

# AT THE LIBRARY

Events and Happenings at San Francisco Public Library

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## April Open Houses

**C**elebrate with us this April, as five library branches each hosts its own annual Open House. **West Portal Branch** will feature a button craft activity with the Museum of Craft and Design, balloon twisting with Magic Bubbles and Balloons, a musical performance with Cornelia and free books for all ages.

At **Richmond Branch**, enjoy live music, food and activities. Neighborhood organizations and merchants will be onsite sharing information for an exciting day of fun and community.

**Merced Branch** will host festivities including balloon twisting with Magic Bubble and Balloons, live music with Corner Laughters, a children's nature scavenger hunt, button making, a community resource fair and free books for all ages.

**Western Addition Branch** will feature henna and a presentation by Henna Garden, a special jazz performance by San Francisco Symphony and San Francisco Conservatory of Music musicians, crafts, a prize wheel for kids and a meet and greet with community partners.

At **Visitation Valley Branch**, learn about local services from community-based organizations and join in a watercolor craft, book giveaways and light refreshments. Celebrate with presentations by the SF Symphony and Tracy Hill's Fur, Scales and Tails.

**Western Addition Branch** – April 12, 1–5 p.m.

**Merced Branch** – April 19, 2–5 p.m.

**Richmond Branch** – April 19, 1–5 p.m.

**Visitation Valley Branch** – April 26, 1–5 p.m.

**West Portal Branch** – April 26, 1–4 p.m.



## Día de los Niños

**D**ía de los Niños/Día de los Libros is back, celebrating 26 years of children, books and literacy! Laugh, dance and be inspired during performances throughout the day, and take home free books and activities provided by the Library and our community partners. This year, to accommodate individuals with auditory sensitivity, our sensory-friendly family time with no amplified sound has been expanded to the whole first hour. We hope to see you there on a day filled with joy for the entire family!

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros has been a beloved free literacy celebration since 1999. Día was started in 1996 by author Pat Mora with support from Reforma and the Association for Library Service to Children. For more details on Día San Francisco, the organizing team and resources, visit [diasf.org](http://diasf.org).

**Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros** – April 27, 11 a.m., Parque Niños Unidos, 3090 23rd St. (at Folsom)

## National Poetry Month Feature:

## When Cherry Blossoms Fall with SF Poet Laureate Genny Lim & Friends



L to R: Genny Lim (photo: Kit Castagne), Nellie Wong, Hyeyung Sol Yoon

**S**FPL's Humanities Center celebrates National Poetry Month with a reading by Genny Lim, San Francisco's 9th Poet Laureate. Cherry blossoms have long been a symbol of life's brevity. Lim, together with poet Nellie Wong, will address themes of life, death and renewal in the historical and personal contexts of their poems, accompanied by Del Sol String Quartet violinist Hyeyung Sol Yoon. San Francisco's first Chinese American Poet Laureate, Lim was born and raised in the City's Chinatown and North Beach neighborhoods and is a graduate of San Francisco State University and Columbia University.

**When Cherry Blossoms Fall** – April 19, Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Room, Lower Level

## Street Versed: Multidisciplinary Poetry and Storytelling Hosted by José Vadi



L to R: José Vadi, Josiah Luis Alderete, soledad con carne, Tongo Eisen-Martin, Pendarvis Harshaw, Kar Johnson, Sophie Yanow

**T**he documentation and presentation of skateboarding through photography, videography and the written word form a type of storytelling that builds the unique lingo and architectural lens that connects skaters to each other and, in the case of San Francisco, the city they call home.

Inspired by the multidisciplinary culture that skateboarding encompasses and creates, we've asked local poets and storytellers to speak on the ways cities—from built environments, community third-spaces and the dynamic changes cities embody—have impacted their lives and shaped their storytelling. Featuring Josiah Luis Alderete, soledad con carne, Tongo Eisen-Martin, Pendarvis Harshaw, Kar Johnson and Sophie Yanow.

**Street Versed: Multidisciplinary Poetry and Storytelling Hosted by José Vadi** – April 24, 6–7:30 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

## Financial Capability Month



**T**ake control of your financial future! April is National Financial Capability Month, and the Main Library's Business, Science and Technology Center—along with various branches—will host presentations on a broad set of financial topics, ranging from the basics of financial planning and managing debt to investing, insurance, property taxes, retirement and estate planning. We'll also cover how family arrangements impact finances and how to protect yourself from scams and fraud.

Get one-on-one financial guidance through our partners, San Francisco Financial Counseling and Advisers Give Back. San Francisco Financial Counseling provides free, confidential financial coaching in English, Spanish and Mandarin, with additional translation services available. Advisers Give Back connects you with a pro bono Certified Financial Planner® to develop a personalized financial plan. Services are available in English and Spanish.

Whether you're just getting started or looking to take your financial strategy to the next level, we've got you covered!

**Financial Capability Month** – April 1–30, Virtual Library and various library locations. See website for event details: [on.sfpl.org/fcm](http://on.sfpl.org/fcm)

**PLUS:** Check out our Jobs & Careers, Personal Finance and Small Business calendar on page 5.

### Coming Up:

**Throughout May**  
**Weaving Stories AANHPI Heritage Celebration**  
Various locations

**May 3**  
**64th Annual Potrero Hill Artists' Exhibition Opening Reception**  
Potrero Branch

**May 5–9**  
**Small Business Week**  
Virtual; various locations

**May 11–18**  
**Tech Week**  
Main Library

# Events, Collections and Services

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## Fix-It Clinics

Learn how to repair your clothing or maintain your bike during one of our April Fix-It Clinics in collaboration with SF Environment, BikeMobile and SCRAP, a creative reuse and arts education center.

**Clothing repair:** If your favorite jacket or pair of pants has a tear or a loose stitch, bring it in and learn how to sew, darn or fix it another way. Sewing experts assist with fixing clothing, jackets, gloves, socks

and other items. Note, these fix-it events cannot accommodate alterations.

**Bike repair:** If your bike is making mysterious sounds or gathering dust due to a flat tire, bring it in for a tune-up or repair. Learn how to perform basic bike tune-ups, including how to patch a flat tire, adjust brakes and gears and learn how to replace broken or worn-out parts such as chains and tires. Clinics cannot accommodate replacing a bike wheel.

**Bike Repair** – April 6, 1 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

**Clothing Repair** – April 12, 2 p.m., Ocean View Branch; April 26, 10 a.m., Ingleside Branch

More information at [sfenvironment.org/repair-events-and-fix-it-clinics](https://sfenvironment.org/repair-events-and-fix-it-clinics).

## Climate Awareness Youth and Family Programs

Learn about the living things that make up planet Earth and what you can do to be a good steward of the land.



### Honeybee Hives

Learn about the importance of honeybee pollination, life in the hive, equipment needed for a hive and beekeeper's tools. Watch honeybees in action through an observation hive and sample honey.

**Bee Biology with the San Francisco Beekeepers Association** – April 19, 11 a.m., Excelsior Branch

### Supporting Pollinators

Learn about pollinator-friendly plants and seed saving. Go on a guided tour with a Hawk Creek Farm staff member and leave with a planted seed to take home.

