits.

Music and Movies on sfpl.org/Viva23AV



Dharma by Sebastián Yatra

Dharma solidifies as Latin pop's heartthrob, following Ricky Martin and Enrique Iglesias, showcasing versatility with bright, upbeat chart-toppers.



Saturno by Rauw Alejandro

Rauw Alejandro takes reggaeton to new, otherworldly heights on his third album *Saturno*.



El Gran Movimiento

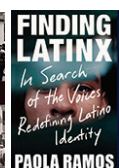
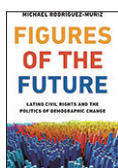
Young man seeks work in Bolivia's mines, but his health falters. A woman leads him to a mysterious healer. (NR, 2021, 85 min.)



Clara Sola

In a Costa Rican village, 36-year-old Clara embarks on a liberating journey, embracing her sexuality and newfound powers. (NR, 2021, 106 min.)

Leadership, Politics and Success on sfpl.org/Viva23Politics



Figures of the Future: Latino Civil Rights and the Politics of Demographic Change by Michael Rodríguez-Muñiz

Rodríguez-Muñiz's book delves into U.S. Latino advocacy groups' use of ethnoracial projections for political change, examining prominent organizations' strategies.

Latinos and the Liberal City: Politics and Protest in San Francisco by Eduardo A. Contreras

Latinos and the Liberal City explores San Francisco's grassroots activism from the 1930s to the 1970s, shaping Latinx identity.

Finding Latinx: In Search of the Voices Redefining Latino Identity by Paola Ramos

Paola Ramos chronicles "Latinx," uniting unseen Latinos in collectivity, revealing new perspectives on being Latino and American. A significant book.

The Heart of the Mission: Latino Art and Politics in San Francisco by Cary Cordova

Cordova intertwines urban, political and art history, illuminating San Francisco's Mission District as a diverse bohemian enclave.

Racial Innocence: Unmasking Latino Anti-Black Bias and the Struggle for Equality by Tanya Katerí Hernández

Bringing to light stories of Latino anti-Black racism and how they matter for the societal pursuit of equality.



Casa Nicaragua mural on 24th St. and Balmy by Brigada Orlando Letelier. Photo: James E. Gordon, 1981

Collections Corner: San Francisco Murals in the Archives

Murals provide one of the best visual histories of San Francisco. Because murals change over time, the San Francisco History Center continuously collects to document this visual history. We have thousands of color slides of murals in the archives; two recommended collections are the San Francisco Mural Archive and James E. Gordon Color Slide Collection of San Francisco Murals.

The San Francisco Mural Archive includes color slides and descriptions of 826 murals painted between 1930 and 2001. The slides are from the collection of mural historian and photographer James Prigoff. The San Francisco Mural Archive also shows the changing murals on the billboard outside of Galeria de la Raza on 24th St. at Bryant. Since the 1970s, the billboard was frequently repainted and offered continually changing commentary on the Mission District community and politics.

The James E. Gordon Color Slide Collection of San Francisco Murals contains 465 color slides, which document murals in the City between 1976 and 1984. The collection contains significant documentation of Mission District murals including Garfield Park, 24th St. and Balmy Alley.

Explore murals in the archives at the San Francisco History Center, 6th floor, Main Library or visit sfpl.org/sf-history.

Are you ready to GetSetUp? Keep reading!

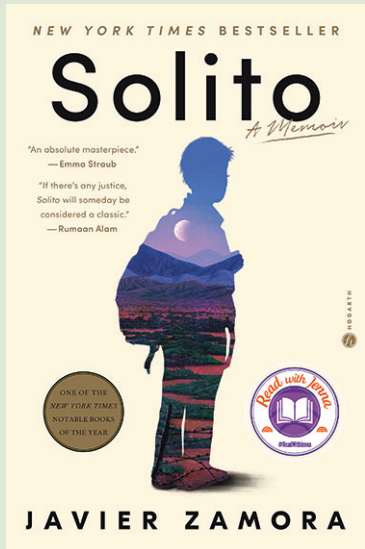
SFPL is excited to offer free access to GetSetUp, live online classes designed for older adults. GetSetUp's mission is to help the third of the world's population who are over 55 to learn new skills, connect with others and unlock new life experiences.

GetSetUp categories run the gamut so that you can pursue passions and continue creating, growing and giving back. There's everything from art, business, cooking, financial planning, languages, music, photography, technology and much more.

Some of the most popular classes include "iPad Basics & Intermediate," "Introducing Mindfulness into Your Life" and "Travel: Welcome to Paris!". All classes are taught by older adults as well for a comfortable and welcoming learning environment.

Anyone can participate, including caregivers. So, if you're ready to GetSetUp, register for an online class now at sfpl.org/elearning. Your thriving online community of peers awaits!





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Selection

Javier Zamora's *Solito*

Solito by Javier Zamora is a captivating and deeply personal memoir that intertwines the author's own experiences as an immigrant with broader themes of identity, family and the pursuit of the American dream.

