

AT THE LIBRARY

Events and Happenings at the San Francisco Public Library

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Winter Wellness at the Library

Kee your health and spirits high this season. The Library provides free wellness programming through the winter months. Come in for low impact exercise classes, yoga, meditation, Tai Chi, and many food and health-related events to help you bust those winter blues, stay active in the winter months, create healthy New Year's resolutions, and start a practice to stay strong and vibrant all winter long.

Exercise

Low Impact Exercise Class – Mondays, 10 a.m., North Beach Branch

Tai Chi

- Mondays, 12 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch
- Mondays, 4 p.m., Anza Branch
- Wednesdays, Presidio Branch
 - Advanced Beginners – 1:30 p.m.
 - Beginners – 2:45 p.m.

Chi Kung – Dec. 1 and 15, 1 p.m., Marina Branch

Food

Vegetarian Appetizers, Desserts and Drinks – Dec. 8, 2 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Community Room

Edible Gift Making Workshop – Dec. 11, 6 p.m., Mission Bay Branch

Alcohol-Free Holiday Libations – Dec. 15, 2 p.m., Anza Branch

Kombucha with SF Ferments – Dec. 14, 2 p.m., Eureka Valley Branch

BiblioBistro at the Heart of the City Farmers Market – Dec. 18, 11 a.m., Civic Center

Less Sugar, Sweeter Life Presentation – Dec. 14, 2 p.m., Visitacion Valley Branch

Wellness

Heart Meditation – Dec. 4, 6 p.m., Mission Bay Branch

Yoga and Meditation – Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m., Mission Bay Branch

Laughter Yoga – Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m., West Portal Branch; Dec. 22, 2:30 p.m., North Beach Branch

Gentle Yoga – Dec. 21, 10:30 a.m., Mission Bay Branch

Talking Books and Braille Center Yoga* – Dec. 12 and 26, 3 p.m., Main Library, Learning Studio

Mindfulness and Meditation* – Mondays, 1 p.m., Main Library, Learning Studio

Heart/Mind Meditation – Tuesdays, 12:15 p.m., Richmond Branch

*Disability/Accessibility Interest

Hark! Holiday Happenings

The Library heralds the end of the year with celebrations all season long. The Bernal Heights Branch throws its doors wide open for its annual Open House, with festivities and activities for all ages. This winter fete for the whole neighborhood includes a performance by The Bernal Jazz Quintet, crafts, facepainting, a screening of classic movies and holiday treats.

For music lovers, the Main Library is alight with programs that will delight. Sign up to play the Library's grand piano, or bring a guitar or other instrument to serenade the group in our Holiday Piano Lounge session. Holiday music welcome, but any favorite song or original composition will receive air time. Not a performer, but enjoy the smooth sounds of jazz? Ingleside Branch is also hosting a live jazz concert.

Whether creating a holiday stocking stuffer, small appreciation gift for a friend or getting ready to ornament your own home or fabulous self, programs for all ages will spur your creativity. Make festive tea lights, create a snazzy LED headband and decorate pinecones and holiday cards. See pages 3-6 for the full calendar.

The Library's beloved Holiday Train returns to the Main Library's Fisher Children's Center this season. Children will delight in watching the train chug along through playful and snowy scenes. While visiting the train, stop in at the Children's Center and check out some of our large collection of holiday stories to take home and read with your family. The Holiday Train exhibit is lovingly crafted by Library's Facilities Division, with the professional support of the Library's Exhibitions team.



The Bernal Jazz Quintet. Photo: Susan West

A Selection of Holiday Programs

Jazz Music for Holidays – Dec. 6, 4 p.m., Ingleside Branch

Holiday Train Exhibit – Dec. 7–Jan. 9, Main Library, Fisher Children's Center

Festive Tea Lights – Dec. 7, 2 p.m., Ocean View Branch. Space limited. Reservations required: (415) 355-5615.