**Pollinator-Friendly Plants and Seed Saving at Hawk Creek Farm** – April 24, 4 p.m., Hawk Creek Farm, 203 Cotter St.

Make a seed ball to create your own urban garden. Be a friend to pollinators and encourage native plants to grow in urban spaces. For ages 5 and older. Space limited. Reservations required: (415) 355-5660.

**Creating Seed Balls** – April 20, 2 p.m., Portola Branch; April 25, 3:30 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch

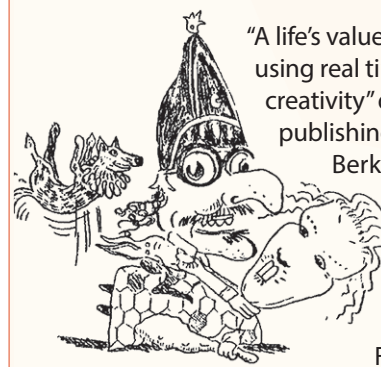


### Explore the Outdoors with the iNaturalist App

Meet at the library to learn how to use the iNaturalist app on your smartphone or library-provided tablets, then explore the biodiversity of our neighborhood with Sophie Constantinou of the Bernal Cut Project.

**Learn How to be a Citizen Scientist** – April 27, 2 p.m., Glen Park Branch

## Collections Corner: No Foolin'! Poltroon Press at 50



"A life's value gained from using real time for curious creativity" describes the publishing philosophy of Berkeley's Poltroon

Press. Founded in April 1975 by textile designer and artist

Frances Butler

(1940–2024) and letterpress printer Alastair Johnston, the press issued a range of eccentric, cryptic, irreverent, artistic, literary and historical works using the once unfashionable technology known as letterpress printing. Readers will discover poetry by Darrell Gray, Tom Clark, Larry Fagin, Robert Gregory and Philip Whalen; short stories by Lucia Berlin; bibliographies of the White Rabbit Press, Auerhahn Press and Zephyrus Image; engaging histories such as *Dreaming on the Edge: Poets & Book Artists in the History of the Book in California* (2016) and *Alphabets to Order: The Literature of Nineteenth-century Typefounders' Specimens* (2000). Butler and Johnston took fragments of the world and pieced them together.

The publications and ephemera of Poltroon Press may be found in the Grabhorn Collection on the History of Printing & the Development of the Book, Book Arts & Special Collections Center, Main Library, 6th Floor.

Image: Poltroon Press pressmark

## 100 Years of Surrealism at the Main Library

SFPL celebrates Surrealism's 100th anniversary with film screenings, book displays, a collage workshop, an SF Ballet presentation and an online art history presentation. The French poet André Breton (1896–1966) launched the literature, art and cultural movement known as Surrealism in 1924 with his *Manifesto of Surrealism*. This beguiling manifesto proposed new ways of seeing, creating and living that would restore to an alienated populace a childhood's sense of wonder.

Breton demanded total freedom for the imagination and liberation from all conventions, but also suggested techniques such as automatic writing, hypnosis, parlor games and dream analysis for achieving these utopian aims. Surrealism's "revolution of the mind" did not confine itself solely to art and aesthetics. From the beginning, Surrealism declared itself vehemently opposed to militarism, colonialism, sexual repression, religious oppression, economic injustice, censorship and racism. Surrealism's aim, Breton wrote, was to "transform the world" and "change life." That fight continues.

Find out all the details about SFPL's celebration of the Surrealism movement: [on.sfpl.org/surrealism100](https://on.sfpl.org/surrealism100).



Image by Toyen, *Asleep* 1937

## Imagining an APIA World: APIA Children's Book Authors and Illustrators

The APIA (Asian Pacific Islander American) Biography Project celebrates its 12th annual Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a kickoff event at the Main Library. This year's theme takes on the magical world of storytelling and children's literature by highlighting award-winning APIA picture book authors and illustrators

through book displays, games and craft activities. Meet and read with local authors Oliver Chin and Traci Huahn.



Traci Huahn and Oliver Chin

Throughout May, visit [apiabiography.sfsu.edu](https://apiabiography.sfsu.edu) to access videos, activities and resources.

View the *Wall of Fame* exhibit at the Children's Center featuring Caldecott Award recipients and participate in a scavenger hunt. The first 50 children age 12 or younger get a free prize bag!

**Kickoff Live Event** – April 27, 12 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room, Lower Level

**Online Event** – May 1–31, [apiabiography.sfsu.edu](https://apiabiography.sfsu.edu)

## Creative Writing Resources

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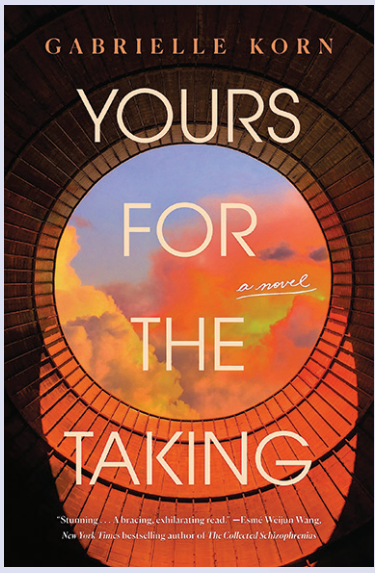
### Step Up Your Writing Skills Today!

Have you ever wanted to write a book or learn something new? Gale Online Courses and Udemy are here to help. All you need is your SFPL card and a willingness to learn.

Sign up for six-week classes on Gale Online Courses or access on-demand videos via Udemy. Topics run the gamut from creative writing to technology and more. Popular classes include A to Z Grant Writing and Writing With Flair: How To Become An Exceptional Writer.

Need help? You can message your instructor on Gale Online Courses or post questions on Udemy.

Embark on your learning journey today at [sfpl.org/elearning](https://sfpl.org/elearning). For the Udemy mobile app, search for Udemy for Business and enter "Gale" for the organization name. Ask your local librarian if you need further assistance.



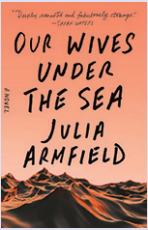
## ON THE SAME PAGE

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Selection

### Gabrielle Korn's *Yours for the Taking*

#### OTSP Read-Alikes

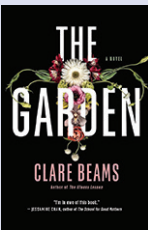
If you liked *Yours for the Taking* by Gabrielle Korn, these speculative fiction books are stylistically complex and unconventional, feature first-person narratives and include authentic characters with LGBTQ+ identities, making them perfect for fans of *Yours for the Taking*.



#### *Our Wives Under the Sea* by Julia Armfield

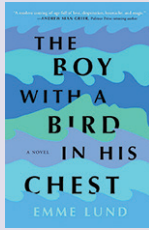
A haunting novel about a lesbian couple dealing with the aftermath

of a disastrous deep-sea mission. Full of existentialism, unanswered questions, odd details and ambiguity.



#### *The Garden* by Clare Beams

Childless and pregnant for the sixth time, protagonist Irene checks herself into a care center for high-risk pregnancies located on an isolated estate. An eerie novel inspired by real-life horrors of historic obstetric medicine.



#### *The Boy With a Bird in His Chest* by Emme Lund

Owen Tanner has a talking sparrow in his chest. He is living a secret life in his

mother's house in Montana when he is discovered and flees to live with family on the shore of Puget Sound, where he meets a boy and falls in love. A beautifully written coming-of-age story, full of well-developed, empathetic characters.

