

# AT THE LIBRARY

Events and Happenings at the San Francisco Public Library

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## Honoring Past, Present and Future SHEroes

**S**an Francisco Public Library presents HERstory, our celebration of Women's History Month, as we honor and acknowledge the contributions of past and present women who inspire us today. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote. Melissa Hobbs Schmidt presents the lives of women who took risks and spoke out to earn women the right to vote. Scholars Patricia Southard and Elizabeth Thacker-Estrada discuss the progress and backlash experienced by the women's movement and the expansion and



contraction of the office of the First Lady, beginning with Betty Ford in 1974 to Melania Trump in 2020.

Look for SF by the Bay programs that highlight the women of science fiction, including a reading by Sherilyn Connelly from her new work, *The First*

Helen Forbes (left) and Dorothy Puccinelli (right), painting Fleishhacker Mothers Building mural, 1934.

Photo: San Francisco History Center, SFPL

*Star Trek* Movie: *Bringing the Franchise to the Big Screen, 1969-1980.*

Check out the event calendar for a full lineup of events, including films, book clubs, presentations and performances by, for and about women.

**The Mothers Building Murals** – March 14, 1 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Community Room

**The Fog City Sirens** – March 14, 1 p.m., Potrero Branch

**Women for Suffrage** – March 21, 1 p.m., Mission Bay Branch

**First Ladies and Women's Rights, 1974-2020** – March 25, 7 p.m., Merced Branch

**Author: Sherilyn Connelly** – March 26, 6 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium



Suffragists Mrs. Stanley McCormick and Mrs. Charles Parker, April 22, 1913.

Photo: Library of Congress

## You're Invited: Big San Francisco Play Date

**W**ho is ready for some fun? Don't miss the Big San Francisco Play Date, taking place at several library locations on select days in March, April and May. Families and kids, five and under, will enjoy varied opportunities to engage in explorative, pretend and open-ended play that encourage imagination while building fine and gross motor skills.



Activities differ at each location, but all locations offer families interesting ways to play, some of which can easily be replicated at home. Ask your librarian for play at home ideas. During your visit, we encourage you to read the signs that

complement each activity and provide ideas on how to engage in play with your child.

The Big San Francisco Play Date is one of our most beloved early learning offerings along with our storytimes and Play-to-Learn areas. So, even if you can't make a play date, the Library welcomes your family to come play every day.

**Check the calendar, page 6, for dates, times and locations.**

**COME TO YOUR CENSUS, S.F.**



Artwork: George McCalman

## Everyone Counts

**D**id you know that California has not lost a House of Representatives seat since 1850? If the inhabitants of California **don't** participate in the decennial census, it is possible California may lose federal representation in the House—for the first time in 170 years.

The City and County of San Francisco, SFPL and a coalition of partners, including the Census Bureau and the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs, are fully committed to ensuring that every San Francisco resident is counted in 2020. At Library locations across the City, census employees are stationed and ready to help you apply for jobs administering the survey or guide you through filling out the census on one of our computers.

The official 2020 Census Day is April 1, and the Main Library will kick it off with a Census Festival featuring assistance with filling out the online census, community resources, button making and two special art activations, presented in partnership with Art + Action. Patrons can make their own free screen print poster with the Sanctuary City Print Shop and collaborate with fellow attendees on a series of jigsaw puzzles designed by artist Anna Sergeeva with images culled from SFPL's *Shades of San Francisco* photography collection. Join the fun and **COME TO YOUR CENSUS, S.F.!**

**Census Day 2020 Festival** – April 1, 4–7:30 p.m., Main Library, Atrium

## Museum Family Free Days

SFMOMA and the Contemporary Jewish Museum are hosting free days for the entire family with special programming courtesy of SFPL.

**SFMOMA Free Family Day – March 1, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**

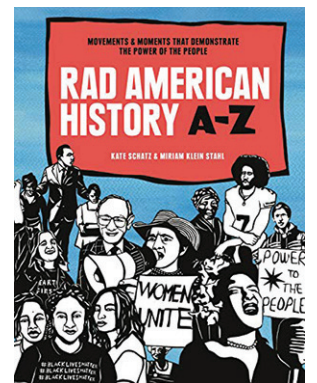
Kate Schatz and Miriam Klein Stahl, the talent behind the *New York Times*' best-selling RAD Women series, share highlights from their new book, *RAD American History A to Z*, and lead a silk screening workshop for all ages. Join us for storytimes, film screenings, instruments, modern art and more. *Free admission for two adults when accompanied by a kid.*



Photo: Quincy Stamper, CJM

**Family ArtBash Sunday: Book Maker Day – March 22, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**

Celebrate bookmakers of all ages at this special event featuring a puppet show with Fratello Marionettes, the Ezra Jack Keats Student Bookmaking Project awards ceremony, the San Francisco Public Library Bookmobile, Calming Corner and a storytime with *Puppy Dog Tales*. *Free admission for two adults when accompanied by a kid or a transitional aged youth (18–22).*