Holiday LED Headband Craft – Dec. 11, 3 p.m., Golden Gate Valley Branch

Winter Holiday Open House – Dec. 11, 6 p.m., Bernal Heights Branch

Holiday Piano Lounge – Dec. 22, 2 p.m., Main Library. Call (415) 557-4253 to sign up for a performance spot

Cozy Up with T(w)een Winter Reads

San Francisco tweens and teens, it's winter again. That means it's time for hot chocolate and marshmallows in steaming mugs; celebrations and reunions with family and friends; staying dry from the rain; or, if it's your preference, playing in the rain.

Most excitingly, it's time for T(w)een Winter Reads, the best tween and teen winter reading program in the Bay Area.

Here's how to join:

- Register at your local SFPL location to immediately get a signup prize.
- Complete five hours of reading and track your progress in a reading log.
- Turn in your reading log at any Library for a chance to win a gift card.
- Participate in programming exclusively for ages 10-18.

Don't let winter fun pass you by! Join T(w)een Winter Reads, from Friday, Dec. 20 to Sunday, Jan. 12. Visit themixatsfpl.org/teen-winter-reading for rules and recommended reads.

T(w)een Winter Read Programs

Attend fun programs and drop off your reading logs at the same time. Kick off winter break with a party at The Mix; movie screenings; crafting classes for last minute stocking stuffers; goodie tastings or self-care sessions. Just want a place to chill? Curl up in a beanbag chair, your favorite spot to read and relax all winter break at The Mix. Visit themixatsfpl.org/teen-winter-reading for a complete list of events and films.

Relaxing Fireside Reading Lounge – Dec. 20, 1 p.m., Main Library, The Mix

Winter Break Party – Dec. 21, 3 p.m., Main Library, The Mix

DIY Arm Knit Chunky Scarf – Dec. 22, 2 p.m., Bayview Branch

Last Minute Stocking Stuffers – Dec. 23, 3 p.m., Anza Branch

Hot Cocoa – Dec. 24, 2 p.m., Chinatown Branch

Film: City of Bones – Dec. 28, 2 p.m., West Portal Branch



Art by Zachariah OHora

Coming Up:

JANUARY 4 – 19
Lion Dancers
Main and Branch Libraries

JANUARY 15
Our Stories, Our Selves SF
Main Library, Koret Auditorium,
5 p.m.

JANUARY 22
Dr. Louise Aronson on Elderhood: Redefining Aging, Transforming Medicine, Reimagining Life
Main Library, Koret Auditorium,
6 p.m.

Our website is getting a facelift!
Visit the new sfpl.org in early December.

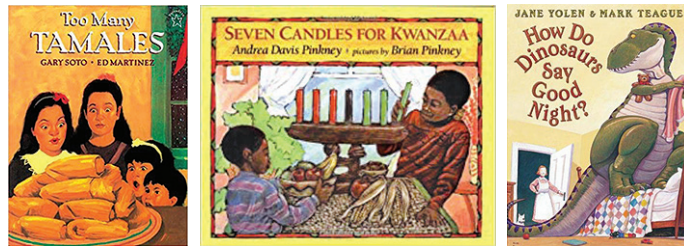
Collections and Services

Holidays on Kanopy

A bounty of holiday-themed videos for learning or entertainment are available to stream on popular video platform Kanopy. Use keywords like “holiday” or “Christmas” to find something to fit your mood. Explore documentaries (*Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas—Jewish Songwriters Composing Christmas Music*), dance (*The Nutcracker*), and even horror (*Black Christmas*). If you’re seeking an eco-friendly roaring fire for your holiday party, Kanopy has “Fireplace for Your Home.” What it lacks in drama, it makes up for in atmosphere.

Lifelong learners will be delighted that “The Great Courses” are also available, with more than 5,000 videos available to stream. Just type “great courses” into the search bar and delve into the histories of religions and sacred texts, learn the basics of baking, explore yoga and much more.

Go to Kanopy Kids for unlimited plays from a collection of short and feature films for children of all ages. Holiday-themed cartoons from beloved characters Max and Ruby are available, along with stories like *Too Many Tamales* and *Seven Candles for Kwanzaa*. For youngsters too excited for the holiday festivities to settle down at night, try *How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?* Start streaming today at sfpl.kanopystreaming.com.