#### Related Events

**Author Talk: Gabrielle Korn in Conversation** – April 19, 4 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium. Register: [on.sfpl.org/4hvwBZP](https://on.sfpl.org/4hvwBZP)

**Book Club** – April 15, 7 p.m., Virtual Library. Register: [on.sfpl.org/3WxUJTz](https://on.sfpl.org/3WxUJTz)

## The Real World: Comic Art from the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor

April is National Humor Month! So it's no surprise that the Annual Wit & Humor exhibition opens April Fools' Day with *The Real World: Comic Art from the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor*. Founded in 1947 by humanitarian and comic book reader Nat Schmulowitz (1889–1966), who understood that “without humor the world is doomed,” the collection currently includes more than 24,000 volumes in a wide variety of humorous genres, including satire, folk and fairy tales, joke books, cartoons and comic books.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the Art, Music & Recreation Center presents themed film screenings during the month of May. All films are shown at 12 p.m. in the Main Library's Koret Auditorium on the Lower Level. Coming up: May 1: *Popeye*; May 22: *The Addams Family*; May 29: *Over the Hedge*.

**The Real World: Comic Art from the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor** – Through June 30, Main Library, Skylight Gallery, 6th Floor



*Nancy is Happy*  
by Ernie Bushmiller  
(2012)

## SWANA Programs

### Programs for Youth

#### Arabic Dance and Music

Celebrate Arabic arts and culture with dancer Nicole Maria and percussionist Faisal Zedan. Their engaging interactive performance will include a belly dance and a percussion lesson. For children and their caregivers.

**Belly Dance and Percussion Workshop** – April 6, 2 p.m., Ocean View Branch; April 12, 1:30 p.m., Marina Branch; April 27, 3:30 p.m., Potrero Branch

#### Henna, Ancient Pigment of Beauty

Renda Dabit, with Henna Garden, shares the history and culture of henna. Participants can get a small henna design. For ages 8–18. Youth must be accompanied by an adult. Space limited.

**Henna** – April 17, 4 p.m., Main Library, Children's Center, 2nd Floor

### Programs for Adults



the bold and innovative currents in modern and contemporary Iranian poetry with her Northern California Book Awards–nominated anthology *Belonging: New Poetry by Iranians Around the World*.

**Beyond Rumi – Avant-Garde Iranian Voices** – April 27, 1:30 p.m., North Beach; May 6, 6 p.m., Anza

#### Tatreez, Traditional Embroidery Art

Learn about the history of Palestinian tatreez, pre- and post-1948 and participate in a hands-on tatreez stitching tutorial with Amanne Sharif.

**Tatreez 101** – April 6, 2 p.m., Portola; April 15, 5 p.m., Park; April 23, 5 p.m., Mission Bay; April 29, 5 p.m., Eureka Valley; May 31, 1 p.m., West Portal



### Recommendations for Films and Books

A selection of newer movies, new books for ages 5–13 and a wide range of teen reading, from realistic fiction to fantasy. All in celebration of the diverse cultures, traditions and histories of Southwest Asian and North African heritage (SWANA). All are available at SFPL.



#### Films on DVD

*Long Distance Swimmer* (2024)

*Burning Days* (2024)

*Alam* (2024)

#### Kids' Books

*Homeland: My Father Dreams of Palestine* by Hannah Moushabeck

*Lost Words* by Leila Boukarim

*Grounded* by Aisha Saeed, Huda Al-Marashi, Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow and S.K. Ali

#### Teen Reads

*Treasures of Egypt: The Spear and the Scythe* by Amr Saleh

*The Search for Us* by Susan Azim Boyer

*Love from Mecca to Medina* by S. K. Ali



## Youth Poetry Programs

Celebrate the power of poetry to create stories that evoke emotions, create vivid imagery and express complex ideas.



Ella Gordon

### Tiny Poems

Celebrate “Poem in Your Pocket” day by carrying a cherished poem that you can easily share with others, all day. For children and their families. **Poem in Your Pocket** – April 17, 4:15 p.m., Ingleside Branch Library

### Youth Poets

Listen to students from the Spoken Arts program at Ruth Asawa School of the Arts as they perform spoken word. Featured reader is 2023 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Ella Gordon. **Youth Poets** – April 21, 4:30 p.m., Glen Park Branch

### Upcycled Book Art

Create hedgehog book art or make a poem using recycled books. For ages 10–18. **Book Art and Blackout Poetry** – April 30, 4 p.m., Ortega Branch



## Poetry of Nature Booklist for Youth

Celebrate April as both Poetry Month and Earth Month with these picture books, available at SFPL, conveying the wonders of nature through poetry.



*This Is a Tiny Fragile Snake*  
by Nicholas Ruddock



*The Pumpkin Seed's Secret: A Life Cycle Poem*  
by Hannah Barnaby



*An Earth Song*  
by Langston Hughes

# April 2025 Event Calendar

## Adults

### 1 Tuesday

**Crafting**  
Visitacion Valley, 4:30–6 p.m.

**Citizen Coyotes**  
North Beach, 6–7:30 p.m.

### 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Tuesdays

**Bocce Ball Class**  
North Beach, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

**Fit for Life** North Beach, 1 p.m.\*

**ESL Convo Club** Virtual, 3 p.m.

### 2 Wednesday

**Book Exchange**  
Golden Gate Valley, 1 p.m.

**Employment: Those w/ Disabilities** Main, Atrium, 1–3:30 p.m.

**Movement w/ Music**  
Marina, 3 p.m.

**Paper Mosaics**  
Noe Valley, 4 p.m.

**Avoid Blessing Scams**  
Visitacion Valley, 6–7 p.m.

### 2, 16 Wednesdays

**Yoga** Ingleside, 6 p.m.\*

### 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Wednesdays

**Beginning Tai-Chi**  
Anza, 1:30 p.m.

**Meditation** Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 12 p.m.

### 3 Thursday

**Public Safety** Excelsior, 4 p.m.\*

**Art of Malik Seneferu**  
Main, African American Ctr - 3rd Fl, 6–7:30 p.m.

### 3, 10, 17, 24 Thursdays

**Breath Meditation**  
Richmond, 11 a.m.

**Disability/Aging Svcs Drop-in** Sunset, 12–2 p.m.

**Wild Goose Qigong**  
Presidio, 2 p.m.

**English Convo Club**  
Mission, 3:30 p.m.

### 4, 11, 18, 25 Fridays

**Aging Mastery Program**  
Noe Valley, 1–3 p.m.

### 4, 18 Fridays

**Watercolor**  
Bernal Heights, 1–5 p.m.

**Knitting** Anza, 3–5 p.m.

### 5 Saturday

**Tai Chi for Wellness**  
Golden Gate Valley, 1:30 p.m.

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

**Container Gardening**  
West Portal, 1–2:30 p.m.

**Flower Petal Drawing Bag**  
Visitacion Valley, 2:30–4 p.m.\*

**Financial Education**  
Richmond, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

**Healing Plants of SF**  
Presidio, 2 p.m.

**Night of Ideas**  
Main, Atrium, 7–11:45 p.m.

### 5, 12, 19, 26 Saturdays

**Creative Afternoons / 創意無限**  
周六午 Chinatown, 2:30–4 p.m.

**Wild Goose Qigong**  
Marina, 9 a.m.

### 5, 19 Saturdays

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

### 6 Sunday

**Bike Repair**  
Visitacion Valley, 1–4 p.m.

**Jewish Folk Chorus**  
Richmond, 2 p.m.

**Karaoke** Glen Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Mini Art Gallery Craft**  
Marina, 2–3:30 p.m.\*

**Village Within a City**  
Noe Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Garden Swap**  
Eureka Valley, 3 p.m.