The memoir follows Zamora's journey from his childhood in El Salvador to his difficult migration to the United States, where he grapples with the challenges of adapting to a new culture while trying to retain his roots. Through vivid prose, Zamora narrates the trials and tribulations of living as an undocumented immigrant, the constant fear of deportation and the complex emotions of being separated from his family and homeland.

Zamora crafts a narrative that is both intimate and universal. The memoir beautifully captures the struggles and resilience of millions of immigrants, making it a touching and timely addition to the growing canon of immigration and identity.

Related Events

Book Club – Oct. 24, 7 p.m., Virtual Library.
Register: on.sfpl.org/reg10-24-23

Author Talk – Oct. 26, 7 p.m., Virtual Library.
Register: on.sfpl.org/10-26-23



Javier Zamora



Community Baby Shower Is Coming

Are you expecting or have a tiny new member of your family? We want to celebrate with you at our Community Baby Shower. All expecting families and those with little ones aged 24 months and under are welcome. Enjoy a storytime, a play area crafts, and light refreshments. Our guests include community agencies eager to let new families know about resources available to them. Plus, the first 200 families will receive a gift for attending the event with your baby.

Community Baby Shower – Sept. 9, 10 a.m., Bernal Heights Branch

Film Screening Features Powerful Stories of Local Art Activism

Join us for an afternoon screening of *Tell Them We Were Here*, followed by a conversation with filmmaker and artist Griff Williams and photographer Nigel Poor, co-founder of the award-winning podcast *Ear Hustle*. The film, directed by Griff and Keelan Williams, showcases San Francisco Bay Area artists who prioritize community-driven art over commercial success, engaging with vital issues like racial inequality, environmental justice, prison reform and homelessness. Featuring influential artists Alicia McCarthy, Amy Franceschini, Lynn Hershman Leeson, Sadie Barnette and others, the documentary reveals their unconventional paths in artmaking, extending the legacy of Bay Area activism. The event also celebrates Griff Williams' contributions to the art world through Gallery 16 and Urban Digital Color, and Nigel Poor's transformative work on *Ear Hustle*, challenging societal perceptions through powerful narratives.



Nigel Poor, Griff Williams



Tell Them We Were Here – Sept. 23, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

42nd Annual NorCal Book Awards

Don't miss the 42nd Annual Northern California Book Awards. Celebrating the best-published works of 2022 by Northern California authors and translators, the event is presented by the Northern California Book Reviewers, Poetry Flash and San Francisco Public Library, along with Mechanics' Institute Library and Women's National Book Association-San Francisco Chapter. The Fred Cody Award for Lifetime Achievement and Service will be given to a distinguished member of the Northern Californian literary community. The ceremony includes author talks and book presentations, honoring outstanding contributions in various categories. A book sale and signing follow.

Northern California Book Awards – Sept. 30, 2–5 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium



Community Spotlight: Jamie Chan, Garden Champion



Jamie Chan

Meet Jamie Chan, director of programs & partnerships at Gardens of Golden Gate Park and co-owner of Fog City Gardener. During Summer Stride, Chan led seed ball workshops and brought a group of Sunset and Park Branch patrons to San Francisco Botanical Gardens for a special tour and story hour with illustrator K-Fai Steele and Cindy Derby. Our collaboration continues in September with branch visits by SF Botanical Gardens' Children Educators.

SFPL: What brings you joy when you are working on day-to-day operations with Fog City Gardener and the Gardens of Golden Gate Park?

JC: The opportunity to facilitate people's connections to plants. Helping people learn diverse plant stories and develop their own relationship with plants is my greatest joy.

SFPL: Tell us about the equity work happening within these organizations.

JC: The Gardens of Golden Gate Park have a mission: "Connecting People to Plants, the Planet and Each Other." Reflected in all aspects, from the books we circulate in our horticultural library to our educational programs, our core values center around justice, equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging in public gardens.

At Fog City Gardener, we partner with organizations such as Sisterhood Gardens/The Chinese Progressive Association and SFPL to deliver the joy of gardening and environmental education to intergenerational communities across SF. We believe that everyone should have inspiration and access to gardening and homesteading.

Herb Sachets – Sept. 16, 2 p.m., Visitacion Valley

Herbal and Flower Bath Salts – Sept. 16, 11:30 a.m., Western Addition

Dregs One *History of the Bay:* SF Graffiti History

Dregs One, the versatile artist, rapper and record label owner, delves into the rich history of San Francisco graffiti on his podcast, *History of the Bay*. Celebrated for his extensive knowledge of Bay Area rap, he shares stories about renowned local graffiti artists and their impact on the region. With nearly eight million views on his projects, Dregs has become an influential figure in San Francisco and beyond. This event, in partnership with the Letterform Archive, features the exhibition *Subscription to Mischief*, exploring 1990s graffiti zines and their role in launching creative careers and forming a close-knit community through snail mail. Connect and immerse yourself in this vibrant culture.

