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Celebrate Earth Day and Take Action for a Better Tomorrow



*You cannot get through
a single day without
having an impact
on the world
around you.*

*What you do makes
a difference, and you
have to decide what
kind of difference
you want to make.*

– Jane Goodall

Dear Beloved Library Patrons,

As we prepared to go to press for the April newsletter, the COVID-19 outbreak changed our plans. Instead of bringing you a slate of exciting library events and classes, storytimes and author talks, many focused on climate action, we have closed the doors to our libraries to follow the City's shelter-in-place order.

So instead, in honor of Earth Day's 50th anniversary and in recognition of the increasing severity of the effects of climate change, the Library has curated a list of books and resources, available free and online with a library card, that will inspire patrons of all ages to take action for a safer, greener and more sustainable future.

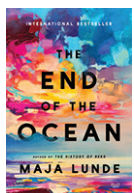
Spend the month of April sheltering in place while reading more about the Earth, science and nature and learn what you can do when the COVID-19 pandemic is over to continue to combat climate change. Every day can be Earth Day by making small changes that have a big impact on the environment.

And know that we will be here when you return. San Francisco Public Library has been around for 141 years and has survived major earthquakes, fires and other catastrophes. We look forward to opening our doors to you again, very soon.

Green Reads for Climate Action Month

Fiction: Enjoy a bounty of timely and thrilling novels.

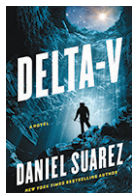
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The End of the Ocean
by Maja Lunde

A captivating story of the power of nature and human spirit exploring the threat of a devastating worldwide drought, witnessed through the lives of a father, daughter and a woman who will risk her life to save the future.

Delta-v by Daniel Suarez



A near-future technological thriller in which a charismatic billionaire recruits a team of adventurers to launch the first deep space mining operation.

After the Flood by
Kassandra Montag



A compulsively readable novel of dark despair and soaring hope, this novel is a magnificent, action packed and sometimes frightening odyssey laced with wonder.

Walkaway by Cory Doctorow



A fascinating, moving and darkly humorous multi-generational sci-fi thriller about the wrenching changes of the next hundred years.

Non-Fiction: Immerse yourself in political, philosophical and spiritual responses to the climate crisis.

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**On Fire: The
(Burning) Case for
a Green New Deal**
by Naomi Klein

Klein's accessible volume makes the case for grand policy responses and shows how the climate crisis can be seen as intimately connected to other political issues.

**The Archipelago
of Hope: Wisdom
and Resilience
from the Edge of
Climate Change**
by Gleb Raygorodetsky

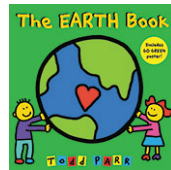
The author has spent two decades working with different indigenous groups who are responding to climate change and offers lessons from what he's learned.

**The Uninhabitable
Earth: Life After
Warming** by David
Wallace-Wells

A meditation on the devastation we have brought upon ourselves and an impassioned call to action.

Children: Inspire activism in kids of all ages.

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The Earth Book
by Todd Parr

For the youngest readers, a positive, straightforward introduction to taking care of our Earth.



**What Is Climate
Change?**
by Gail Herman

This very popular series has a great book about climate change for 8-12 year olds.



**Don't Let Them
Disappear: 12
Endangered Species
Across the Globe**
by Chelsea Clinton

Chelsea Clinton introduces you to endangered animals and what we can do to keep them from becoming extinct.



**Greta and
the Giants:
Inspired by Greta
Thunberg's Stand
to Save the World**
by Zoë Tucker

A picture book relating the story of climate activist Greta Thunberg, making it accessible to younger readers.

Teens: Find out how you can make a difference.

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**Eyes Wide Open:
Going Behind the
Environmental
Headlines**
by Paul Fleischman

When you need help sorting through what's fake and what's fact, this book will help you think more critically about all the climate issues we face today.



Dry by Neal
Shusterman

A glimpse into what might happen if the California drought escalated to catastrophe.



The Marrow Thieves
by Cherie Dimaline

Humanity has nearly destroyed its world through global warming, but now an even greater evil lurks.



Collections and Services

get social!