**Yarn Circle**  
Western Addition, 3 p.m.

### 7 Monday

**Poetry & Painting**  
Noe Valley, 4 p.m.

### 7, 21 Mondays

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

### 7, 14, 21, 28 Mondays

**Tai Chi, Presidio**  
1:30 (Beginners)  
2:15 (Advanced)

**Shut Up & Write**  
Potrero, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

**Coloring w/ Coffee**  
Anza, 11 p.m.

### 8 Tuesday

**Why Invest in Stocks?**  
Virtual, 2 p.m.

**Refuse Refuse**  
Richmond, 3:30 p.m.

**Candlestick Point SRA** Main, Environ. Ctr - 5th Fl, 5:30 p.m.

**On the Page, Off the Page**  
Park, 6 p.m.

### 8, 22 Tuesdays

**Knitting** Glen Park, 1–2:30 p.m.

**National Poetry Month**  
Main, Koret, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

### 9 Wednesday

**Genealogy Group**  
Virtual, 1–3 p.m.

**歡唱華語金曲 / Chinese Pop Karaoke** Chinatown, 2–4 p.m.\*

**Asian Paintings** Virtual, 6:30 p.m.

### 10 Thursday

**Prevención de fraudes y estafas.** Excelsior, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

**SFPL Genealogy Databases**  
Glen Park, 1 p.m.

**Bill Sorro Housing Program**  
Main, Atrium, 3–5 p.m.

**Craft Club** West Portal, 5:45 p.m.\*

**Kim Shuck's Poem Jam**  
Main, Lower Level, 6 p.m.

### 11 Friday

**Avoid Blessing Scams (Cantonese)** Visitacion Valley, 2 p.m.

**MakeArt** Mission, 3–5 p.m.

**Karaoke** Excelsior, 4–5:30 p.m.

### 11, 25 Fridays

**Watercolor** Glen Park, 1:30–5 p.m.

### 12 Saturday

**Plant Swap** Sunset, 10:30 a.m.

**Ted Talks: Skateboarding**  
Main, Jewett Gallery, 12–1 p.m.

**Chinese Calligraphy & Chess**  
Visitacion Valley, 2:30–4 p.m.

**Berkeley Rep Talk: Here There Are Blueberries** Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 2 p.m.

**Book Talk: Starry Field** Main, Chinese Ctr - 3rd Fl, 2–4 p.m.

**Hyo-shin Na's Music for Piano**  
Main, Koret Lobby, 2–4 p.m.

**3D Printing/Tinkercad** Main, Comp. Ctr - 5th Fl, 2–4 p.m.

**Clothing Repair**  
Ocean View, 2–4 p.m.

### 12, 26 Saturdays

**Gentle Yoga** Mission Bay, 10 a.m.

**Tai Chi for Beginners**  
Mission Bay, 1 p.m.

### 13 Sunday

**Lacemaking & Fiber Arts**  
North Beach, 1:30 p.m.

**Cultivate Citrus in Containers**  
Mission Bay, 2 p.m.

**Creatives' Corner**  
Potrero, 2–4 p.m.

**Rock Painting**  
Eureka Valley, 3 p.m.\*

**Prague Surrealist Group**  
Virtual, 4:30 p.m.

### 14 Monday

**TBBC Writer's Salon** Main, TBBC - 2nd Floor, 12 p.m.\*

### 15 Tuesday

**SWANA Celebration**  
Sunset, 4 p.m.\*

**Vinyl Listening Party**  
Excelsior, 6 p.m.

**Zinething** Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 6 p.m.

### 16 Wednesday

**Adaptive Chair Yoga** Main, TBBC - 2nd Floor, 3:30 p.m.\*

**Islamic Pattern Watercolor**  
Ocean View, 3:30 p.m.\*

**Beginning Jewelry Making**  
Mission Bay, 5:30–7 p.m.

**First 100 Days of Trump's 2nd Term** Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 6 p.m.

**Recycled Art Sculpture**  
Mission, 6–7:30 p.m.\*

### 17 Thursday

**Letterpress Art** Anza, 3 p.m.\*

**Chess Club** Glen Park, 5 p.m.

**Gender Diversity in Animals**  
Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 6 p.m.

**Poets Michael Koch & James Cagney** Main, Lower Level, 6–7:15 p.m.

**Queer Ancestors Project Reading** Main, Hormel Ctr - 3rd Fl, 6–7:30 p.m.

### 18 Friday

**Yoga** Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 2 p.m.

**Disaster Preparedness**  
Visitacion Valley, 2 p.m.

**Bilingual Convo Club (Spanish, English)** Excelsior, 5 p.m.\*

### 19 Saturday

**Frankenstein in Collage Illustration** Virtual, 10–11:30 a.m.

**Drawing From Taste of Cherry**  
Main, Lower Level, 11–1 p.m.

**National Poetry Month**  
Main, Koret, 12:30–2 p.m.

**SF Poet Laureate Genny Lim & Friends** Main, Lower Level, 2–3:30 p.m.

**NERT Map Your Neighborhood** Potrero, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Open House** Merced, 2–5 p.m.

**Storytime for Grown-ups**  
Western Addition, 4 p.m.

**Gabrielle Korn in Conversation** Main, Koret, 4–5 p.m.

### 20 Sunday

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

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

**Crafternoon**  
Excelsior, 2–3:30 p.m.

### 21 Monday

**Use Online News Archives**  
Golden Gate Valley, 4 p.m.

### 22 Tuesday

**Sequoia Living Sr Ctrs**  
Main, Atrium, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

**Visible Mending**  
Park, 5 p.m.\*

### 23 Wednesday

**Scrap Quilting**  
Bernal Heights, 2–4 p.m.

**Jewelry Making**  
Noe Valley, 4 p.m.

**Finding Govt. Docs**  
Virtual, 6 p.m.

**Tea Blending**  
Western Addition, 6 p.m.\*

**Chess** Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

### 24 Thursday

**Bill Sorro Housing Program**  
Main, Atrium, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

**Play Masterpiece**  
Potrero, 12 p.m.\*

**Community Tea Time**  
Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

**Story of Skateboarding in SF**  
Main, Koret, 6–7:30 p.m.

**Poets Lisa Rosenberg & Caroline Goodwin**  
Main, Lower Level, 6 p.m.

### 25 Friday

**Seed Bombs**  
Golden Gate Valley, 3:30 p.m.

**Therapy Pets** Excelsior, 4 p.m.

### 26 Saturday

**Clothing Repair**  
Ingleside, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

**Then & Now Photo Hunt**  
Noe Valley, 1–5 p.m.

**Paper Dreams Collage** Main, Music Ctr - 4th Fl, 2–4 p.m.

## On View

### Jewett Gallery, Main Library, Lower Level

#### Skateboarding San Francisco:

#### Concrete, Community, Continuity

Focusing on the city's unique terrain and icons in skateboarding, the exhibition combines archival photos from the library's own History Center with historic skate photos, videos and material artifacts. The collection celebrates the impact of skateboarding in San Francisco that continues to reverberate across the globe. Through July 6

#### Related exhibits throughout Main Library

**First Person: Art by Felicia Gabaldon** Exhibit includes original painted skateboard decks by Gabaldon. Through Nov. 1. Wallace Stegner Environmental Center, 5th Fl.