Dregs One – Sept. 2, 3 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium



Dregs One

Celebrate Latinx Heritage: sfpl.org/viva

¡VIVA! Roundup: Youth



Crafts
Learn how to make colorful cut tissue paper banners. Papel picado is a traditional Mexican decoration displayed during celebrations such as Día de los Muertos.
Papel Picado – Sept. 10, 2 p.m., Park Branch; Sept. 17, 2 p.m., West Portal Branch; Sept. 20, 3 p.m., Sunset Branch



Make a brilliantly colored quetzal, the beautiful national bird of Guatemala and a symbol of liberty. For ages 5–7.
Quetzal Bird Craft – Sept. 21, 4 p.m., North Beach Branch



Create your own screen prints and learn the historical significance of the craft with Calixto Robles and other artists from the Mission Cultural Center.
Screenprinting with Mission Cultural Center – Sept. 19, 4 p.m., Noe Valley Branch



Learn about the wooden cup, kero (from the Andean Quechua), widely used by the Incas. Design your own pair of keros, as they often were made in pairs to share, and be reciprocal in gatherings. Aprende sobre el vaso de madera, kero (del quechua andino), ampliamente utilizado por los Incas.
Inca kero, cup, vaso – Sept. 21, 4 p.m., Mission Branch

Games

Play lotería, a popular Mexican game similar to bingo. Winners will receive prizes.
Lotería – Sept. 15, 4 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch



Learn how to make reusable mini piñata party poppers with edible surprises inside. For children ages 8 and older.
Latin American Piñata Party Poppers – Sept. 20, 3:30 p.m., Ingleside

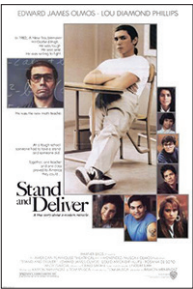
Music

Sing and sign along with Donna in English and Spanish while Jazmin accompanies on guitar.
Canta Conmigo – Sept. 12, 11:15 a.m., Noe Valley Branch



Mariela's Music Time is an exciting, energetic and interactive bilingual performance in Spanish and English filled with rhythms and multicultural sounds, along with the rich traditions of the Bay Area. For children 5 and younger and their families.
Mariela's Music Time – Sept. 28, 11 a.m., Presidio Branch

¡VIVA! Roundup: Adults



Thursday at Noon Film Series at the Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Stand and Deliver – Jaime Escalante inspired dropout-prone students to learn calculus in this incredible high school teacher's story. Stars Edward James Olmos, Estelle Harris and Mark Phelan. **Sept. 7**

Beatriz at Dinner – Holistic practitioner attends client's dinner after car breakdown. Stars Salma Hayek, John Lithgow, Connie Britton. **Sept. 14**

The Infiltrators – Dreamers purposely detain themselves to infiltrate a for-profit detention center. Directed by Cristina Ibarra and Alex Rivera. **Sept. 21**

La Mission – In a tough neighborhood, a single-parent ex-con faces a personal challenge when his son comes out as gay. Stars Benjamin Bratt, Alex Hernandez and Christopher Borgzinner. **Sept. 28**



Introduction to Hispanic Herbalism
Charles Garcia of the California School of Traditional Hispanic Herbalism presents a brief history of Hispanic herbalism in California. He focuses on Curanderismo, a powerful therapeutic tradition blending European, Asian and native flora.
Sept. 9, 11 a.m., Presidio Branch

Poesía en Fulton

Join us for Poesía en Fulton St., a lunchtime event in the City. Explore the book sale, farmers's market, and ¡VIVA! kickoff at the Library. Curated by Josiah Luis Alderete. Featured readers include Alan Chazaro, Sara Borjas and soledad con carne.
Sept. 13, 12 p.m., Main Library, Fulton St. steps



Sea of Time by Author and Artist T Edward Bak
Bak presents *Sea of Time*, a visionary tone poem exploring indigenous ecological traditions and G.W. Steller's expeditions. Bak, a Colorado native with mixed Anglo and Mexican-American xicanx roots, is a Portland-based cartoonist, comics educator and pop-culture enthusiast.
Sept. 16, 2 p.m., Main Library
Sept. 19, 6:15 p.m., North Beach



Faith in Blackness
A captivating documentary exploring AfroLatine spirituality, weaving diverse faith traditions with profound personal reflections.
Sept. 17, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

Illyanna Maisonet, *Diasporican: A Puerto Rican Cookbook*

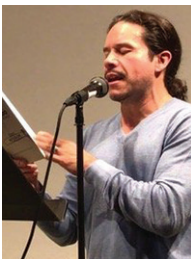
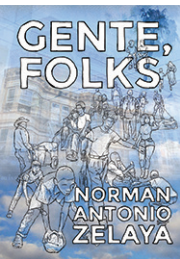
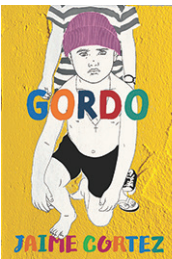
Author and chef Illuanna Maisonet discusses her award-winning cookbook, the recipes, the stories and the process of cookbook writing. There will be Puerto Rican-inspired snacks.
Space limited. Reservations required:
Sept. 22, 4 p.m., Excelsior Branch, (415) 355-2868
Oct. 7, 2 p.m., Ocean View Branch, (415) 355-5615



