

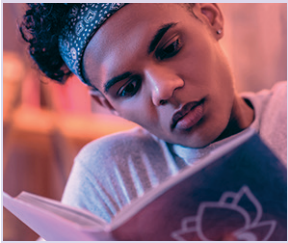
# AT THE LIBRARY

Events and Happenings at the San Francisco Public Library

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## Curl Up with T(w)een Winter Read



The annual T(w)een Winter Read is the time to cozy up with a good book during a much-needed winter

break. New this year, tweens and teens ages 10–18 can track their reading and listening time on Beanstack, an online platform that can be accessed from a computer or mobile device. Register yourself and double the fun with a friend. Track minutes and earn badges to hit 20 hours of reading. Finishers will receive a prize pack with a tote, books and other goodies. Complete 500-word book reviews for your chance at a weekly \$100 deposit into a K2C or ScholarShare account. Also, don't miss the SFUSD/SFPL Recommended Reading List for preschoolers to high schoolers.

Check [themixatsfpl.org/teen-winter-reading](http://themixatsfpl.org/teen-winter-reading) for all things Winter and follow us on Instagram and Twitter for updates and cameos from local teens.

Get in the mood to settle into winter break. Mindfulness for Teens with Study Smart Tutors introduces teens to different mindfulness activities and techniques to integrate into everyday life to alleviate stress and to practice being more present. Tune in on YouTube.



## New Craft Series: Make + Do

When the colder weather keeps us indoors, kids and families can find a December full of hands-on interactive programs to spark creativity at home. Make + Do is an exciting craft series featuring local artists and beloved children's librarians. The talented makers from Book Arts Roadshow, C.K. Itamura and Cheryl Ball, are back! How do you make an inside-out zine? What's a caterpillar book? Tune in to SFPL's YouTube channel every Monday at 4 p.m. to find out.

Hang out with your favorite children's librarians on Fridays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18 at 3 p.m. Focusing on upcycled materials, Richmond librarian Pauline demonstrates how to create custom coupon books for loved ones. Anza librarian Susan will mix a fun concoction of household items to make snow puff paint. Main librarian Eric goes digital by exploring drawing tools on your computer.

Projects will use easy-to-find household supplies. Can't make the live program? No worries! Make + Do programs will be available on our YouTube for you to watch, or re-watch, anytime.

## Elaine Castillo in Conversation

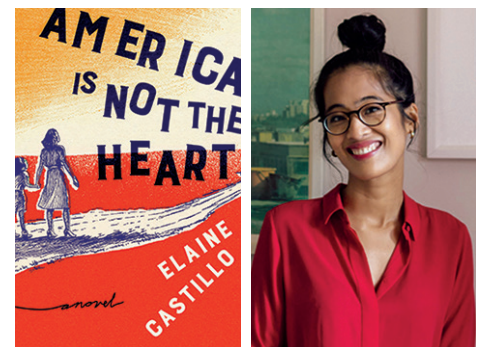
The Virtual Library has been fortunate to have many of our On the Same Page authors join us in the SFPL Live Zoom Room. We are thrilled to continue with our Nov./Dec. author, Elaine Castillo. *America Is Not the Heart* was named one of the best books of 2018 by NPR, Lit Hub, *The Boston Globe*, *SF Chronicle*, *The New York Post*, Kirkus Reviews and The New York Public Library.

Set in Milpitas and the Bay Area, Castillo's book tells the story of protagonist Hero de Vera and her arrival from the political violence in the Philippines under the Marcos regime and the rebel forces she backs. Castillo weaves her characters together as they become family and chosen family, making the reader want to know more about each of them.

Elaine Castillo was born in the San Francisco Bay Area. She is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley.

Make sure you get your copy today from SFPL To Go or the Friends of the San Francisco Public Libraries' online bookstore.