**Karl Watson: My First Skateboard**  
Through April 20. Main Children's Center, 2nd Fl.

**The Star of Thrasher Magazine: San Francisco in Concrete** Through May 13. Elevator Landing, 5th Fl.

**Get Busy: LGBTQIA Zines from the Bay and Beyond**  
Through July 27. Hormel LGBTQIA Center, 3rd Fl.

**That's Rad: San Francisco Bay Area Zine Culture**  
Through July 27. Skylight Gallery, 6th Fl.

**Spinning Out: Skateboarder's Vinyl Picks** April 11–June 15. Art, Music & Recreation Center, 4th Fl.

### Skylight Galleries, Main Library, 6th Floor

#### Margaret Kilgallen: Off the Wall

A member of the Library's Preservation Department, Kilgallen repaired books while regularly researching old type specimens and letterforms upstairs in Book Arts & Special Collections. Extended through March 9

#### The Real World: Comic Art from the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor

April is National Humor Month! So it's no surprise that the Annual Wit & Humor exhibition opens April Fools' Day. (Story on Page 3.) April 1–June 30

### Other Exhibits, Main Library

#### First Person: Art by Felicia Gabaldon

Presented in conjunction with SFPL's First Person: Native American Heritage Celebration. Through Nov. 1. Stegner Environmental Center, 5th Floor

#### Malik Seneferu: A Retrospective

A showcases of the artist's diverse body of work via thematic sections—explosions in color; sculptural works; an assemblage series; a legacy series honoring elders; and reproductions of original artworks. Through April 20. African American Center, 3rd Floor

#### Stitching Resilience—Celebrating Women, Life, Freedom

A vibrant collection of quilts crafted by artists and grassroots communities from more than 35 nationalities, celebrating the Woman, Life, Freedom movement. Curated by Iranian Women in Network. Through April 30. General Collections, 3rd Floor

#### We Heart Tenderloin: Photographs by Judy Irunyi

Irunyi photographed the Tenderloin community from 2014–2016. Fulton and Larkin St. Through June 6. Entrances and the 5th and 6th floors

**String Art Mandala**  
Ocean View, 2 p.m.\*

**Dawn Meredith Smith**  
Western Addition, 3:30 p.m.

**Journaling Pop-Up**  
Sunset, 3 p.m.

### 27 Sunday

**Radio Nostalgia** Main, TBBC - 2nd Floor, 1–2:30 p.m.

**Journaling** Main, Fulton Rm - 3rd Fl, 2–3 p.m.

**Author: Dick Evans and Kathy Chin Leong, San Francisco's Chinatown**  
Anza, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Container Cultivation**  
Richmond, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Identify Plants**  
Glen Park, 2–4 p.m.

**Queer Comix** Main, Paley Rm - 3rd Fl, 2–4 p.m.

**Beatles Singalong**  
Main, Stong Rm - 1st Fl, 3 p.m.

**Rogue Recovery**  
North Beach, 3 p.m.

### 28 Monday

**Sleep Health** Virtual, 3 p.m.

### 29 Tuesday

**Pathway to Citizenship Lawyers** Main, Lower Level, 1 p.m.\*

**Booked & Beautiful**  
Main, Koret, 5:30 p.m.

**Facing Mecca** Virtual, 6:30 p.m.

**SF Ballet's Frankenstein**  
Main, Lower Level, 6 p.m.

**Writing Group**  
North Beach, 6–7:30 p.m.

**Grotto Nights** Virtual, 6 p.m.

### 30 Wednesday

**Walking Tour** North Beach, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

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## Skate, Rock, Roll, Read

Fulton Street becomes a hub of activity—live performances, interactive hands-on creative activities and community-based resources for youth and families—with this year's Skate, Rock, Roll, Read with the SFUSD Youth Arts Festival in partnership with Tiratana Espiritu Productions. The day includes skateboarding lessons, designing skate sneakers and creating signature skateboard deck designs.

This year's festival culminates in a free all-ages event Saturday, April 26, where SFUSD students showcase their artistic skills and passion. Partners include local skateboarders, artists and arts organizations to amplify student voices through the arts and literacy.

**Skate, Rock, Roll, Read** – April 26, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.,  
Fulton Plaza

## Jobs & Careers, Personal Finance and Small Business

[1 Tuesday](#)

**Set Financial Goals**  
Virtual, 10–11 a.m.

[2 Wednesday](#)

**Demystifying Financial Planning** Virtual, 12–1 p.m.

**Organizing Critical Info**  
Glen Park, 2–3 p.m.

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

**Small Biz Mentors**  
Main, Small Bus. Ctr - 4th Fl, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

[3 Thursday](#)

**Ask an Estate Attorney**  
Virtual, 11–12 p.m.

**Small Biz Office Hrs**  
Excelsior, 12–3 p.m.

[4 Friday](#)

**AARP Tax Prep**  
Glen Park, 1–6 p.m.

[8 Tuesday](#)

**Business Legal Structures**  
Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

[9 Wednesday](#)

**Successful Retirement**  
Main, Lower Level, 2–3 p.m.

[9, 23 Wednesdays](#)

**Dpt. of Disability/Aging Svcs**  
Main, Atrium, 1–3:30 p.m.

[10 Thursday](#)

**Scam/Fraud Prevention**  
Excelsior, 11:30–12:30 p.m.

**Small Biz Advisors**  
Virtual, 2 p.m.

**Avoid Scams, Fraud & ID Theft** Virtual, 4 p.m.

[11 Friday](#)

**Prop 19: Property Transfers**  
Virtual, 1 p.m.

[12 Saturday](#)

**Money Matters**  
Ingleside, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

[15 Tuesday](#)

**BeneFITS 2 Work** Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 11:30–1 p.m.

[16 Wednesday](#)

**Employment Resources**  
Main, Atrium, 1–3:30 p.m.

**Retirement Plans for Women** Virtual, 4–5 p.m.

[17 Thursday](#)

**Intro to Smart Investing**  
Virtual, 3–4 p.m.

[19 Saturday](#)

**How Money Works**  
Anza, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

[22 Tuesday](#)

**Insurance & Sub-Limits**  
Virtual, 4–5 p.m.

[24 Thursday](#)

**Marriage & Fin. Planning**  
Virtual, 2–3 p.m.

[25 Friday](#)

**Balance Debt & Dreams**  
Virtual, 1–2:30 p.m.

[26 Saturday](#)

**Investing 101**  
Anza, 2:30–5:30 p.m.

[30 Wednesday](#)

**Finance & the Sandwich Generation** Virtual, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

## Book Clubs

[1, 15 Tuesdays](#)

**Arundhati Roy, *The God of Small Things*** Glen Park, 1 p.m.

[2, 16, 30 Wednesdays](#)