**PRO TIP:** For other days of the year, use your library card to get free tickets via Discover & Go.

## Coming Up:

**APRIL 7**  
**Speaker: NPR Journalist Maanvi Singh**  
Main Library, Learning Studio,  
6 p.m.

**APRIL 8**  
**Presentation: The Effects of Climate Change on Wild Birds**  
Merced Branch, 7 p.m.

**APRIL 28**  
**Jane Hirshfield & Robert Hass: An Evening Of Poems and Practice in the Climate Change Crisis**  
Main Library, Koret Auditorium,  
6 p.m.

Open Houses: Parkside - March 7  
Sunset and Visitacion Valley - March 21


# Collections and Services

get social!

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 [twitter.com/SFPublicLibrary](https://twitter.com/SFPublicLibrary)

 [instagram.com/sfpubliclibrary](https://instagram.com/sfpubliclibrary)

 [youtube.com/user/SanFranciscoLibrary](https://youtube.com/user/SanFranciscoLibrary)

## Take a Ride in the Census Time Machine



As the 2020 U.S. Federal Census approaches, you may be inspired to look for your relatives who were counted in past decades. Through HeritageQuest Online, you can access a comprehensive treasury of American genealogical information rich in unique primary sources and local and family histories. Sophisticated search aids will enable you to plumb all publicly available U.S. Federal Census records (1790-1940), learn about your ancestors or discover the history of a region.

The U.S. Federal Census Collection has valuable data, including:

- 1850 & 1860 U.S. Federal Census Slave Schedules
- Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940
- 1890 Veterans Schedule
- Selected U.S. Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880
- U.S. Enumeration District Maps and Descriptions, 1940
- U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-1885
- U.S. Special Census on Deaf Family Marriages and Hearing Relatives, 1888-1895

To access HeritageQuest Online, go to [sfpl.org/databases](https://sfpl.org/databases). Select letter "H" or History & Genealogy from the Topic drop-down menu. For more information about the upcoming census, see visit [sfpl.org/census-2020-sf-counts](https://sfpl.org/census-2020-sf-counts).

## Make a Difference: Volunteer



Technology is an essential part of daily life, from basic computer skills to using a smartphone. Volunteer with the

Library to help someone get comfortable with their device and learn something new. During class times, patient volunteers guide learners as they explore online, accomplish specific tasks and learn to enjoy their technology.

To get started helping someone cross the digital divide, email [volunteer@sfpl.org](mailto:volunteer@sfpl.org) or visit [sfpl.org/volunteer](https://sfpl.org/volunteer).

## Paid Summer Opportunities for Teens



Teen leadership programs return to San Francisco Public Library this summer with Youth Engaged in Library Learning (YELL) and CORE at The Mix.

YELL offers teens entering grades 10–12 opportunities to develop 21st-century workforce skills like teamwork, problem solving and creativity while working on a project that benefits the Library, local youth and the community. Participants who complete the YELL requirements receive a \$500 scholarship.

In CORE, youth ages 13–18 explore The Mix, the digital media lab exclusively for teens at the Main Library, and try out activities with a team of other teens.

Participants who complete the CORE requirements earn a stipend.

Both programs take place from June 1 through Aug. 16, and no experience is necessary to apply. Applications for YELL open March 1, and applications for CORE open March 27. Slots may go fast. For more information, visit [themixatsfpl.org/jobs-and-volunteer](https://themixatsfpl.org/jobs-and-volunteer).

## Focus on the Collections

### Pleasure Ground: Celebrating Golden Gate Park's 150th Anniversary



Children's Playground, Golden Gate Park, 1890. Photo: San Francisco History Center, SFPL

*"The Golden Gate Park is almost daily filled with carriages and pedestrians. The San Francisco people are just beginning to discover what a beautiful Park this is, and it is gaining day by day in favor as a popular resort."*

– From the *San Francisco Chronicle* section "Jottings About Town," Nov. 26, 1873.

The Government Information Center and Wallace Stegner Environmental Center are collaborating on a small-scale exhibit highlighting significant moments in the history of Golden Gate Park. A timeline of the park is shown through primary sources, including historical government documents, photos, maps, newspapers and magazines. "Pleasure Ground," a term popular in the mid to late 19th century, is a large ornamented park created for recreation and leisure, a pastoral landscape, simulating the countryside within a city. Learn how our treasured three-mile pleasure ground began and what it's become, from drifting sand to verdant fields, home to butterflies, bison and coyote.

**Exhibit: Pleasure Ground: Golden Gate Park Celebrates 150 Years** – March 21–July 10. Main Library, Government Information Center, 5th Floor

## Bookmobile Schedules

### Early Literacy Mobile

Schedule of child care center visits at [sfpl.org](https://sfpl.org).