**Author: Elaine Castillo in Conversation** – Dec. 15, 7 p.m. Reserve: <http://bit.ly/ECastillo12-15-20>.  
YouTube link: [https://youtu.be/H\\_DDJDdYsSI](https://youtu.be/H_DDJDdYsSI).



Elaine Castillo, photo: Amaal Said



Dr. Fuifuilupe Niemeitolu

## Celebrate Samoan Poetry and Storytelling

Distinguished Pacific Islander poets, storytellers and leaders present an evening of poetry, storytelling and song in honor of renowned Samoan poet, novelist and playwright Albert Wendt. Dr. Fuifuilupe Niemeitolu, with assistance from poets Kevin Henderson and Lisiate Vuna, hosts this celebration of Pacific Islander communities and their unremitting struggles for self-determination. Our Moana Nui; We Are Pacific Islander Studies is part of a series of programs advocating for the California Department of Education to reinstate Pacific Islander Studies and Arab American Studies in the Ethnic Studies curriculum.

Dr. Fuifuilupe Niemeitolu is a Tongan/Pacific Islander scholar, poet and community organizer. She teaches in the Department of Gender & Women's Studies at the University of California, Berkeley.

**Performance: Our Moana Nui; We Are Pacific Islander Studies** – Dec. 17, 6 p.m.

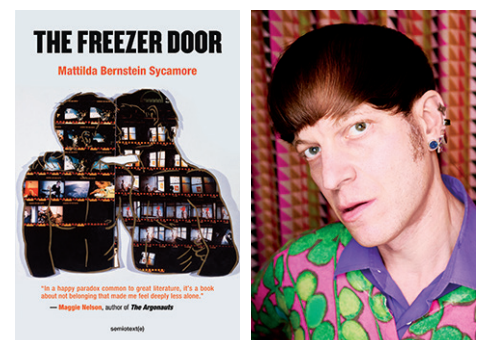
## Reading with Author of Oprah Magazine's Best LGBTQ Book of 2020

The James C. Hormel LGBTQIA Center is honored to host Mattilda Bernstein Sycamore in celebration of her new book, *The Freezer Door*, described by Maggie Nelson, author of *The Argonauts*, as "a book about not belonging that made me feel deeply less alone" and by *O, The Oprah Magazine* as an "underline-every-sentence compendium of queer desire." *The Freezer Door* is a meditation on the trauma and possibility of searching for connection in a world that enforces bland norms of gender, sexual and social conformity. At this evening event, Sycamore will read from *The Freezer Door* and converse with CAConrad, poet and essayist.

Mattilda Bernstein Sycamore is the author of three novels and two nonfiction titles and the editor of five nonfiction anthologies.

CAConrad is the author of *Amanda Paradise* (Wave Books, 2021). Their book *While Standing in Line for Death* won a 2018 Lambda Book Award.

**Mattilda Bernstein Sycamore in conversation with CAConrad** – Dec. 8, 7 p.m.  
Reserve: <http://bit.ly/FreezerDoor12-8-20>. YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/Uh8hcYtqDZQ>



Mattilda Bernstein Sycamore, photo: Jesse Mann

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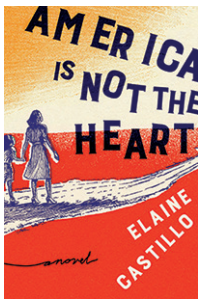
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If you liked *America Is Not the Heart*, then try these.



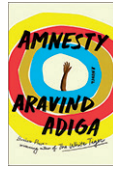
**I Was Their American Dream**  
A Graphic Memoir  
by Malaka Gharib

Describes the author's life as a Filipino-Egyptian-American with a large, unique, loving family striving for the American Dream.



**A Woman Is No Man**  
by Etaf Rum

Three generations of Palestinian-American women in contemporary Brooklyn are torn by individual desire, educational ambitions, a devastating tragedy and the strict mores of traditional Arab culture.