**Silent Book Club**  
Richmond, 3 p.m.

[3 Thursday](#)

**André Breton, *Nadja***  
Virtual, 6 p.m.

[7 Monday](#)

**Virtual Book Club**  
Virtual, 4 p.m.

[8 Tuesday](#)

**Cozy Capers & Mysteries**  
Presidio, 3 p.m.

[9 Wednesday](#)

**Chinatown Readers**  
Chinatown, 5:15 p.m.

[10 Thursday](#)

**Discuss Talking Books**  
Main, TBBC - 2nd Floor, 3 p.m.\*

[15 Tuesday](#)

**Rincón Literario**  
Main, Paley Rm - 3rd Fl, 6 p.m.

**Gabrielle Korn, *Yours for the Taking*** Virtual, 7 p.m.

[16 Wednesday](#)

**Silent Book Club**  
Richmond, 3–5 p.m.

**Book Club** Noe Valley, 6:30 p.m.

**Omar El Akkad, *What Strange Paradise*** West Portal, 6 p.m.

[17 Thursday](#)

**Literate Goat** Potrero, 6 p.m.

[18 Friday](#)

**Miri Yu, *Tokyo Ueno Station***  
Noe Valley, 3 p.m.

[19 Saturday](#)

**Weike Wang, *Joan Is Okay***  
Ortega, 11 a.m.

**Marjane Satrapi, *Persepolis 1 and 2*** Ocean View, 2 p.m.

[20 Sunday](#)

**Great Books Discussion**  
Anza, 1:30 p.m.

[22 Tuesday](#)

**George Orwell, *1984***  
Visitacion Valley, 4 p.m.

**Excelsior Reads**

Excelsior, 6:30 p.m.

[24 Thursday](#)

**Talking Book Club**  
Main, TBBC - 2nd Floor, 12 p.m.

[27 Sunday](#)

**Taylor Jenkins, *Malibu Rising***  
Marina, 2 p.m.

**Leila Slimani, *Watch Us Dance***  
Eureka Valley, Virtual, 3:30 p.m.

[29 Tuesday](#)

**Jean M. Auel, *The Clan of the Cave Bear*** Bernal Heights, 2 p.m.

[30 Wednesday](#)

**Percival Everett, *James: A Novel*** Mission Bay, 6:30 p.m.

**Great Books** Virtual, 6:30 p.m.

## Films

[2 Wednesday](#)

**Adam** North Beach, 5:30 p.m.

[3, 17, 24 Thursdays](#)

**Thurs@Noon Film Series**  
Main, Koret, 12 p.m.

[4 Friday](#)

**The 100 Year Old Man**  
Excelsior, 3:30 p.m.

**Wicked** Bayview, 2 p.m.

[5 Saturday](#)

**Folk Music of the Sahara**  
Golden Gate Valley, 3:30 p.m.

[7 Monday](#)

**7th Voyage of Sinbad**  
Glen Park, 1 p.m.

**200 Meters**

North Beach, 5:30 p.m.

[12 Saturday](#)

**Peace by Chocolate**  
Ingleside, 3 p.m.

**San Francisco** Potrero, 3 p.m.

[13 Sunday](#)

**Salvador Dali: In Search of Immortality**  
Main, Lower Level, 1 p.m.

**Southern District: Zona sur**  
Main, Koret, 2 p.m.

[14 Monday](#)

**Mysterious Island**  
Glen Park, 1 p.m.

**Saboteur**

Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

[15 Tuesday](#)

**Los Lobos** Main, Koret, 5 p.m.

[16 Wednesday](#)

**I Am the Revolution**  
North Beach, 5:30 p.m.

**Bitter Stems**

Main, Lower Level, 5 p.m.

**Jazireh Ahani/Iron Island**  
Park, 5 p.m.

[18 Friday](#)

**Radio Kobani** Main, Koret, 1 p.m.

[20 Sunday](#)

**Alice & Surrealist Shorts**  
Main, Lower Level, 1 p.m.

[21 Monday](#)

**One Million Years B.C.**  
Glen Park, 1 p.m.

[23 Wednesday](#)

**Death on the Nile**  
Chinatown, 1 p.m.

**The Insult/مقرر ٢٣**  
North Beach, 5:30 p.m.

**Un divan à Tunis/Arab Blues**  
Glen Park, 6 p.m.

[26 Saturday](#)

**Niger: Magic & Ecstasy in the Sahel** Golden Gate Valley, 2 p.m.

[27 Sunday](#)

**The Wandering Soap Opera & Surrealist Shorts** Main, Koret, 1 p.m.

[28 Monday](#)

**The Valley of Gwangi**  
Glen Park, 1 p.m.

**Where the Sidewalk Ends**  
Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

## Tech Time

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

**一對一基本科技協助 (粵語和國語)** Main, Comp. Ctr - 5th Fl, 10–11:30 a.m.

**Tech Drop-In** Main, Comp. Ctr - 5th Fl, 1–2:30 p.m.

**Tech Tuesdays** Bayview, 1–3 p.m.

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

**Career Coaching** Main, Sycip Rm - 4th Fl, 3–5 p.m.

[3 Thursday](#)

**Apply For a CA State Job**  
Virtual, 1–2:30 p.m.

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

**Career Coaching** Main, Sycip Rm - 4th Fl, 11–1 p.m.

[5, 12, 19 Saturdays](#)

**Tech Help** West Portal, 12–3 p.m.

[5, 12, 19 Saturdays](#)

**Tech Coaches**  
Visitacion Valley, 1–5 p.m.

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

**Tech Help**  
Sunset, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

[9 Wednesday](#)

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

[9, 23 Wednesdays](#)

**Tech Savvy at 60+**  
Richmond, 2–3:30 p.m.

[10 Thursday](#)

**Drop-In Tech Help (Older Adults)** Visitacion Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

[11 Friday](#)

**Drop-In Tech Help (Older Adults)** Richmond, 1:30–3 p.m.

**Digital Literacy**

Main, Learning Studio - 5th Fl, 2–4 p.m.

[11, 25 Fridays](#)

**Tablets/Phones in Cantonese (Older Adults)** Sunset, 1–2:30 p.m.

[12 Saturday](#)

**eBook Drop-In**  
Main, Atrium, 3–4:30 p.m.

[14 Monday](#)

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

[16 Wednesday](#)

**LinkedIn for Job Search, Part 3**  
Virtual, 2–3:15 p.m.

**Meitu Basics /美圖簡介**  
Chinatown, 2–4 p.m.

[17 Thursday](#)

**Interviewing Essentials**  
Virtual, 1–2 p.m.

[18 Friday](#)

**Tablets/Phones (Older Adults)** Sunset, 1–2:30 p.m.

[21 Monday](#)

**Careers: Academic Libraries**  
Virtual, 2–3 p.m.

[22 Tuesday](#)

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

[24 Thursday](#)

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

[25 Friday](#)

**Drop-In Tech Help (Older Adults)** Ortega, 1:30–3 p.m.

[30 Wednesday](#)

**Certificate in MS Basics**  
Main, Comp. Ctr - 5th Fl, 4–6 p.m.

## Teens

**The Mix at SFPL**

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

[3 Thursday](#)

**Guitar Pedals, Distortion & Fuzz** Main, 5–6 p.m.

[3, 17 Thursdays](#)

**Digital Design Studio**  
Main, 4–5 p.m.

[8, 15, 22, 29 Tuesdays](#)

**Portfolio Prep** Main, 5–6 p.m.

[10 Thursday](#)

**Drawing on Photos in Procreate** Main, 4–5 p.m.

[16 Wednesday](#)

**Biblio Bistro** Main, 4–6 p.m.

[23 Wednesday](#)

**Snack Trials** Main, 4–5 p.m.

[27 Sunday](#)

**Mario Kart 8** Main, 3–5 p.m.

[30 Wednesday](#)

**826 Valencia Writers Club**  
Main, 4–6:30 p.m.

**Teens at the Branches**

[2 Wednesday](#)

**Gel Plate Printing**  
Bayview, 3 p.m.\*

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

**Knitting Club**  
Ortega, 2:30–4 p.m.

**Teen Volunteer Corps**

Merced, 3–4 p.m.

