Bookmobile

The Bookmobile will be parked on Claremont Boulevard at Allston Way, near the West Portal Elementary School.

The bookmobile will offer the following collections and services:

Collections

- Materials for adults, teens, and children
- Books in English and Chinese
- Media collection including audio CDs, DVDs and VHS videos
- Magazine collection for home use

Services

- Obtain a library card
- Borrow and return materials
- Reserve materials owned by SFPL and make interlibrary loan requests

The bookmobile will operate Tuesday through Saturday. For hours and status of operation, call 415-557-4343 or visit www.sfpl.org.

In November 2000, the voters overwhelmingly passed a bond measure for $106 million to upgrade San Francisco's branch library system. The Branch Library Improvement Program will provide the public with seismically safe, technologically updated, code compliant and accessible City-owned branch libraries in every neighborhood.

New branch libraries will be built in the Glen Park, Portola, Ingleside, and Visitacion Valley neighborhoods, with groundbreakings scheduled for 2003-05. These branches are currently housed in leased facilities and will be replaced by City-owned buildings. Also, construction has begun on a branch in the new community of Mission Bay.

The nineteen branches scheduled to be renovated are: Anza, Bayview/Anna E. Waden, Bernal Heights, Excelsior, Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Memorial, Golden Gate Valley, Marina, Merced, Noe Valley/Sally Brunn, North Beach, Ortega, Park, Parkside, Potrero, Presidio, Richmond, Sunset, West Portal and Western Addition.

Bond funding does not cover the entire cost of the projects. The Friends of the San Francisco Public Library is raising $16 million from private donations for furniture, fixtures, and equipment. If you're interested in helping with this campaign, please call 415-437-4859.

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Temporary Services During Renovation of the West Portal Branch Library

BRANCH LIBRARY
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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The West Portal Library renovation is a part of the Branch Library Improvement Program (see back panel for more information). Although the branch received electrical upgrades in 2002, the current improvements will include a complete renovation plan including:

- Seismic Strengthening
- New restrooms
- An elevator with an entrance from Ulloa Street
- New street level book drop
- Improved landscaping
- Better staff work areas
- A designated teen area
- Better lighting
- New and restored furniture
- Clearer signage
- New computers
- Restored historic features such as lights, ceiling stencils and woodwork
- New self-check machines
- Improved heating and ventilation

Updating the branch will enable the San Francisco Public Library to provide the West Portal neighborhood with a branch library that is safe, updated and accessible to all.

Storytimes

The West Portal Branch Library currently offers three weekly storytimes. All of these storytimes will continue during the branch's closure at the following times and locations:

Lapsit, for children under 3
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
West Portal Clubhouse located over the West Portal MUNI tunnel, just up the street from the Library

Pre-School Storytime, for children 3 – 5
Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.
West Portal Clubhouse

Russian Language Family Storytime
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Merced Branch Library located at 155 Winston Drive, at 19th Avenue

Adult Book Group

The West Portal Branch Library Book Discussion group will continue to meet on the third Thursday of every month at 2:30 p.m. at Java on Ocean, located at 1700 Ocean Avenue.

Extended Hours

The Library will extend the hours of service at Merced Branch during the West Portal renovations.

Merced Branch 355-2825
155 Winston Drive (at 19th Avenue)

Sunday	1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Monday	1:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday	1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Nearby Branch Libraries

Ingleside Branch 355-2898
1649 Ocean Avenue (at Faxon)

Sunday	closed
Monday	closed
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	1:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Parkside Branch 355-5770
1200 Taraval Street (at 22nd Avenue)

Sunday	closed
Monday	1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday	1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Ortega Branch 355-5700
3223 Ortega Street (at 39th Avenue)

Sunday	closed
Monday	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Thursday	1:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Friday	1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.