Fiesta Paper Flower Bouquet
Craft vibrant paper flower bouquets using tissue or crepe paper. Ideal for parties, weddings and celebrations. Space limited. Reservations required: (415) 355-5660 (starting Sept. 1).
Sept. 23, 2 p.m., Portola Branch

Mexican Weaving

Weave on a loom with The Mexican Museum. Space limited. Reservations required: (415) 355-5707.
Sept. 27, 5 p.m., Noe Valley Branch



Author Talk

Jaime Cortez, reading from *Gordo* and Norman Zelaya, reading from *Gente, Folks*, team up to bring an afternoon of laughter and camaraderie. Both will be in conversation with each other after the reading to talk about their experience as Latinx writers. **Sept. 30, 3 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch**



Event Calendar: September 2023

Adults

1 Friday

Film: *El Techo/On the Roof*
Excelsior, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

1, 15 Fridays

Knitting Anza, 3:30–5 p.m.

2 Saturday

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

Map Coasters
Ingleside, 2–3 p.m.

History of The Bay with Dregs One Main, Koret, 3–4 p.m.

2, 16, 30 Saturdays

Knitting Sunset,
10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

3 Sunday

Film: *See You At The Bar*
Main, Latino/Hispanic Mtg. Rm., 1–2 p.m.

Color Your Cares Away
Bernal Heights, 1–3 p.m.

新書線下分享會：《魯冀寶藏》
Richmond, 2–4 p.m.

6 Wednesday

Music CD Appreciation Club for Older Adults Golden Gate Valley, 3–4:15 p.m.

Film: *Death on the Nile*
Ocean View, 3–5:15 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Wednesdays

Chair Yoga
North Beach, 1:15–2 p.m.

Tai Chi Presidio
• Beginners 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
• Advanced 12:15–1 p.m.

Meditation Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 12–12:30 p.m.

Beginners Tai Chi
Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

7 Thursday

Film: *Stand and Deliver*
Main, Koret, 12–2 p.m.

Film: *Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania*
Western Addition, 12–2 p.m.

First Floor Film Club: *La Mission* Main, Stong Conf. Rm. - 1st Fl, 6–7 p.m.

7, 14, 21, 28 Thursdays

Gentle Yoga Richmond,
11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Breath Meditation
Richmond, 11–11:30 a.m.

Wild Goose Qigong
Presidio, 2–3 p.m.

8 Friday

Film: *Sueño en Otro Idioma/I Dream in Another Language*
Noe Valley, 2–3:45 p.m.

Karaoke! Excelsior, 4–5:30 p.m.

8, 22 Fridays

Watercolor
Glen Park, 1:30–5 p.m.

Watercolor Bernal Heights,
1–5 p.m.

9 Saturday

Music & Yarn Mission Bay,
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Intro to Hispanic Herbalism
Presidio, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Book Exchange
Golden Gate Valley, 1–2 p.m.

Biking with Bay Wheels
Mission Bay, 1–3 p.m.

Acrylic Painting
Excelsior, 2–3:30 p.m.

Origami Book
Presidio, 2–3:30 p.m.

Film: *Skid Row Marathon*
Park, 3–5 p.m.

Mission Gráfica: Reflecting a Community in Print Exhibition Tour & Artist Talk – Sept. 9, 11 a.m., Main, Jewett Gallery,

10 Sunday

Cookbook Swap
Glen Park, 2–3 p.m.

Performance: Local Color
Main, Latino/Hispanic Mtg. Rm., 2–5:30 p.m.

Craft Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

11, 18, 25 Mondays

Diabetes Education
Glen Park, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Tai-Chi Anza,
11:30 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

12 Tuesday

50 Years of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Virtual, 5–6 p.m.

Performance: On the Page, Off the Page Park, 6–7:30 p.m.

12, 19, 26 Tuesdays

ESL Convo Club
Virtual, 3–4 p.m.

12, 26 Tuesdays

Knitting Glen Park, 1–2:30 p.m.

13 Wednesday

Genealogy Virtual, 1–3 p.m.

Asian Pacific American Community Center Office Hours
Visitacion Valley, 1–3 p.m.

Film: *Portrait in Black*
Golden Gate Valley, 3–5 p.m.

Author: William Torphy
Noe Valley, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Film: *Bad Hair - Pelo Malo*
Glen Park, 6–7:30 p.m.

13, 27 Wednesdays

Department of Disability and Aging Services Main, Atrium,
2:30–5 p.m.

14 Thursday

Film: *Beatriz at Dinner*
Main, Koret, 12–2 p.m.