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

**Teen Studio** Merced, 5–6 p.m.

[6 Sunday](#)

**Teen Art Club** Anza, 2–3:30 p.m.

[6, 27 Sundays](#)

**Drop-In Crafts**  
North Beach, 2–3 p.m.

[7, 21, 28 Mondays](#)

**Drop-In Math Tutors**  
Ingleside, 3:45–5:15 p.m.

[8 Tuesday](#)

**Film: *Watchmen*, Eps 8–9**  
Potrero, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

[8, 15, 22 Tuesdays](#)

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# April 2025 Events

## Children

Programs run 1–2 hours in length, unless noted. For detailed descriptions of listings, go to [sfpl.org/events](https://sfpl.org/events).

### Early Childhood

#### 1 Tuesday

**LEGO Free Play**  
Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

#### 3 Thursday

**Mini-Makers**  
Merced, 11–11:30 a.m.

#### 5 Saturday

**Community Baby Shower**  
Excelsior, 10:30–12:30 p.m.

#### STEM Playtime

Ocean View, 11–12 p.m.

#### 5, 12, 19, 26 Saturdays

**Toddler Ball Pit**  
Glen Park, 10:30–12:30 p.m.

#### 7, 21 Mondays

**Dance Party** Glen Park, 10–11 a.m.

#### 8 Tuesday

**Dance Party** Merced, 11–12 p.m.

#### 12 Saturday

**Big SF Play Date**  
Merced, 10–1 p.m.  
Portola, 2–4 p.m.

#### 14 Monday

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

#### 16 Wednesday

**Big SF Play Date** Potrero, 1–3 p.m.

#### 27 Sunday

**Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros** Main, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

#### 29 Tuesday

**Big SF Play Date**  
Excelsior, 11–2 p.m.

### Elementary School Age

#### 1 Tuesday

**Craft** Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

#### 2 Wednesday

**LEGO & Robotics**  
Bernal Heights, 6–7:30 p.m.

#### 2, 9, 16, 23 Wednesdays

**Tutoring** Ortega, 3–4 p.m.

#### 3 Thursday

**LEGO Free Play**  
Sunset, 2:30–4 p.m.

#### LEGO/Camera Obscura

North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

## Family

#### 3 Thursday

**Chess Club** Glen Park, 4–6 p.m.

#### 4 Friday

**MakeArt** Bernal Heights, 3–5 p.m.

#### 5 Saturday

**Plant Swap** Visitacion Valley, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

#### Health & Wellness

Parkside, 2–4 p.m.

#### Origami

Bernal Heights, 2–5 p.m.

#### Afternoon of Ideas

Main, 4–5 p.m.

#### 5, 12, 19, 26 Saturdays

**Playtime** Potrero, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

#### 6 Sunday

**Islamic Tile Art Bookmarks**  
Mission Bay, 2–3 p.m.

#### SF Symphony Concert

Parkside, 2–3 p.m.

#### 6, 13 Sundays

**Puppy Dog Tales**  
Ortega, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

#### 4 Friday

**Popsicle Stick Suncatcher**  
Chinatown, 3:45 p.m.\*

**Read w/ Jeffrey the Therapy Dog** Glen Park, 4–5 p.m.

**Girls Who Code** Sunset, 4 p.m.\*

#### 5 Saturday

**Paint Like a Woman, Etel Adnan** Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

**LEGO/STEM Free Play**  
Park, 3–4:30 p.m.

#### Mini Flower Pots

Noe Valley, 4–5 p.m.

#### 5, 12, 19, 26 Saturday

**Rigamajig Free Play**  
Chinatown, 11–12:30 p.m.

#### 6 Sunday

**LEGO Robotics** Merced, 3–4 p.m.

#### 6, 13, 20, 27 Sundays

**Board Games** Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

#### 6, 20 Sundays

**Coding Club** Ortega, 1 p.m.\*

#### 7, 14, 21, 28 Mondays

**Tutoring** Ortega, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

#### Math Tutoring

West Portal, 4–5 p.m.

#### 8 Tuesday

**Puppy Dog Tales**  
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

#### 8, 22 Tuesdays

**Homework Lounge**  
Excelsior, 4–6 p.m.

#### 9 Wednesday

**Film: *The Wild Robot***  
Bayview, 3–4:45 p.m.

**Art Club** Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

**Jr. Readers** Marina, 6–7 p.m.

#### 10 Thursday

**Tile Art Bookmarks**  
Sunset, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

#### 11 Friday

**Puppy Dog Tales**  
Eureka Valley, 3–4 p.m.

#### 12 Saturday

**Christie Aida & the Free Press**  
Excelsior, 1–2 p.m.

**DnD for Kids** Park, 2–4:30 p.m.

**Shrink Plastic Keychains**  
Glen Park, 3 p.m.\*

#### 8 Tuesday

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

**Family Board Games/LEGO**  
Noe Valley, 6–7:30 p.m.

#### 10, 24 Thursdays

**Playtime in Japanese/日本語**  
Western Addition, 11–11:30 a.m.

#### 12 Saturday

**Little Artists** Eureka Valley, 10–11 a.m.

#### Open House

Western Addition, 1–5 p.m.

**Ebru, Marbling Paper Printing**  
Noe Valley, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

**Nevada Bret Jensen**  
Ortega, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

#### 13 Sunday

**Plant Swap** Main, Fulton St. Steps, 12–1 p.m.

**Board Games** Anza, 2–3:30 p.m.

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

#### 13, 27 Sundays

**Music Circle** Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.

## Excelsior Baby Shower

Expecting families and those with little ones up to 24 months old are welcome to enjoy a storytime, play area, crafts and light refreshments. Meet community agencies eager to let new families know about resources available to them. The first 100 families will receive a gift for attending with their baby. **Community Baby Shower** – April 5, 10:30 a.m., Excelsior Branch

**LEGO Free Play** Presidio, 3–4 p.m.

#### 12, 26 Saturdays

**Origami** Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

#### 13 Sunday

**LEGO Robotics** Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

**Collagraph Printmaking**  
West Portal, 2–3 p.m.

#### 14 Monday

**Watercolor** Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

#### 15 Tuesday

**LEGO Robotics** Bayview, 4–5 p.m.

**Bouncing Paper Bunny**  
Golden Gate Valley, 4–5 p.m.

#### 16 Wednesday

**LEGO/Magna-tiles Free Play**  
Anza, 3:30–5 p.m.

**Slime** Marina, 3–4:30 p.m.

#### LEGO Free Play

Bayview, 3–5 p.m.

