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Angela Y. Davis and Isaac Julien

Activism and Art with Isaac Julien and Angela Y. Davis

We are honored to partner with the McEvoy Foundation and the Museum of the African Diaspora in connection with artist Isaac Julien's *Lessons of the Hour*, an immersive, 10-screen film installation and photography exhibition on the life and legacy of Frederick Douglass, the visionary African American writer, abolitionist, statesman and freed slave, through reimaginings of his most compelling speeches and moments from his private life. The McEvoy Foundation will host a series of community conversations in collaboration with regional and national institutions in the academic, literary and visual arts fields to welcome audiences across the country to join in a dialogue about the exhibition with a dynamic range of thinkers, artists and scholars.

Activist, educator and author Angela Y. Davis joins Isaac Julien in conversation to discuss the contemporary legacy of Frederick Douglass and art's role in the ongoing struggle for economic, racial and gender justice. The discussion will be moderated by Sarah Lewis, associate professor of history of art and architecture and African and African American studies at Harvard University and founder of the Vision and Justice Project.

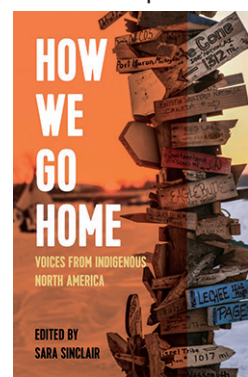
We encourage you to attend the full series of events connected to *Lessons of the Hour*, running through March 13, 2021. Conversations are free with registration at mcevoyarts.org.

Isaac Julien in Conversation with Angela Y. Davis – Nov. 11, 6 p.m.

Registration: <http://bit.ly/JulienandDavis11-11-20>
SFPL YouTube Live: <https://youtu.be/qe-2mOFCpVs>

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with Virtual Programs

November brings a bevy of compelling, can't-miss programs for those seeking to hear and enjoy the voices of Bay Area Native Americans. Kurt Schweigman (Oglala/Sicangu Lakota) and Lucille Lang Day (Wampanoag), editors of the award-winning anthology *Red Indian Road West: Native American Poetry from California* (Scarlet Tanager Books, 2016), will read with contributors Nanette Bradley Deetz (Dakota, Lakota, Cherokee), Jewelle Gomez (loway, Wampanoag), Senna Heyatawin (Choctaw), Stephen Meadows (Ohlone) and Linda Noel (Konkow (Koyoook'auwi)) to honor the 51st anniversary of the American Indian Occupation of Alcatraz. Just as the "Indians of All Tribes" who occupied Alcatraz



51 years ago represented many indigenous nations, the poets in *Red Indian Road West*, all of whom have spent significant portions of their lives in California, come both from California tribes and from many tribes nationwide. In addition to reading from the anthology, the poets read works related to Alcatraz and the Native American experience in California.

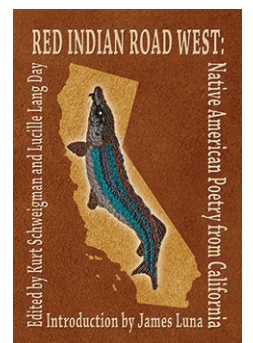
We partner with Voice of Witness (VOW), a nonprofit advancing human rights by amplifying the voices of people impacted by—and fighting against—injustice, to celebrate the launch of *How We Go Home: Voices from Indigenous North America*. This work shares contemporary first-person stories in the long and ongoing fight to protect Native land, rights and life. Sara Sinclair, oral historian, writer and educator of Cree-Ojibwe and settler descent, and Ashley Hemmers, an enrolled member of the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe and strategic specialist in multi-state cross-jurisdictional

Development and Management of Tribal Economies, join this conversation.

Asha Nordwall and Benayshe-Ba-Equay Titus share the movements that shaped a new generation of Native American activism. Titus is the daughter of Adam Fortunate Eagle Nordwall, member of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians and Native American activist. Her father's story of activism has been passed down through oral history and through his extensive archives. Nordwall also spent time on Alcatraz Island during the 1969 occupation.

We also have an exciting virtual program for youth. Experience Ohlone natural and cultural history through stories, games and art. The Ohlone are the indigenous inhabitants of the San Francisco Bay Area through Monterey Bay and the lower Salinas Valley. Along with a cultural history rich in stories and traditions, they had games that we can appreciate today. Staves, a game of chance, is played with six sticks from the elderberry or willow tree and decorated on the rounded side in geometric patterns in red, white and black.