Film: *A Tuba to Cuba*
Golden Gate Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

Craft West Portal, 5:45–7:15 p.m.

15 Friday

Community Empowerment Training West Portal,
1:15–2:15 p.m.

16 Saturday

Solar Oven Cooking
Anza, 12:30–2:30 p.m.

Author: T Edward Bak, *Sea of Time* Main, Latino/Hispanic Mtg. Rm., 2–3 p.m.

Classical Tea Ceremony
Richmond, 2–3:30 p.m.

17 Sunday

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

Film: *Faith in Blackness*
Main, Koret, 2–3:30 p.m.

Darn Your Own Socks
Glen Park, 2–4 p.m.

18 Monday

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

19 Tuesday

Rogue Recovery
Park, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Zinething Main, Fulton Conf. Rm. - 3rd Fl, 6–7:30 p.m.

21 Thursday

Film: *The Infiltrators* Main, Latino/Hispanic Mtg. Rm., 12–2 p.m.

Film: *Love Again*
Western Addition, 12–2 p.m.

Film: *Land and Shade / La Tierra y la Sombra* Golden Gate Valley, 5:30–7:15 p.m.

23 Saturday

Plant Swap
Merced, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Flower Crowns
Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

20 Wednesday

Sarah Waters, *The Little Stranger*
Golden Gate Valley, 4–5 p.m.

Silent Book Club
Chinatown, 5:15–7:15 p.m.

Claire Keegan, *Small Things Like These*
Noe Valley, 6:30–7:45 p.m.

21 Thursday

Literate Goat Book Club
Potrero, 6–7:30 p.m.

24 Sunday

Julia Alvarez, *In the Time of the Butterflies*
Marina, 2–3:30 p.m.

Puzzle Swap Ortega, 2–3 p.m.

Film: *Tell Them We Were Here*
Main, Koret, 2–3:30 p.m.

Fall and Winter Vegetable Gardening Virtual, 2–4 p.m.

24 Sunday

Plant Swap
Bernal Heights, 1–2 p.m.

Paper Flower Bouquet
Portola, 2–3 p.m.

Wood or Ceramic Critter Painting Bayview, 2–3:30 p.m.

Grow Spectacular Roses
Mission Bay, 2–3:30 p.m.

The Beauty of the Poincaré Conjecture Main, Latino/Hispanic Mtg. Rm., 3–4 p.m.

26 Tuesday

Getting the Most from Your Small-Space Food Garden
Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

27 Wednesday

Therapy Pets at the Library
Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.

Loom Weaving
Noe Valley, 5–6 p.m.

Chess Club
Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

Author: V.E. Schwab, *The Fragile Threads of Power*
Main, Koret, 6–7:30 p.m.

Mixed Media Mini Nicho
Mission, 6–7:30 p.m.

28 Thursday

Film: *La Mission*
Main, Koret, 12–2 p.m.

Film: *Zama* Golden Gate Valley, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

29 Friday

Marbelized Dishes
Chinatown, 2–4 p.m.

30 Saturday

Herbs and Edible Flowers
Richmond, 1–2:30 p.m.

Kumihimo Japanese Braiding
Visitacion Valley, 2:30–4 p.m.

Author: Robert Lindeboom
Presidio, 2–3 p.m.

42nd Annual Northern California Book Awards
Main, Koret, Latino/Hispanic Mtg. Rm., 2–5:15 p.m.

Authors: Jaime Cortez and Norman Zelaya
Bernal Heights, 3–5 p.m.

26 Tuesday

Earlonne Woods & Nigel Poor, *This is Ear Hustle*
Bernal Heights, 2–4 p.m.

Viet Thanh Nguyen, *The Sympathizer*
Visitacion Valley, 4–5:30 p.m.

María Amparo Escandón, *L.A. Weather* Excelsior, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

27 Wednesday

Nathan Englander, *What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank*
Virtual, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

30 Saturday

Elana Nachman Dykewomon, *Beyond the Pale*
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

On View

Jewett Gallery, Main Library, Lower Level

Mission Gráfica: Reflecting a Community in Print
The San Francisco graphic arts workshop, Mission Gráfica, presents an exhibition comprised of 42 prints that reflect an enormous variety of styles, approaches and sensibilities. The artists in the show range from non-professional and emerging artists to well-known figures such as Enrique Chagoya, Carmen Lomas Garza, Mildred Howard, Jean La Marr, Nancy Hom, Rupert Garcia and Ester Hernandez. Through Dec. 17

6th Floor Exhibits, Main Library

Translations from Here: Beadwork by Kim Shuck
A show of contemporary textural glass bead art by Poet Laureate emerita Kim Shuck. Shuck explores themes drawing from both old stories and urban encounters in her intricate beaded works. Closes in Oct. Check website. Skylight Gallery