#### 17 Thursday

**Islamic Art Bookmarks**  
Portola, 2–3 p.m.

**Poem in Your Pocket**  
Ingleside, 4:15–5:15 p.m.

**LEGO Build-O-Rama**  
North Beach, 4–4:45 p.m.

#### 18 Friday

**Choose Your Own Adventure**  
Merced, 4–5 p.m.

**Girls Who Code** Sunset, 4 p.m.\*

#### 19 Saturday

**Baba Ganoush** Main, Children's Creative Center - 2nd Fl, 1–2 p.m.

**LEGO Robotics**  
West Portal, 3–4 p.m.

#### 20 Sunday

**Puppy Dog Tales** Merced, 2–3 p.m.

**Seed Ball Craft** Portola, 2 p.m.\*

**Children's Book Swap**  
Sunset, 3–4:30 p.m.

#### 22 Tuesday

**Upcycling Sock Crafts**  
Sunset, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

#### 23 Wednesday

**Marble Machine**  
Ingleside, 3:15–4:30 p.m.

#### 25 Friday

**Comics & Drawing**  
Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

#### 24 Thursday

**Graphic Novels**  
Glen Park, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

#### 23 Wednesday

**Gaming Lounge** Bayview, 3–5 p.m.

#### 25 Friday

**Origami Pinwheel Envelopes**  
回收紙摺疊風車狀信封  
Chinatown, 3:30 p.m.\*

#### 29 Tuesday

**Chess Club** Bayview, 4–5 p.m.

#### 30 Wednesday

**Chess Club** Bayview, 4–5 p.m.

#### 24 Thursday

**“Rock the Bike” Fruit Smoothies** Bayview, 4–5 p.m.

#### Plants/Seeds at Hawk Creek Farm

Excelsior, 4–5 p.m.

#### Rock Painting

Western Addition, 4–5 p.m.

#### 25 Friday

**Dance Party** Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

#### 26 Saturday

**SFUSD Youth Arts Fest**  
Main, Koret, 11:30–2:30 p.m.

#### Open House

West Portal, 1–4 p.m.  
Visitacion Valley, 1–5 p.m.

#### Dawn Concept

Western Addition, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

#### Dance Party

Bernal Heights, 4–5 p.m.

#### 27 Sunday

**Nicole Maria & Faisal Zedan**  
Potrero, 3:30–4:15 p.m.

#### 30 Wednesday

**Dance Party** Excelsior, 3–4 p.m.

#### Swana Snacks

Marina, 3–4 p.m.

## Children's Storytimes

### Storytimes for Babies

Songs, rhymes and books for infants and their caregivers.

Anza – Every Saturday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
Bernal Heights – Every Wednesday, 12–12:30 p.m.\*  
Chinatown – Every Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.  
Eureka Valley – Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.  
Golden Gate Valley – Every Tuesday, 11:15–11:45 a.m.  
Ingleside – Every Tuesday, 1:30–2 p.m.  
Main – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Merced – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.  
Mission Bay – Every Thursday, 10:15–11:15 a.m.\*  
North Beach – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.  
Ortega – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Park – Every Saturday, 11–11:30 a.m.  
Potrero – Every Tuesday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.\*  
Presidio – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.  
Sunset – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Visitacion Valley – Every Monday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.  
West Portal – Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m. & 11:30–12 p.m.  
Western Addition – Every Tuesday, 11:45–12:45 p.m.

### Storytimes for Toddlers

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

Bernal Heights – Every Thursday, 10–10:30 a.m.\*  
Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.\*  
Eureka Valley – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.  
Excelsior – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
2 Wednesday, 6–6:30 p.m. (Español/English)  
Glen Park – Every Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.\*  
Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.  
2, 16 Wednesdays, 7–7:30 p.m.  
Ingleside – Every Monday, 11:30–12 p.m.  
Every Sunday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.  
Main – Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Merced – Every Monday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.  
Mission – 3 Thursday, 10:15 a.m. & 11 a.m.\* (Español/English)  
Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m. (en Español)  
Mission Bay – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.\*  
Noe Valley – 29 Tuesday, 6:30–7 p.m.  
North Beach – Every Thursday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.  
Ocean View – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
Ortega – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Park – Every Monday, 3:30–4 p.m.  
Parkside – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Portola – Every Monday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Potrero – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.\*  
Presidio – Every Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.  
Richmond – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.\*  
2 Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.\*  
Sunset – Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Visitacion Valley Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.  
West Portal – Every Tuesday, 11:30–12 p.m.  
Western Addition – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m.

### Storytimes for Preschoolers

Stories, songs, fingerplays and more for ages 3–5.

Bayview – Every Thursday, 11–11:30 a.m.  
Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 a.m. (Español/English)  
Chinatown – Every Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.  
Excelsior – Every Wednesday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Mission Bay – Every Tuesday, 11–11:30 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.

### Storytimes for Families

Books, songs, rhymes and fun for children of all ages.

Anza – Every Thursday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
Bernal Heights – Every Saturday, 10–10:30 a.m.\*  
Chinatown – Every Saturday, 2–2:30 p.m.  
Excelsior – 12, 19, 26 Saturdays, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Every Thursdays, 10:30–11 a.m. (Español/English)  
Golden Gate Valley – Every Friday, 1:15–1:45 p.m.  
Main – 25 Friday, 2–3 p.m.  
12, 19, 26 Saturdays, 11–11:30 a.m.  
Every Thu, 10:30–11 a.m. English/粵語課程 (Cantonese)  
Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m. (Español/English)  
Every Wednesday, 10–10:30 a.m. (Salesforce Rooftop)  
Marina – Every Saturday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
Every Tuesday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Merced – Every Wednesday, 2–2:30 p.m.  
Mission Bay – 14 Monday, 11:15–11:45 a.m. (SPARK Social SF)  
Noe Valley – Every Thu, 10:15–10:45 a.m. & 11–11:30 a.m.\*  
Ortega – Every Thursday, 11:30–12 p.m.  
Portola – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Potrero – Every Thursday, 10–10:30 a.m. & 10:30–11 a.m.\*  
Sunset – Every Saturday, 10:30–11 a.m.  
Western Addition – Every Monday, 10:15–10:45 a.m.

## Swing Into Stories

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.–12 noon., Storytime at 10:30 a.m.

1st Tuesday – Garfield Playground (Treat & 26th Streets)  
2nd Tuesday – Koret Playground (Golden Gate Park, by the carousel)  
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- Share what draws you to the Library! Post a photo or a favorite library memory or showcase your latest book haul. Tag @friendssfpl and use #LibraryWeekSFPL.

Throughout the week, join us in celebrating advocacy days: Right to Read Day on April 7, National Library Workers Day on April 8, National Library Outreach Day on April 9 and our favorite day, Take Action for Libraries Day on April 10! Each day highlights something we love about libraries, from the amazing Library workers that help make the SFPL exceptional to the Bookmobile and outreach teams making sure all people in San Francisco have access to Library services. These days give us the opportunity to thank you and give back.

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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	10–6	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	10–8	1–6	10–6
EXCELSIOR	4400 Mission St.	355-2868	1–5	10–6	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	11–8	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	10–6
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	10–8	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	11–6	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
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