NPS Ranger Fatima Colindres will teach how to make your own staves, introduce some of the indigenous plants found in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and how to play the Staves game with your family. See the calendar on Page 4 or sfpl.org/firstperson for program details and book list on page 2.



Total SF Panel with Gary Kamiya and Paul Madonna

San Francisco Chronicle columnist Heather Knight and pop culture critic Peter Hartlaub founded TotalSF to highlight the wonder and whimsy of San Francisco and to remember why the city is worth fighting for. They launched the program with #TotalMuni2018, when they rode every Muni line in one day, and continued their shenanigans by crafting

a new 49 Mile Scenic Route that promotes walking and bicycling, hosting San Francisco movie nights at the Balboa Theater and interviewing San Francisco characters on their TotalSF podcast.

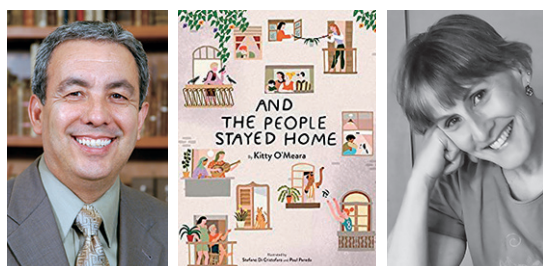
Knight and Hartlaub are joined by author Gary Kamiya and author and artist Paul Madonna, who will share their new collaboration, *Spirits of San Francisco: Voyages Through the Unknown City*. Kamiya's captivating narratives accompany Madonna's masterful pen-and-ink drawings, breathing life into San Francisco sites both iconic and obscure. Together, they will discuss their love of SF and its endless capacity to amaze.

Total SF – Nov. 17, 7 p.m. Registration: <https://bit.ly/TotalSF111720>. SFPL YouTube



Gary Kamiya, Paul Madonna, Heather Knight and Peter Hartlaub

Famed Pandemic Poet in Conversation with Former City Librarian

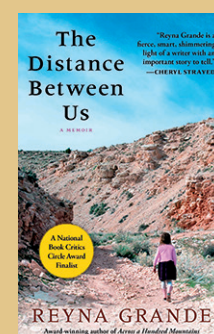


Luis Herrera and Kitty O'Meara

In a star-studded November event, *O Magazine's* "poet laureate of the pandemic" Kitty O'Meara and much-beloved retired SFPL City Librarian and civic leader Luis Herrera discuss *And the People Stayed Home*, O'Meara's debut illustrated children's book of her popular prose poem about the global coronavirus pandemic. You may have encountered lines from O'Meara's emotional and uplifting poem from public figures as diverse as Deepak Chopra and Bella Hadid. Witness the affecting story about how O'Meara wrote the poem in one sitting on March 13, 2020 on her private Facebook page—a poem that soon spread internationally through the power of its comforting words. In this heart-to-heart conversation, Herrera and O'Meara speak about living, healing and connecting in a time of unrest and uncertainty. This program is presented in partnership with the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy as part of the monthly Nature Boost series.

Dialogue: Kitty O'Meara and Luis Herrera – Nov. 12, 12 p.m. Tune in on the SFPL YouTube channel.

Join the CA Book Club



Book lovers: We are delighted to announce our partnership with the new California Book Club, launched by *Alta Magazine*. Open to all, at no cost, the monthly virtual club showcases exceptional books from and about the Golden State by some of the most prominent and promising authors of our day. November's pick is *The Distance Between Us* by Reyna Grande. More information at Californiabookclub.com.

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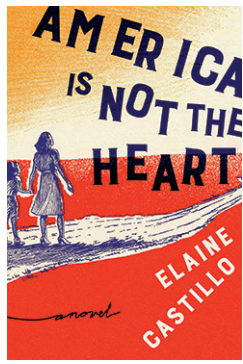
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November/December 2020 Selection:

America Is Not the Heart by Elaine Castillo

Elaine Castillo's *America Is Not the Heart* presents a portrait of the Filipino diaspora through three generations of women as they reconcile the home they left behind with the life they build in America. Set in Milpitas and the Bay Area, Castillo weaves an emotional and descriptive story with protagonist Hero de Vera, her arrival from the political violence in the Philippines under the Marcos regime and the rebel forces she sided with.