Innovation to Icon: 150 Years of Cable Cars
From a technological innovation to an icon synonymous with San Francisco, our cable car system has endured for 150 years. This exhibit draws on the collections of the San Francisco History Center and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Photo Archive to explore and celebrate this rich, complex history. Through Sept. 30, San Francisco History Center

Other Exhibits, Main Library

50 Years of Planet Drum
Explore Planet Drum’s archival “art bundles” comprised of individual essays, poetry, graphics and posters, each printed separately and then assembled unbound into an envelope. Planet Drum was founded in 1973 in San Francisco to provide an effective grassroots approach to ecology that emphasizes sustainability, community self-determination and regional self-reliance. There will be several rotations during the course of the exhibit, so check back to see what each new art bundle entails. Sept. 1, 2023–Jan. 5, 2024, Wallace Stegner Environmental Center, 5th Floor

Tech Time

1 Friday

Drop-In Tech Help
Richmond, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

2 Saturday

Kanopy
Ocean View, 1–3 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays

Drop-in Tech Help
Main, Computer Training Ctr. - 5th Fl, 1–2:30 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Wednesdays

Ayuda de computación en español
Main, Computer Training Ctr. - 5th Fl, 6–7:30 p.m.

11 Monday

Drop in Tech Help
Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

Work It (Jobs, Business, Finance)

Tuesdays–Saturdays

Meet One-on-One with a Smart Money Coach
By appointment only. Main, Study Room 441 – 4th Fl. and Virtual, 9 a.m. –6 p.m.

Mondays–Fridays

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

5 Tuesday

Pathways to Financial Stability Virtual,
11 a.m.–12 p.m.

6 Wednesday

Employment for People with Disabilities
Main, Atrium, 1–3:30 p.m.

7 Thursday

Career Coaching
Main, Sycip Conf. Rm. - 4th Fl, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

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

13 Wednesday

Drop-in Tech Help
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

21 Thursday

PhotoScan App Basics / 照片掃描儀應用簡介
Chinatown, 2–3:30 p.m.

22 Friday

Drop-In Tech Help
Ortega, 1:30–3 p.m.

26 Tuesday

Drop-in Tech Help
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

27 Wednesday

Earn a Certificate in Micro-soft Basics Main, Computer Training Ctr. - 5th Fl, 4–6 p.m.

28 Thursday

eBook Drop-In
Main, Atrium, 4–5:30 p.m.

10 Sunday

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

11 Monday

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

12 Tuesday

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

20 Wednesday

Senior Community Service Employment Program
Virtual, 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

Women and Money
Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

21 Thursday

Interviewing Essentials
Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

25 Monday

JobsNOW! Paid Training and Job Match Virtual, 4–5 p.m.

27 Wednesday

Employment Services and Training for Jobseekers
求職者的職業培訓和就業服務
Virtual, 3–4 p.m.

Book Clubs

3 Sunday

Brenda Lozano, *Witches*
Eureka Valley, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

5 Tuesday

Reader's Club on 9th / Читательский клуб на 9-ой
Richmond, 6–7:30 p.m.

6 Wednesday

ASL Book Club
Virtual, 5–7 p.m.

6, 20 Wednesdays

Silent Book Club
Richmond, 3–5 p.m.

7 Thursday

Charles Dickens, *David Copperfield* Virtual, 6–7:30 p.m.

9 Saturday

Gabriela Garcia, *Of Women and Salt* Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

13 Wednesday

Raquel V. Reyes, *Mango, Mambo, and Murder*
Presidio, 3–4 p.m.

16 Saturday

Imani Perry, *South to America*
Ortega, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

17 Sunday

William James, “What Makes Life Significant?”
Anza, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

20 Wednesday

Sarah Waters, *The Little Stranger*
Golden Gate Valley, 4–5 p.m.

Silent Book Club
Chinatown, 5:15–7:15 p.m.

Claire Keegan, *Small Things Like These*
Noe Valley, 6:30–7:45 p.m.

21 Thursday

Literate Goat Book Club
Potrero, 6–7:30 p.m.

24 Sunday

Julia Alvarez, *In the Time of the Butterflies*
Marina, 2–3:30 p.m.

Event Calendar: September 2023

Children

Early Childhood

[5, 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays](#)

Swing Into Stories

- 9/5 – Garfield Playground (Treat & 26th St)
 - 9/12 – Koret Playground (Golden Gate Park carousel)
 - 9/19 – Hilltop Playground (Newcomb Ave & Whitney Young Circle)
 - 9/26 – Redwood Grove Play-ground (McLaren Park)
- Bookmobiles, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
Storytime, 10:30–11 a.m.

[2 Saturday](#)

Toddler Water Painting
Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

[2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Saturdays](#)

Playtime Potrero, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

[6, 13, 20, 27 Wednesdays](#)

Storytime at Salesforce Park Rooftop Garden
425 Mission St., 10–10:30 a.m.

[9 Saturday](#)

Community Baby Shower
Bernal Heights, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Toddler Tunnels and Tents
Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

[11 Monday](#)

Little Artists Bernal Heights, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

[12 Tuesday](#)

Canta Conmigo Noe Valley, 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

Mini Makers
Merced, 11–11:30 a.m.