### San Francisco Zoo

Entrance to Children's Zoo, Sloat Blvd. and Great Hwy. 1st Wednesday of each month, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Free Admission for San Francisco residents. Check [sfzoo.org](https://sfzoo.org) to verify.

### Swing Into Stories

Park visits: Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Storytimes start at 10:30 a.m.

### Golden Gate Park Children's Playground

295 Bowling Green Drive (off Martin Luther King Jr. Drive), Tuesday, March 3

### Parque Niños Unidos

3090 23rd St. (Between Folsom St. and Treat Ave.), Tuesday, March 10

### Cayuga Playground

301 Naglee Ave., Tuesday, March 17

### Helen Wills Playground

Broadway and Larkin St., Tuesday, March 24

### Library on Wheels/Senior Bookmobile

Schedule of service locations at [sfpl.org](https://sfpl.org).

### Treasure Island Bookmobile

Avenue H & 11th St., near Island Cove Market Tuesdays, 2–5 p.m.; Thursdays, 1–5 p.m.

### Special Events

#### Census 2020 partners with the Bookmobile: Hiring Census Takers and Supervisors

Golden Gate Park, Koret Children's Playground Carousel, Tuesday, March 3, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.



#### Our Youthmobile Has a New Look!

Watch for us as we come to parks, schools and other places where children gather, spreading a love of reading and learning. Helpful and friendly staff guide children, caregivers and teachers in selecting and using our materials. We look forward to welcoming you!











## March Events

**March 4, 11, 21, 28**

### Steps Sales

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Main Library's Larkin Street steps  
(100 Larkin St.)  
All books are \$1 or less.  
(Please note that the Steps Sales are cancelled in the event of rain.)

**March 13-20, 2020**

### Cookbook Sale!

40% off all cookbooks  
Both Friends Bookstore locations

## Friends Bookstore

### Locations & Hours

#### Friends Bookstore at Fort Mason Center

Fort Mason Center, Building C  
Open seven days a week.  
Bookstore: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Telephone (415) 771-1076

#### Friends Bookstore at the Main

Main Library, 100 Larkin St.  
Grove Street Entrance  
Hours:  
Monday: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday - Thursday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Friday: 12-5:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 12-4:30 p.m.  
(Closed most major holidays)  
Telephone (415) 557-4238

#### Book Donation Center

1630 17th St. (between Carolina & Wisconsin)  
Drop Off Hours:  
Tuesday-Friday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Saturday: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Sunday and Monday: CLOSED

## get social! with Friends

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[twitter.com/friendssfpl](https://twitter.com/friendssfpl)

[instagram.com/friendssfpl](https://www.instagram.com/friendssfpl)

Stay connected with all the latest happenings, events, and deals at Friends! [FriendsSFPL.org](http://FriendsSFPL.org)



## Your Spring Cleaning Helps Your Library and the Environment

**C**leaning out your bookshelves can be more than just tidying up. Make a difference by donating your used books and media to Friends' Book Program! Each year Friends receive over half a million donated books. Those books are then sold to the public through our Friends Bookstores at Fort Mason Center and the Main Library, the Big Book Sale (the largest book sale on the West Coast), \$1 Library Step Sales, online, and at specialty sales throughout the year. These efforts generate over \$1.5 million (adjusted net revenue of \$1.3 million) for Friends' operations and to augment Friends' annual gift to the Library.

As well as being a way for Friends to support the Library directly, our Book Program is also a massive recycling effort. Friends diverts 550 tons of books from landfills every year to higher and better uses in the community. The best way to recycle books and media is to put them to use in other ways. As the second-largest used bookseller in San Francisco, Friends makes sure your donations find new life in other peoples' homes. Even damaged books get a second life. Local volunteer artists create book cover prints and collages that Friends sells at the bookstores. Another use for the recycled books is for donations to other community organizations—Friends partners with St. Vincent de Paul, Zuckerberg General Hospital, SFUSD and more.

Friends is committed to making an impact when it comes to the environment, so donate those books to become a part of our community of book lovers. Don't worry if you accidentally donate too many books, you can always go to our bookstores or any of our book sales and get more amazing treasures.

To donate books, go to our Book Donation Center at 1630 17th Street (between Carolina & Wisconsin). Drop Off Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sunday and Monday: CLOSED.

For more information about donating, contact: Andrew Leonard, Donation Center Manager, (415) 522-8606 or [andrew.leonard@friendssfpl.org](mailto:andrew.leonard@friendssfpl.org).

#### What We Accept:

In addition to books, we accept donations of media and assorted printed material, including:

- Audio CDs
- LPs
- Books on CD and tape
- DVDs, Blu-ray discs
- Computer software and console games
- Textbooks
- Graphic Novels-Comic Books. (Individual copies or box lots.)