Told through the lens of a single family, Castillo brings the reader in, her words depicting the complexities of the everyday, family, love and self. Illuminating the intricacies of past and present and reconciling life in America, Castillo incorporates languages such as Tagalog and Ilocano and uses flashbacks to tell Hero's story prior to leaving the Philippines.



Elaine Castillo

America Is Not the Heart was shortlisted for the 2019 SFPL One City One Book. We encourage you all to join us in reading this month's book club selection.

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

Author Event – Dec. 15, 7 p.m.

"You know what it's like to have a fate; you also know what it's like to escape one."



Get Ready to Write with National Novel Writing Month

How many of us have wanted to write a novel? There is no perfect moment, but to help get you started, November is National Novel Writing Month. NaNoWriMo, as it's known, encourages participants to attempt to write 50,000 words between November 1 and November 30. But it's also a way to access communities of writers, gain inspiration, practice new writing habits and even win prizes for your work.

On the NaNoWriMo website, well-known authors provide written pep talks, offering insight into the creative process, encouraging words and practical advice. These authors include Bay Area locals like Jasmine Guillory and SFPL On The Same Page author Alexander Chee.

The Library is here to give encouragement and offer resources on your novel-writing journey. Although we're unable to currently offer a well-lighted place for you to work, we do have a wealth of materials that can help, with a few highlighted below.

Learn more and get involved at nanowrimo.org.

Teen-Led Writer's Sprint Takes Off

November is National Writing Month, and two local teens are working to inspire fellow high schoolers to hone their writing skills through informative workshops and a two-hour writing competition.

The first 30-minute workshop focuses on writing stellar essays for college applications, a skill that can be used for a variety of projects. The second 30-minute workshop spotlights professional writing, such as crafting resumes and the art of the email, life skills beneficial in both six months or six years. The final lap of the Writing Sprint culminates in a 2-hour creative writing competition. Submit a short story for a prize and publication in a future At the Library newsletter. The writing prompt will be revealed at the workshops. Don't miss this opportunity to gain some skills, practice creative writing and win a prize!

Writer's Sprint – Nov. 14, 1 p.m. SFPL YouTube: <https://youtu.be/E6RBCPT6O4g>

Get Started Doing Your Family Research

Whether you are an experienced genealogical sleuth or just starting out, researching your family history can take



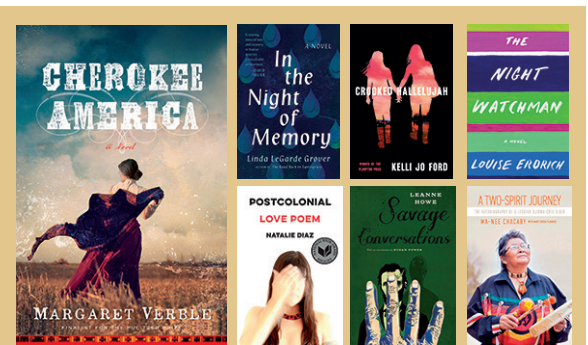
you on an intriguing journey. The Library offers all the online tools to do your family history from home.

Ancestry Library Edition is always a great place to start. This popular, genealogical and historical research database includes census, military, court, land, probate, vital and church records; directories; passenger lists and more. Access to this online resource has been temporarily expanded to library cardholders connecting remotely, courtesy of ProQuest and its partner Ancestry.

For military records, Fold3 contains millions of digitized historical records from all conflicts and wars in U.S. history. Official documents produced by the various military branches, such as draft reservation cards, service records, muster rolls and pension files, as well as personal documents in the form of war diaries, photos and letters of individuals who have served our country, are included in Fold3.

Finally, the Library subscribes to several historical newspaper archives, such as *San Francisco Chronicle*, *San Francisco Examiner* and obscure regional publications throughout California. Here, you'll find lost news articles, public notices and advertisements that may connect the past with the present.

Access the Library's full genealogy collection at sfpl.org/genealogy. Be sure to check out our specially curated book recommendations under "Get Started Doing Your Family Research."