**Amnesty**  
by Aravind Adiga

A young illegal immigrant in Sydney, Australia is forced to choose between risking deportation and reporting the murder of a female client.



**Fiebre Tropical**  
by Juli Delgado Lopera

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



**Dominicana**  
by Angie Cruz

Draws on the author's mother's story in a tale set in a turbulent 1960s Dominican Republic, where a young teen agrees to marry a man twice her age to help her family's immigration to America.



**Here We Are**  
by Aarti Namdev Shahani

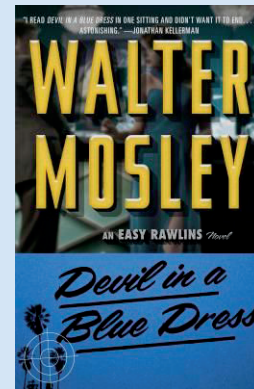
Award-winning NPR correspondent presents a heartfelt memoir about the immigrant experience in modern America, detailing her education as a scholarship student at an elite Manhattan prep school and her father's victimization by a notorious drug cartel.

## FOG Readers Volunteer All-Call

Covid-19 disrupted in-class education, and more students than ever will need help with reading skills. SFPL's award-winning FOG Readers program is recruiting volunteers! FOG tutors work with students grades 1-4, using science-based Orton-Gillingham methods. These days, tutoring is taking place online, so tutors should have access to Internet and something like Zoom. Interested in helping? Sign up for a training by emailing [readers@sfpl.org](mailto:readers@sfpl.org).



## CA Book Club



Open to all, at no cost, the monthly virtual club, organized by *Alta Magazine*, showcases exceptional books from and about the Golden State. December's pick is *Devil in a Blue Dress* by Walter Mosley. More information at [Californiabookclub.com](http://Californiabookclub.com).

## SFPL To Go Locations

Information line for all library questions:  
(415) 557-4400.

**Main Library** 100 Larkin Street  
Monday-Saturday: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.,  
Sunday: 12-5:30 p.m.

### Branches

**Tuesday-Saturday: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**

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- EXCELSIOR 4400 Mission St.
- EUREKA VALLEY/HARVEY MILK MEMORIAL  
1 José Sarria Court (at 16th St. near Market)
- MARINA 1890 Chestnut St.
- MERCED 155 Winston Drive
- MISSION BAY 960 Fourth St.

**Monday-Friday: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**

- CHINATOWN 1135 Powell St.
- ORTEGA 3223 Ortega St.
- VISITACION VALLEY 201 Leland Ave.

### Bookmobiles

SFPL To Go-Go - Bookmobile Pop-up Pick-up Service

**Tuesdays and Thursdays: 2-6 p.m.**

- MIS Bookmobile at John O'Connell High School, Harrison and 20th Streets
- OMI Bookmobile at Jose Ortega Elementary School, 400 Sargent St.
- BAY Bookmobile at Willie Brown Jr. Middle School, Revere Ave. at Rankin St.

**Wednesdays: 2-6 p.m.**

- Treasure Island Bookmobile



Seven Non-Fiction Books by Pinoy Writers recommended by OTSP author Elaine Castillo



**Little Manila Is in the Heart: The Making of the Filipina/o American**

Community in Stockton, California  
by Dawn Bohulano Mabalon



**Empire of Care: Nursing and Migration in Filipino American History**  
by Catherine Ceniza Choy



**Transpacific Femininities: The Making of the Modern Filipina**  
by Denise Cruz



**Puro Arte: Filipinos on the Stages of Empire**  
by Lucy Mae San Pablo Burns



**Relocations: Queer Suburban Imaginaries**  
by Karen Tongson



**Suspended Apocalypse: White Supremacy, Genocide, and the Filipino**

Condition  
by Dylan Rodriguez



**Global Divas: Filipino Gay Men in the Diaspora**  
by Martin F. Manalansan



## Play, Screen and Grow

Zulema Rubalcava Barron, Developmental Screening Manager at Help Me Grow SF, presents developmental milestones of young children from birth to five and the importance of developmental screening and early intervention.