[14 Thursday](#)

Library Rangers: Changing of the Seasons Bayview, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

[16 Saturday](#)

Toddler Trucks and Trains
Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

[18 Monday](#)

Family Dance Party
Glen Park, 10–11 a.m.

[23 Saturday](#)

PBS Kids Day Main, Children's Ctr. - 2nd Fl, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

[28 Thursday](#)

Mariela's Music Time
Presidio, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

[30 Saturday](#)

Crayon Rubbing Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Elementary School Age

[2 Saturday](#)

Back to School Bingo Main, Children's Ctr. - 2nd Fl, 1–2 p.m.

Origami Bernal Heights, 2–5 p.m.

[2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Saturdays](#)

Giant Jenga Chinatown, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Tabletop Gaming Main, Children's Ctr. - 2nd Fl, 3–5 p.m.

[3 Sunday](#)

LEGO Free Play Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

[5 Tuesday](#)

Little Builders and Magna-Tiles
Golden Gate Valley, 2–4 p.m.

[6 Wednesday](#)

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

[7 Thursday](#)

LEGO Free Play
Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

Library Rangers: Changing of the Seasons Visitacion Valley, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Marble Machine and LEGOs
North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

[9, 23 Saturdays](#)

Origami Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

[10 Sunday](#)

Papel Picado Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

LEGO Free Play Merced, 2–4 p.m.

[11 Monday](#)

Book Club: *Swim Team*
Glen Park, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

[12 Tuesday](#)

Math Games Sunset, 2–3:30 p.m.

[13 Wednesday](#)

Button Making Marina, 3–4 p.m.

[16 Saturday](#)

Ozobots Main, Children's Ctr. - 2nd Fl, 1–2 p.m.

Drive-In Movie Bayview, 1–4 p.m.

LEGO Free Play Presidio, 2–3 p.m.

Marble Machine Noe Valley, 3–4 p.m.

[17 Sunday](#)

Papel Picado West Portal, 2–3 p.m.

[18 Monday](#)

WRITE Now! Main, Children's Ctr. - 2nd Fl, 4–5 p.m.

Board and Card Games
Glen Park, 4–5:30 p.m.

[19 Tuesday](#)

Ojo de Dios Craft Golden Gate Valley, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

[20 Wednesday](#)

Rain Sticks Craft Portola, 2–3 p.m.

Piñata Party Poppers
Ingleside, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

LEGO Free Play Bayview, 3–5 p.m.

[21 Thursday](#)

Decorating Sugar Skulls
Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

Paper Acorn Craft
Chinatown, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Quetzal Bird Craft
North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

[23 Saturday](#)

Rock Painting Glen Park, 2–4 p.m.

Latin American Snack Trials
Bernal Heights, 3–4 p.m.

[24 Sunday](#)

Kool-Aid Chemistry
Merced, 2–3 p.m.

[29 Friday](#)

Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Lanterns Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

Middle School Age

[2 Saturday](#)

Tween Creative Writing Group Western Addition, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Sew Mini Treats
Portola, 3–4 p.m.

[5 Tuesday](#)

DIY Pencil Cases
Bernal Heights, 3:15–4:15 p.m.

[6 Wednesday](#)

Teen Gaming Excelsior, 3–5 p.m.

[7 Thursday](#)

Zines Ingleside, 4–5:30 p.m.

[9 Saturday](#)

Calming Glitter Jars
Glen Park, 3–4 p.m.

[12, 26 Tuesdays](#)

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

[13 Wednesday](#)

Mini Pom-Pom Food Animals
Western Addition, 4–5 p.m.

[14 Thursday](#)

Rock Painting
Glen Park, 4–5:15 p.m.

[25 Monday](#)

Craft Circle for Teens
Visitacion Valley, 4–5 p.m.

[30 Saturday](#)

Teen Improv
Golden Gate Valley, 1–2 p.m.

Family

[1 Friday](#)

MakeArt Bernal Heights, 3–5 p.m.

[2 Saturday](#)

Film: *Encanto* Mission Bay, 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

[3, 10, 17, 24 Sundays](#)

Board Games Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

[6, 20 Wednesdays](#)

Pajama Storytime
Glen Park, 7–7:30 p.m.

[7 Thursday](#)

Marbled Paper Art
Ocean View, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Bubbleology Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.

[9 Saturday](#)

Open House
Ortega, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

[10 Sunday](#)

Watermelon Baskets
Parkside, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Crafternoon
West Portal, 2–3 p.m.

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

[12, 19 Tuesdays](#)

Dog Reading Circle
Bernal Heights, 4–4:30 p.m.

[13 Wednesday](#)

LEGO Free Play
Richmond, 3–4 p.m.

[15 Friday](#)

Lotería Visitacion Valley, 4–5 p.m.

[16 Saturday](#)

Lucet Fork Cords
Golden Gate Valley, 1–2 p.m.