Branch Open Houses

Saturday, Dec. 7

- Mission Bay, 10:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
- Richmond, 1–4 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

- Bernal Heights, 6–9 p.m.



From Main Courses to Music, Help for Holiday Hosts

Many of us enjoy hosting get-togethers and parties at this time of year but may struggle with coming up with creative ideas for entertaining and feeding guests. The Library is here to help you make the holiday season memorable with resources that will surprise and delight.

How about making a traditional Latin American dish? *Tamales* by Alice Guadalupe Tapp is one of several books that walks you through making this delicious, festive food. Or maybe you’d like to celebrate with a fun, vegetable-focused meal. How about *The Superfun Times Vegan Holiday Cookbook* by Isa Chandra Moskowitz?

Gathering with friends often includes imbibing together. *Batch Cocktails* by Maggie Hoffman contains recipes that can be made days or weeks ahead and are designed to be easily poured out of a pitcher. For alcohol-free holiday drinks, *Mocktails, Punches, and Shrubs* by Michelin-star chef Vikas Khanna will leave you shaken and stirred. And if you’d like even more party planning ideas, *All Time Best Holiday Entertaining from America’s Test Kitchen* and *Cordially Invited* by Zoe Sugg will make your small gatherings feel momentous and your large gatherings feel intimate.

Create an inviting ambiance and ensure a festive spirit at your events with music. Try downloading *Holiday Smooth Jazz Classics* from Hoopla for a down-low, low-key feel, a perfect complement to warm conversation. Family-friendly tunes are also available on Hoopla. *A Toddler’s Christmas* will have youth and adults singing along to well-known tunes. After the festivities, we suggest curling up with your current favorite library book. Cheers!

All Are Welcome

In 2009, San Francisco Public Library became the first in the nation to hire a full-time social worker, Leah Esguerra. Today, this groundbreaking program has expanded and is led by Esguerra, who now oversees a team of four dedicated Health and Safety Associates (HASAs). Together, they work to connect our unhoused and unsheltered patrons to critical social services such as a free place to eat and shower, receive public benefits and more.

According to Esguerra, “What makes our HASA team so special is that many of them have firsthand experience with being unhoused. It makes a difference to our patrons when they know that we can truly relate to the challenges they are facing, because we’ve lived them ourselves.”

HASAs walk the library with a binder of free resources that they hand to patrons as needed. This direct outreach spares patrons from having to navigate multiple agencies and service providers, which can be a barrier to seeking help.

“The informational handouts not only help us link our patrons with the right services, but are also great tools to break the ice, help people feel welcome and express our concerns regarding their well-being. Patrons are also assured that they can keep on coming back for further assistance,” says Esguerra. As the winter season moves into full swing, the Library ensures a sense of warmth and belonging for all.



Leah Esguerra (on right) and Health and Safety Associates

Bookmobile Schedules

Early Literacy Mobile

Schedule of child care center visits at sfpl.org.

San Francisco Zoo

Entrance to Children’s Zoo, Sloat Blvd. and Great Hwy. 1st Wednesday of each month, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Free Admission for San Francisco residents. Check sfzoo.org to verify.

Swing Into Stories

Park visits: Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Storytimes start at 10:30 a.m.

Golden Gate Park Children’s Playground

295 Bowling Green Drive (off Martin Luther King Jr. Drive), Tuesday, Dec. 3

Parque Niños Unidos

3090 23rd St. (Between Folsom St. and Treat Ave.), Tuesday, Dec. 10

Cayuga Playground

301 Naglee Ave., Tuesday, Dec. 17

Helen Wills Playground

Broadway and Larkin St., Tuesday, Dec. 24

Library on Wheels/Senior Bookmobile

Schedule of service locations at sfpl.org.

Treasure Island Bookmobile

Avenue H & 11th St., near Island Cove Market Tuesdays, 2–5 p.m.; Thursdays, 1–5 p.m.