Children learn through play and as their abilities grow there is the opportunity to observe developmental progression. Studies show that 58% of children in San Francisco enter school without a developmental screening and 15% enter kindergarten with

some form of special need. Offered in Spanish on Dec. 2 and in English on Dec. 9, at 5 p.m. on the Library's YouTube channel, this presentation will also introduce families to the Ages and Stages questionnaires and the Sparkler app that can help parents assess their own children and seek guidance on how to support development. Parents will learn how to access the Sparkler app for free and how it may allow them to attain support from a Help Me Grow Care Coordinator. To learn more about Help Me Grow, visit: [first5sf.org/helpmegrow/](http://first5sf.org/helpmegrow/).

## Coming Soon: Bay Beats

SFPL is building a brand-new local music collection called Bay Beats! This online showcase will feature the exciting musical talent in our very own Bay Area backyard.

Here's how it will work. Local musicians will have the opportunity to submit a selection of original tracks for inclusion in Bay Beats. A panel of music experts will review submissions and select albums that our library users will be able to stream and download. Upon signing a licensing agreement, musicians will receive an honorarium payment for their participation.



Bay Beats experts will be music influencers with strong ties to the Bay Area music communities. Their eclectic interests and backgrounds will help us create a music collection that reflects the breath and diversity of the local music scene.

For more information, visit [baybeats.sfpl.org](http://baybeats.sfpl.org).



## Libraries for All

Show your love for books and libraries with an exclusive *Libraries for All* mask, designed by Zachariah O'Hara, for supporters of Friends and San Francisco Public Library.

Masks are only available when you make a donation. One mask is included with your donation, but additional masks can be purchased **for \$5 each with a secret code you will receive after your initial donation.** (*Libraries for All* masks might be just the holiday gift your loved ones want this year!)

Show your pride and appreciation for SFPL's inspiring work to serve communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes pivoting to online programming, opening up *SFPL To Go* at branches across the city, participating in the community hubs for vulnerable school children and serving as contact tracers. Go to [friendssfpl.org](http://friendssfpl.org) to make a donation and get your mask. Stay safe and healthy and help our SFPL do the same! You may also contact Mario Lemos, Special Gifts Officer, directly at [mario.lemos@friendssfpl.org](mailto:mario.lemos@friendssfpl.org).



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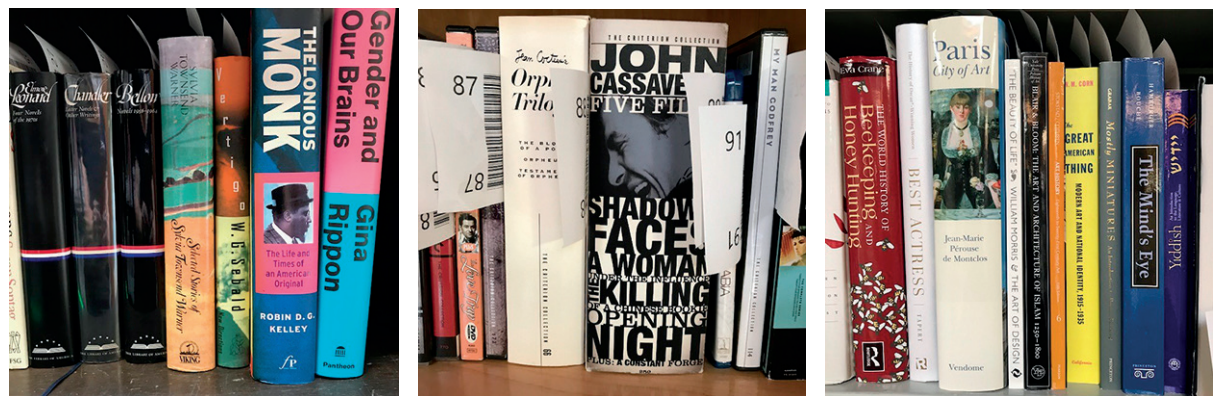


While the warehouse might not be set up in an aesthetically-pleasing bookstore fashion, we have

more than 6200 books, movies and CDs in stock—some brand new and sealed. Check it out at [friendssfpl.org/shop.html](http://friendssfpl.org/shop.html).