First Person Book List

- *Cherokee America* by Margaret Verble
- *Crooked Hallelujah* by Kelli Jo Ford
- *In the Night of Memory* by Linda LeGarde Grover
- *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich
- *Postcolonial Love Poem* by Natalie Diaz
- *Savage Conversations* by LeAnne Howe
- *A Two-Spirit Journey: The Autobiography of A Lesbian Ojibwa-Cree Elder* by Ma-Nee Chacaby and Mary Louisa Plummer



Writer's Book List

- *Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life* by Anne Lamott
- *I Should Be Writing: A Writer's Workshop* by Mur Lafferty
- *Everybody Writes: Your Go-To Guide to Creating Ridiculously Good Content* by Ann Handley
- *Save the Cat! The Last Book on Screenwriting You'll Ever Need* by Blake Snyder
- *Steering the Craft: A 21st Century Guide to Sailing the Sea of Story* by Ursula Le Guin
- *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft* by Stephen King

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

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

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- 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



In line with the Library's safety standards, we quarantine all donated materials for three days to ensure that it is safe for our staff and volunteers to handle.

Friends Bookstore

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Book a Donation Appointment

The Friends' Donation Center is once again collecting books, media and vinyl donations, but on a limited basis with safety protocols that adhere to the city's COVID-19 regulations. We now require appointments to be made in advance for contactless donations.

We understand that many of you may have spent some downtime cleaning and organizing. However, we urge you—no, we beg you—not to bring your books to the Donation Center without using the online appointment system. This is for health and safety reasons to protect our staff and volunteers and to manage volume. You can now make an appointment for a contactless drop-off at FriendsSFPL.org/DonateBooks.

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When Friends began piloting the contactless book donation program in September, appointments filled up at once. Thank you for your patience when booking. If you do not see an available time, check back on Fridays when we open more appointments. For exceptionally large donations—estates, store inventories, libraries—email our pricing specialist david.silberman@friendsfpl.org with the details so that we can make special arrangements.



We have increased our book donations to community organizations, including SFUSD.

School District. 5,000 books were distributed in coordination with the free lunch program, the Tenderloin Neighborhood Housing Development Corporation, the Prison University Project and St. Vincent DePaul's.

In addition to books, we accept CDs, DVDs and Blu-ray, vinyl, computer and video games and books on CD. Book your appointment today at FriendsSFPL.org/DonateBooks.

In line with the Library's safety standards, we quarantine all donated materials for three days to ensure that it is safe for our staff and volunteers to handle. Materials are then processed, organized and sold both online and to other booksellers. We have also increased our book donations to community organizations, including the San Francisco Unified

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SFPL NOVEMBER 2020 VIRTUAL EVENT CALENDAR

Adults

6 Friday
Future of Heart of the City Farmers' Market 10-11:30 a.m.

7 Saturday
Author: QM Dowoti Desir 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

9 Monday
Red Indian Road West Poetry 6-7:30 p.m.

10 Tuesday
Author: Marilyn Chase, Everything She Touched 7-8 p.m.

11 Wednesday
Dialogue: Isaac Julien with Angela Y. Davis 6-7 p.m.

12 Thursday
Marriage and Financial Planning 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Dialogue: Kitty O'Meara with Luis Herrera 12-1 p.m.

Poem Jam 6-7 p.m.

14 Saturday
Intro to Stock Options 2-4 p.m.

17 Tuesday
Heather Knight, Peter Hartlaub, Gary Kamiya and Paul Madonna 7-8 p.m.

18 Wednesday
Collective Genus Panel 7-8 p.m.

19 Thursday
Author: Rand Quinn, Class Action: Desegregation and Diversity in San Francisco Schools 6-7 p.m.

20 Friday
Voices of Witness 12-1 p.m.

21 Saturday
Shaping a New Generation of Native American Activism 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Why Money Psychology Matters 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Evolving Your Art Practice 2-4 p.m.

Book Clubs

5 Thursday
World Literature: The Big Green Tent 6-7:30 p.m.

16 Monday
So You Want to Talk About Race Ijeoma Olou. 7-8 p.m.

Tech Time

7 Saturday
Value Line Demo 2-4 p.m.

9 Monday
Hosting a Zoom Event 12-1 p.m.

16 Monday
Business Research - Reference Solutions Database 10-11:30 a.m.

17 Tuesday
Intro to Google Sheets 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

19 Thursday
Get Grants - Foundation Directory Online 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Jobs & Careers

3 Tuesday
Senior Community Service Employment 10-11 a.m.

5 Thursday
Apply for a State Job 10-11:30 a.m.

8 Sunday
Resume Writing 2-3:30 p.m.

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

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

Teens

14 Saturday
Workshop: Writer's Sprint 1-4 p.m.

Elementary School/Family

18 Wednesday
Ohlone Games-The Game of Staves 3-3:30 p.m.

Early Childhood/Family

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11-11:20 a.m.

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