Events & Exhibits

On View

Jewett Gallery

Remarkable WWII Rosie Artist Carol Witten exhibits 60 digital prints (diptychs) from her historical essay on the women who built the planes, ships, and ammunition that enabled America to win World War II. Through Jan. 26, 2020

Skylight Gallery

Occupy Alcatraz! Materials donated to SFPL by Indians of All Tribes in 1972 illustrate life on Alcatraz during the Indian Occupation. Accompanied by portraits of prominent members of the Bay Area's Indigenous community who were part of the Alcatraz occupation and photographed at the Main Library. Through Jan. 2, 2020



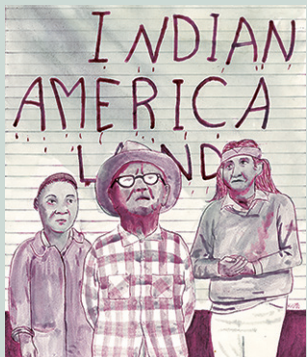
Native American Heritage Month Portraits

Portraits from the Early Days photo shoot courtesy of the San Francisco Arts Commission. Skylight Gallery Lobby and Grove St. Entrance. Through Jan. 2, 2020

Reconnect the Disconnect Restorative Justice Arts exhibition by Community Works West. Through Dec. 15

Other Exhibits at the Main Library

10 Years of the SFAC Galleries Passport Event Celebrates 10 years of SFAC's annual outreach event, Passport. Launched in 2009, Passport was a family-friendly, art focused, scavenger hunt that fostered an innovative way for artists and the public to interact outside of a gallery setting. Through Jan. 2, 2020, Art, Music & Recreation Center, 4th Floor



Art by Kaytea Petro

All That Glitters Is Not Gold Rendered in hibiscus-based ink, drawings by artist Kaytea Petro are inspired by photographs from the Occupation of Alcatraz from SFPL's photo archive. Through Jan. 2, 2020, San Francisco History Center, 6th Floor

Before the Occupation: A Brief History of Native Americans at Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary Highlights the controversies that occurred between the Federal Government and Native Americans. Through Jan. 3, 2020, Government Information Center, 5th Floor

Don't Disturb the Dead: San Francisco's Lost Cemeteries Through Dec. 19, Government Information Center, 5th Floor

Holiday Train Dec. 7, 2019–Jan 10, 2020, Children's Center, 2nd Floor

Isugid Pinoy: "Tell it, Pilipino" Stories of San Francisco's SoMa Pilipinas Filipino Cultural Heritage District. Through Jan. 23, 2020, General Collections, 3rd Floor

Same Game Different Smokers: A Look at the Tobacco Industry's Footprint on Black Lives and Black Lungs Dec. 7, 2019–Feb. 7, 2020, African American Center, 3rd Floor.

The Native Reclamation of Alcatraz Island, 1969: News Coverage from 50 Years Ago on the Alcatraz Takeover Through Jan. 4, 2020, Magazines & Newspapers Center, 5th Floor.

Who Owns the Earth? Henry George's Progress and Poverty 140 Years Later Through Dec. 28, San Francisco History Center, 6th Floor

Exhibits at the Branches

Looking for the Sealed Memories This photo exhibit tells the story of 57 Chinese Air Force students who died in a secret training mission in the US during World War II. Chinatown, Dec 1, 2019–Mar 1, 2020.



L to R: Sho Sho Esquiro (Kaska Dene, Cree) and Patricia Michaels (Taos Pueblo)

San Francisco Stages First Fashion Show Featuring Indigenous Designers

As part of the citywide American Indian Initiative in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Occupation of Alcatraz, the Library, in partnership with San Francisco Arts Commission (SFAC) and Sewam American Indian Dance, will host a free fashion show featuring acclaimed designers Sho Sho Esquiro (Kaska Dene, Cree), the first Indigenous designer to show at Paris Fashion Week; Season 11 Project Runway alumna Patricia Michaels (Taos Pueblo) and Leah Mata, a member of the yak tityu tityu ("the people") Northern Chumash Tribe.