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- **Spend \$50 or more in our eBay store, and get a free *Libraries for All* mask**



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### Friends Bookstore

Friends' Bookstore and Donation Center are temporarily closed. Visit [FriendsSFPL.org](http://FriendsSFPL.org) for updates. Friends staff are currently observing Shelter in Place.

Donate to Friends at [FriendsSFPL.org/Support](http://FriendsSFPL.org/Support)

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

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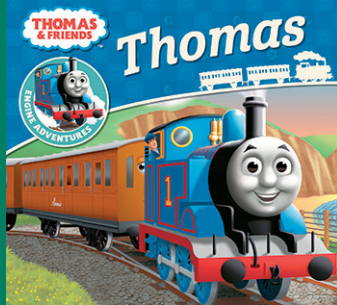
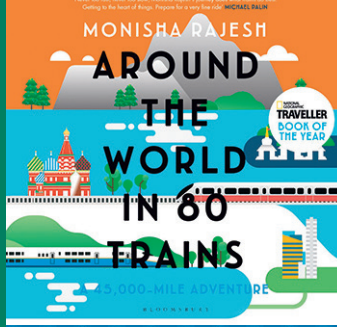
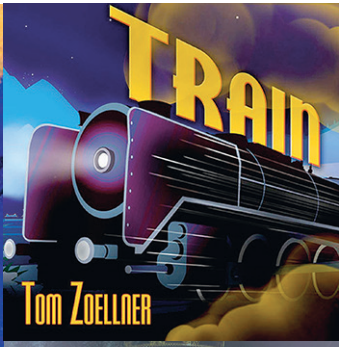
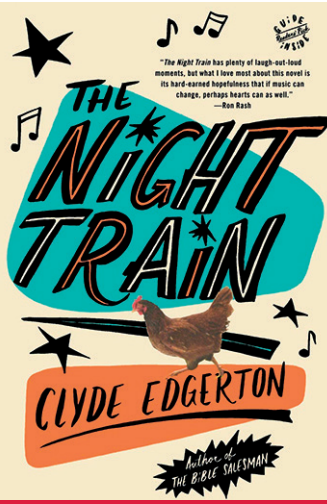
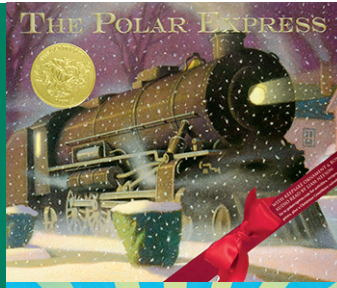
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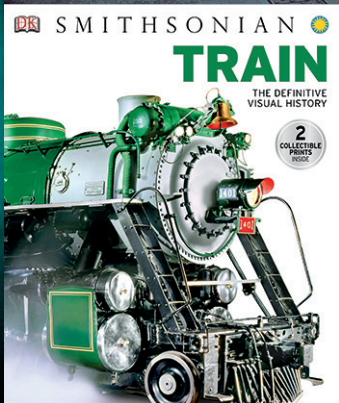
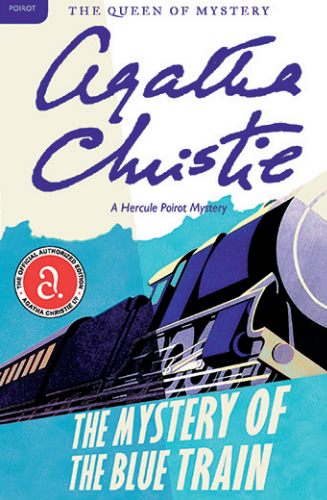
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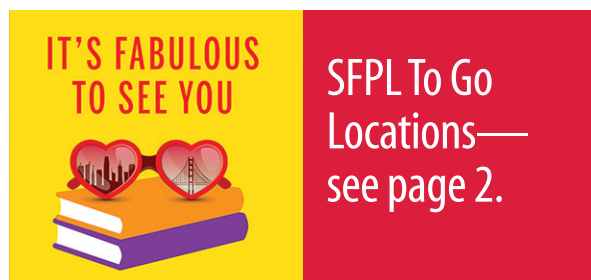
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## SFPL DECEMBER 2020 VIRTUAL EVENT CALENDAR