Big San Francisco Play Date
Portola, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

[17 Sunday](#)

Pan Dulce Party Main, Children's Ctr. - 2nd Fl, 12–1 p.m.

[20 Wednesday](#)

Melody Yan's Fusion Music
Parkside, 4–5 p.m.

Open House Anza, 4–7 p.m.

[21 Thursday](#)

Library Rangers: Changing of the Seasons Portola, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Origami Ocean View, 3:30–4:30 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 – 11, 18, 25 Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Merced – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Ortega – 11, 18, 25 Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Park – Every Saturday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Potrero – Every Tuesday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.
Sunset – 11, 18, 25 Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.

Storytimes for Toddlers

Books, songs, movement and more. For toddlers 16 months through age 2 and their caregivers.

Ocean View – 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 – 11, 18, 25 Mondays, 3:30–4 p.m.
Parkside – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Portola – 11, 18, 25 Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Potrero – Every Thursday, 11:15–11:45 a.m.
Presidio – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.
Sunset – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Western Addition – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 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 Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m. *English/español*
1 Friday, 11–11:30 a.m. *English/español*
8, 15, 22, 29 Fridays, 1:30–2 p.m. *English/español*
Excelsior – Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
North Beach – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Parkside – Every Thursday, 10:30–11 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.
Chinatown – Every Saturday, 2–2:30 p.m.
Excelsior – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Golden Gate Valley – Every Friday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.
Main – Every Saturday, 2–2:30 p.m.
2, 16 Saturdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m. *ASL* (Deaf Services, 1st Fl)
Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m. *Español/English*
Marina – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Noe Valley – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m. & 11–11:30 a.m.
North Beach – Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Ocean View – 10 Sunday, 3–3:30 p.m.
Parkside – Every Sunday, 1:30–2 p.m.
Portola – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
Richmond – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
Visitacion Valley – Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.
9 Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.
West Portal – Every Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Monarch Butterfly Crafts
Ingleside, 4–5:30 p.m.

[22 Friday](#)

Study Hall Ortega, 4–7:30 p.m.

[23 Saturday](#)

Bubbleology Glen Park, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Art Mindfulness
Bayview, 1–2 p.m.

LEGO Robots
Ortega, 12:30–1:30 p.m.

[26 Tuesday](#)

Pan Dulce Party
Merced, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

[28 Thursday](#)

¡VIVA! Family Dance Party
Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.

Mid-Autumn Festival Craft
Portola, 3–4 p.m.

[29 Friday](#)

Family Dance Party
Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

[30 Saturday](#)

Chess Club Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

[30 Saturday](#)

Día de los Muertos Altar
Ortega, 3–4 p.m.

Teens

The Mix at SFPL

Main Library, 2nd Fl. SFPL's creative space for teens.
NOW: Ages 12–18.

[1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Fridays](#)

Made at The Mix 4–5:30 p.m.

[2, 16, 30 Saturdays](#)

The Mix Arcade 3–4 p.m.

[5, 12, 19, 26 Tuesdays](#)

Virtual Reality Game 4–6 p.m.

[7 Thursday](#)

Writer's Club 4–5 p.m.

[7, 14, 21, 28 Thursdays](#)

Podcasting 4–4:30 p.m.

Sewing Basics 4–5 p.m.

[7, 21 Thursdays](#)

Video Editing 4–5 p.m.

[8 Friday](#)

Queer Social Hour 4:30–5:30 p.m.

[12, 26 Tuesdays](#)

3D Printing 4–5 p.m.

[13 Wednesday](#)

Biblio Bistro 4–6 p.m.

[23 Saturday](#)

Karaoke 4–5 p.m.

[27 Wednesday](#)

Snack Trials 4–5 p.m.

[28 Thursday](#)

Open Mic 5–7 p.m.

[30 Saturday](#)

Spell Jars 4–5 p.m.

Mix Recording Studio

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

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 Friday](#)

Karaoke Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

¡VIVA! Buttons
Merced, 4–5 p.m.

[2 Saturday](#)

¡VIVA! Buttons Merced, 2–3 p.m.

[2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Saturdays](#)

Teen Book Review
Parkside, 2–4 p.m.

[2, 9, 23, 30 Saturdays](#)

Gardening Merced, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

[3 Sunday](#)

Art Club Anza, 2–3:30 p.m.

[5 Tuesday](#)

Role-Playing Game
Glen Park, 3:45–5:45 p.m.

Film: *Suicide Squad*
Potrero, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

[5, 12, 19 Tuesdays](#)

Hangout Time Visitacion Valley, 4–5:30 p.m.

Monarch Butterfly Crafts
Ingleside, 4–5:30 p.m.

[22](#)

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A snapshot of our Monthly Book Sale at the Friends Donation Center in Potrero Hill

Monthly Book Sale

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Golden Gate Park, carousel,
2nd Tuesday

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Wednesdays, 2–6 p.m.

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

Redwood Grove Playground:
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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	10–6	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

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