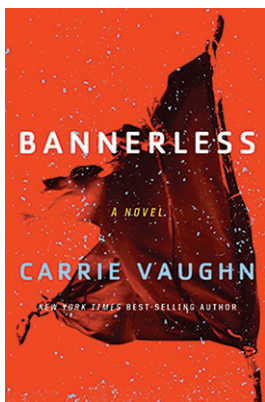
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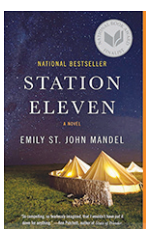
[March/April 2020 Selection:](#)

Bannerless by Carrie Vaughn



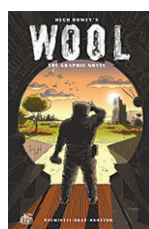
Carrie Vaughn

If you liked *Bannerless* by Carrie Vaughn, then try these thought-provoking, post-apocalyptic novels about sustainability and survival. *Bannerless* won the Philip K. Dick Award for science fiction in 2018 and is the first book in the Bannerless Saga series.



Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel

A Hollywood star, his would-be savior and a nomadic group of actors roam the scattered outposts of the Great Lakes region, risking everything for art and humanity.



Wool by Hugh Howey

In a future toxic landscape, a community that lives in an underground silo is rocked by the desire of Sheriff Holston to go outside, setting in motion events that kindle the fire of revolution.



California by Edan Lepucki

After escaping the crumbling ruins of Los Angeles, Cal and Frida realize they are pregnant and seek refuge in the nearest settlement, a community that poses a whole new set of dangers.



Red Rising by Pierce Brown

A tale, set in a bleak future society torn by class divisions, follows the experiences of Darrow, who joins a revolutionary cell and attempts to infiltrate an elite military academy.



The Wall by John Lanchester

When the island nation of an Earth-like world builds a concrete barrier around its entire coastline, a Defender charged with protecting his section of the wall begins questioning the political divides of his insular existence.



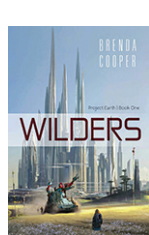
The Windup Girl by Paolo Bacigalupi

Living in a future where food is scarce, Anderson Lake tries to find ways to exploit this need and encounters Emiko, an engineered windup girl who has been discarded by her creator.



Dies the Fire by S.M. Stirling

Chronicles two groups during "The Change," a mysterious worldwide event that suddenly alters physical laws so electricity, gunpowder and most other forms of high-energy-density technology no longer work.



Wilders by Brenda Cooper

While the world is struggling to come back from the brink of ecological disaster, sisters Coryn and Lou must learn to trust each other in order to restore the rewilded lands.



Brown Pelican (California)
Illustration: Jane Kim, Ink Dwell studio

Five Essential Ways to Take Action for Earth

- Become a recycling pro. Recology SF now recycles Tetra Paks, bundled plastic bags, CDs and more. See everything you can recycle at sfrecycles.org.
- Use the Environmental Working Group's Healthy Living App when choosing products (sunscreen, toothpaste) to buy. Ratings are based on health and sustainability. Download the app at ewg.org/apps.
- Unused medicine is a threat to public health and the environment. SF's Department of the Environment provides a list of locations that can dispose of meds properly at sfenvironment.org/meds.
- Feel good about eating right by choosing sustainable seafood with help from Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch, seafoodwatch.org.
- Receive 100% renewable energy with CleanPowerSF's SuperGreen program. Find out more at cleanpowersf.org.

Digging Deep into Environmental Issues with eResources

Did you know that an example of human-triggered climate change was described in a book published in 1846? The chapter, written by then-Lieutenant Governor of Canada, Sir Francis Bond Head, was cited in an article that can be found by searching "Climate change" and the "butterfly effect" in an 18th century monograph," on the Articles and Databases page.

For a seriously deep dive into environmental topics, try the EBSCO's GreenFILE database, which draws on the connections between the environment and a variety of disciplines such as agriculture, education, law, health and technology. Topics include global climate change, green building, pollution, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, recycling and more. Find GreenFILE on the Articles and Databases page under letter "G."

GreenFILE

If documentaries are more your taste, log in to streaming video source, Kanopy, and browse by subject "Environmental Science." 920 possibilities will take you way beyond *An Inconvenient Truth* (though that's there if you want it). Happy digging!