### Adults

**1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Tuesdays**  
ESL Conversation 3-4 p.m.

**2 Wednesday**  
Jugar, Evaluar y Crecer con Help Me Grow en español. 5-6 p.m.

**3, 10, 17 Thursdays**  
ESL Conversation 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**5 Saturday**  
What the Black Woman Body Knows, Addressing Trauma through Art Praxis 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**8 Tuesday**  
Author: Mattilda Bernstein Sycamore in conversation with CAConrad 7-8 p.m.

**9 Wednesday**  
SF Genealogy Group 1-3 p.m.

Play, Screen and Grow with Help Me Grow 5-6 p.m.

**10 Thursday**  
Identifying & Preventing Financial Abuse 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Poem Jam 6-7 p.m.

**12 Saturday**  
San Francisco Ballet's Chair Dance and Oral History 4-5 p.m.

### 14 Monday

Reference Solutions Database for Business Expansion 10-11:30 a.m.

### 15 Tuesday

Author: Elaine Castillo in conversation with Ismail Muhammad 7-8 p.m.

### 17 Thursday

Our Moana Nui; We are Pacific Islander Studies 6-7:15 p.m.

### 18 Friday

Wok with Chef Martin Yan Christmas-themed event. 2 p.m.

### 19 Saturday

Budget and Save for Your Future 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### Book Clubs

**3 Thursday**  
Clarise Lispector's *Near to the Wild Heart* 6-7:30 p.m.

**14 Monday**  
*How We Go Home: Voices from Indigenous North America* 7-8 p.m.

**21 Monday**  
Elaine Castillo's *America is Not the Heart* 6-7:30 p.m.

### Tech Time

**14 Monday**  
Library Services Online 2-3 p.m.

### Jobs & Careers

**1 Tuesday**  
Knowing Your Value and Getting Paid 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**2 Wednesday**  
LinkedIn Profile Tips 10-11:30 a.m.

**3 Thursday**  
Apply for a California State Job 10-11:30 a.m.

**15 Tuesday**  
LinkedIn for Job Search and Career Development 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**17 Thursday**  
Resume Writing Essentials 10-11:30 a.m.

**28 Monday**  
Interviewing Essentials 10-11:30 a.m.

### Youth

#### Teens

**16 Wednesday**  
Mindfulness 5 p.m.-6 p.m.

### Early Childhood/Family

**13 Sunday**  
Sweet Stories with SFMOMA featuring Romare Bearden 11-11:15 a.m.

**1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Tuesdays**  
Sweet Stories for Families 11-11:15 a.m.

**3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Thursdays**  
Sweet Stories Bilingual 11-11:15 a.m. Bilingual español/English

### Elementary School/Family

**7, 14, 21, 28 Mondays**  
Book Arts Roadshow 4-4:45 p.m.

**11 Friday**  
Snow Painting 3-3:30 p.m.

**18 Friday**  
Draw with Librarian Eric 3-3:30 p.m.

**22 Tuesday**  
*The Hike* by Alison Farrell, in Mandarin 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Elementary/Middle School

**4 Friday**  
Coupon Books for 2021 3-3:30 p.m.



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