#### What We Do Not Accept:

- Books that are damp or moldy
- General encyclopedias (World Book, Britannica, etc.)
- Legal statutes and casebooks
- Magazines (SCRAP SF takes donations of National Geographic and Smithsonian magazines)
- Loose CDs, DVDs, etc. without their cases
- Home-recorded (aka burned) CDs, DVDs, etc.
- VHS tapes
- Children's and young adult books from school libraries

### Donation Center Annual Highlights

**1,000,000** | ITEMS DONATED (KEPT OUT OF LANDFILL)

**250 TONS OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS** | **50 TONS OF PAPER** | **SAVED**

**155 VOLUNTEERS** | **12,666 VOLUNTEER HOURS**

MORE THAN **3,000** BOOK DONORS



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## Books at 10% off! Friends' Independent Bookstore Program!

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

- A. Cavalli Italian Bookstore ■ Academy Store, California Academy of Science ■ Adobe Bookstore ■ Alan Wofsy Fine Arts LLC ■ Alexander Book Co., Inc.
- Alley Cat Books ■ Amazing Fantasy ■ The Beat Museum ■ Bibliohead Bookstore ■ Bibliomania ■ Bird & Beckett Books & Records ■
- Black Oak Books Holding Corp. ■ Bolerium Books ■ Books, Inc. ■ Booksmith ■ Borderlands Books ■ Browser Books ■ Christopher's Books ■ Chronicle Books
- Compass Books, Inc. ■ Dog Eared Books ■ Eastwind Books ■ Globus Slavic Bookstore ■ Great Overland Book Company ■ Green Apple Books & Music ■
- The Green Arcade ■ Kayo Books ■ Louie Brothers Book Store, Inc. ■ Manning's Books & Prints ■ Marcus Book Stores ■ Omnivore Books on Food
- Friends Bookstore: Fort Mason and Main Library ■ Red Hill Books ■ San Francisco Botanical Gardens, Garden Bookstore ■ Thidwick Books ■

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*Pleasure Ground: Golden Gate Park Celebrates 150 Years. Exhibit details on page 2.*



Clockwise from above: Youngsters from the Sunset District ice skating on Lake Mallard (1949). Children ride down a slide in the Children's Playground (1978). Miss Sally Emerson and Miss Jean Williams question Park Policeman Arthur Dolan as to why he arrested them (1933). Photos: San Francisco History Center, SFPL  
Top left: Navy aerial of San Francisco (1934). Photo: NASA



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Every effort has been made to produce a monthly calendar that is both accurate and complete. Please contact Public Affairs if you have any questions or comments regarding the listings.

### Tours of Main

Tours are conducted on the first Tuesday of each month at 12 p.m. Meet at the Information Desk in the First Floor atrium. Tours are limited to 15 people on a first come, first served basis. Groups can schedule a private tour by calling (415) 557-4266.

### SFPL Commission

Meetings are generally held on a Thursday each month. This month's meeting: 4:30 p.m. on March 19 in the Koret Auditorium of the Main. The public is welcome to attend.



San Francisco Public Library

### LIBRARY LOCATIONS AND HOURS

			S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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	1-9	10-6	1-6	10-6
CHINATOWN/LAI	1135 Powell St.	355-2888	1-5	1-6	10-9	10-9	10-9	1-6	10-6
EUREKA VALLEY/MILK	1 José Sarria Ct. (at 16th St., near Market)	355-5616	1-5	10-6	10-9	10-9	10-6	1-6	10-6
EXCELSIOR	4400 Mission St.	355-2868	1-6	1-6	10-9	10-9	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	1-6	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	1-6	10-6	10-9	1-9	10-8	1-6	10-6
MISSION	300 Bartlett St.	355-2800	1-5	1-6	10-9	10-9	10-9	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	10-9	1-9	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	1-9	12-9	1-6	10-6
PARK	1833 Page St.	355-5656	1-5	12-6	10-9	1-9	10-6	1-6	10-6
PARKSIDE	1200 Taraval St.	355-5770	1-5	1-6	10-9	12-9	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	1-6	1-6	10-8	1-8	10-8	1-6	10-6
PRESIDIO	3150 Sacramento St.	355-2880	1-5	1-6	10-9	11-8	10-6	1-6	10-6
RICHMOND/MARKS	351 9th Ave.	355-5600	1-6	1-6	10-9	10-9	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	10-9	10-9	10-9	1-6	10-6
WESTERN ADDITION	1550 Scott St.	355-5727	1-6	10-6	10-6	1-8	10-7	1-6	10-6
SFMOMA Public Knowledge	151 3rd St.	357-4000	10-5	10-5	10-5	closed	10-9	10-5	10-5

All phone numbers are in the 415 area code. See bookmobile schedule, page 2.



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