Summer Opportunities for Youth

YELL: Earn a \$500 College Scholarship

Apply for Youth Engaged in Library Leadership (YELL) and help with STEM programs at Bayview, Bernal Heights, Chinatown, Excelsior, North Beach, Parkside, Ortega, Portola, Sunset and Visitacion Valley.

CORE: Earn a \$500 Stipend

Apply for CORE and embody Collaboration, Open-Mindedness and Respect at the exclusive space for teens, The Mix at Main.

Information and applications are always available at themixatsfpl.org/jobs-and-volunteer.

COME TO YOUR CENSUS, S.F.



Fill out the 2020 Census online.

Fill out 9 questions in 10 minutes to bring \$20,000 into your community and protect your voting power. Count yourself in and claim your fair share: www.ComeToYourCensus.us.



Check Out Our Podcast!

The Library Friends Podcast is a way for you to get more connected with the Library.

Our latest episode, *The Future of Our Library: Inside Out*, is a presentation from City Librarian Michael Lambert and Executive Director of Friends of the Library Marie Ciepiela. They discuss Friends' Strategic Plan for the Library and the three upcoming renovations at the Mission, Chinatown and Oceanview Branches.

Find the podcast by searching "Library Friends Podcast" on your favorite podcasting app, or by going to friendssfpl.org/Podcast

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Friends' volunteers at the annual Big Book Sale at Fort Mason Center.

Happy Volunteer Appreciation Month!

We at the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library love our volunteers so much; they are an integral part of who we are and why we were created. This month, we are delighted to introduce you to Kelenia Olsen our Volunteer Services Manager who uplifts us with her dedication and hard work every day. We hope she inspires you to become involved as a volunteer.



Kelenia Olsen

Tell us about yourself.

I'm Kelenia, a California native, living and working in SF for the last 17 years.

How does one become a Volunteer Manager?

I've been working in advocacy since a young age, and I've always wanted to work with people. Most of my volunteer experience came from my experience campaigning, and my community outreach experience came from working in the public sector. Good causes are important to me. Libraries are a cause I believe in, as they create a safe place for people who don't always have one.

What is the impact of Volunteers on the Friends organization?

Friends would not exist without volunteers, and that's something we need to remember. They are our eyes and ears in the city. They are the library supporters in the community. We are a small organization, and our volunteer core allows us to have a greater impact.

What do the Friends' Volunteers do?

They work at our bookstores, they receive donations, they sort and pack books at the Donation Center, they table at farmers markets and community events, they work at special events like Night of Ideas, Books and Brews, the Comic Book Sale and the Big Book Sale, and they help process orders for the online sales team. That's what I mean when I say volunteers are an integral part of our process. Volunteers are there every step of the way!

What is the volunteer program's impact on the environment?

Volunteers help reduce the City's carbon footprint. Thanks to their hard work and tenacity, 550 tons of books are diverted from landfills and recycling centers each year and over half a million books are sold each year at the Big Book Sale.

The Big Book Sale is a huge event.

It's great! And the Big Book Sale creates a shared space for people who love books to connect and foster a community around the Library.

Is there an average demographic of people who volunteer?

No, there are people from all walks of life that come together to make up our volunteer community. It's a safe space where everyone is welcome. There are a lot of 20-year-olds who come after work and retirees who come instead of work, and they all volunteer together.

Anything else you want to tell everyone?

Please come volunteer! It's so much fun! Corporate groups are always welcome too! We've created such great relationships with groups that a lot of employees come back on the weekends to volunteer on their own time. Send me an email or give me a call to get involved. I look forward to hearing from you.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Kelenia Olsen, Manager of Volunteer Services (415) 477-5223 or at kelenia.olsen@friendssfpl.org.

SAVE THE DATE This year's Big Book Sale will be on Wednesday, Oct. 28 through Sunday, Nov. 1, with a Member Preview on Tuesday, Oct. 27.



The mission of Friends of the San Francisco Public Library is to create, steward and support a superior, free public library system in San Francisco. We are committed to raising the standard of excellence of our libraries by funding programs and services beyond what is allocated in the city's budget. We believe in free and equal access to information for all.

Help Our Local Independent Bookstores Recover from COVID-19 Closures and Get 10% Off

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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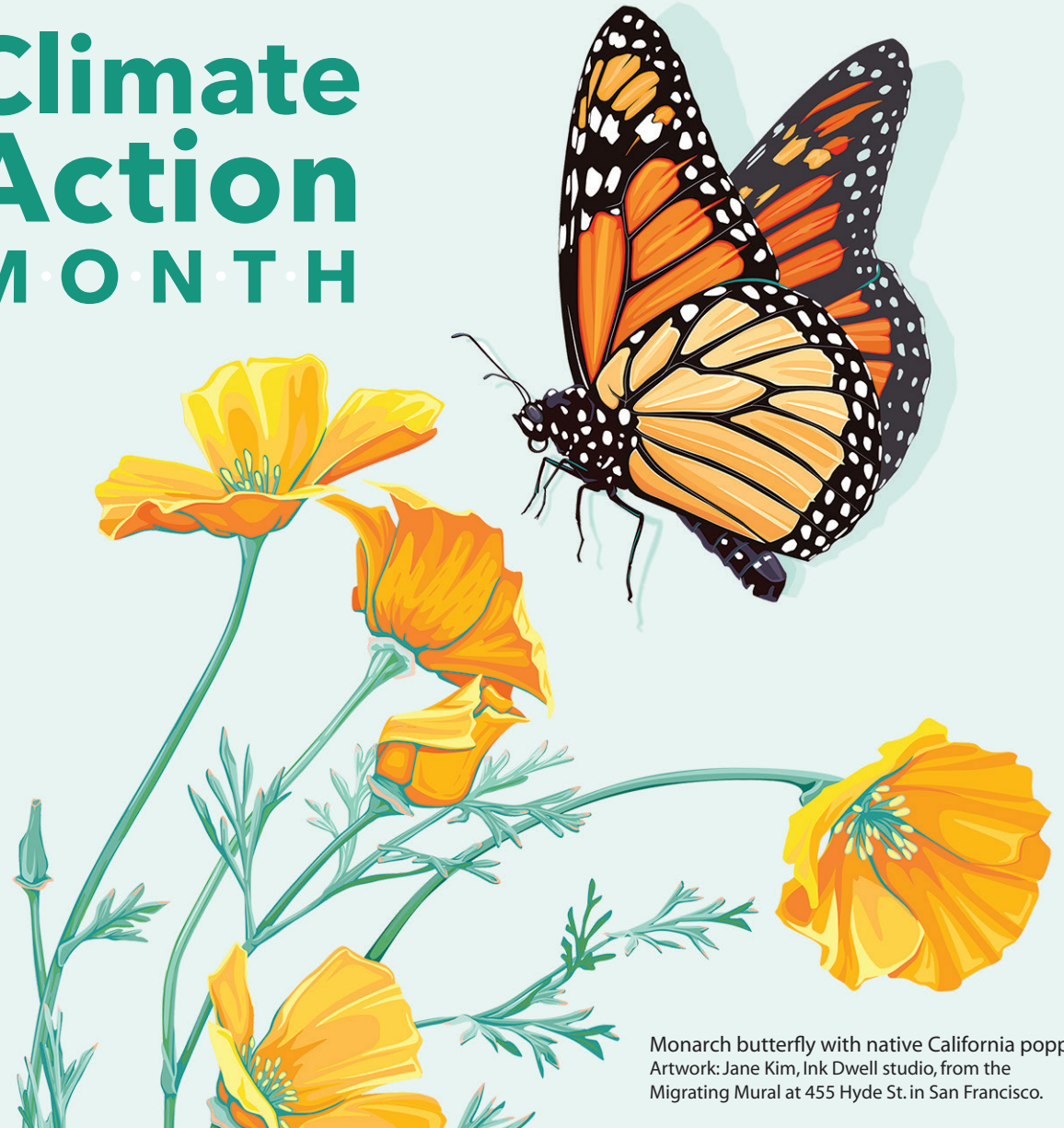
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Monarch butterfly with native California poppy. Artwork: Jane Kim, Ink Dwell studio, from the Migrating Mural at 455 Hyde St. in San Francisco.

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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.

Libraries Closed

All locations and bookdrops of the San Francisco Public Library are currently closed to help limit the spread of COVID-19. Find the latest on our response to the virus here: sfpl.org/coronavirus. Check back for updates on our reopening date.

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
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