Models will walk a runway in City Hall's iconic rotunda to reclaim space for Indigenous Peoples in the public realm and to bring awareness to today's alarming epidemic of murdered and missing Native women.

According to SFAC Director of Community Investments Barbara Mumby-Huerta (Powhatan, Shawnee, Konkow), "This program was inspired by the incredible work of these designers who are taking the world stage by storm. At the same time, we felt it was important to use the platform to shine a light on the great disparities faced by the Indigenous community, specifically, the fact that Indigenous Women are 84 percent more likely to experience violence in their lifetimes compared to other communities."

Visit sfartscommission.org for more information.

Native American Fashion Show – Dec. 15, 4 p.m., San Francisco City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B Goodlett Pl.

Adults

1 Sunday

Chinese Calligraphy Main, Paley Rm, 12:30–2 p.m.

Theater: Unripe Main, Learning Studio, 2–4 p.m.

1, 15 Sundays

Chi Kung Marina, 1:15–2 p.m.

2 Monday

Latino Parent Club Bayview, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Mondays

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

Healthy Aging Exercise North Beach, 10–11 a.m.

Tai Chi

• Eureka Valley, 12–12:30 p.m.
• Anza, 4–5 p.m.

Mindfulness & Meditation Main, Learning Studio, 1–2 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Mondays

English Conversation Main, Sycip Rm, 4:30–6 p.m.

AAC Conversation Alternative & Augmentative Communication. Noe Valley, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

3 Tuesday

Chess Eureka Valley, 6:30–8 p.m.

Coloring Excelsior, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Gun Safety Presidio, 7–8 p.m.

3, 10, 17 Tuesdays

English Conversation Main, Sycip Rm, 5:30–7 p.m.

French Conversation Main, Paley Rm, 6–7:30 p.m.

3, 17 Tuesdays

Knitting & Crochet North Beach, 6:30–8 p.m.

4 Wednesday

Scrabble & Chess Main, Learning Studio, 2–4 p.m.

Gift Box Decorating Reserve. Ocean View, 2–3:30 p.m.

Felt Craft Reserve. Anza, 3 p.m.

Homeless Veterans Healthcare Main, Stong Rm, 3–5 p.m.

Film: The Shop Around the Corner North Beach, 6 p.m.

Meditation Mission Bay, 6 p.m.

Adult Coloring Potrero, 6–7:30 p.m.

Rock Music Photos with Richie Unterberger Eureka Valley, 6:30–8 p.m.

Live Music: readybox Main, Koret, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Sugar Scrubs & Holiday Cards Reserve. Noe Valley, 7 p.m.

4, 11, 18 Wednesdays

SCORE Main, Study Rm 438, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Tai Chi

• Eureka Valley, 12–12:30 p.m.
• Presidio, 1:30 & 2:45 p.m.

Meditation Main, LGBTQIA Center, 12–12:30 p.m.

Coloring North Beach, 1 p.m.

TAY Lounge Main, Fulton Rm, 5–7 p.m.

5 Thursday

Sugar Scrub & Cards Western Addition, 4–5:30 p.m.

Film: Spy Who Came In From The Cold Excelsior, 5:30 p.m.

Harmless? eCigarettes & Marijuana Smoke Main, Learning Studio, 6–7 p.m.

Host a Young Adult LGBTQ+ Main, LGBTQIA Center, 6:30 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Thursdays

Qigong Presidio, 2–3 p.m.

5, 19 Thursday

English Conversation Richmond, 6–7:30 p.m.

6 Friday

Watercolors North Beach, 1–3 p.m.

Holiday Cards Chinatown, 1:30–3 p.m.

Audio Described Film: Rock-etman Main, Koret, 2 p.m.

Live Jazz Ingleside, 4–4:45 p.m.

6, 20 Fridays

Watercolors Bernal Heights, 1–5 p.m.

Yiddish Conversation Main, Paley Rm, 1–5 p.m.

Knitting & Crocheting Anza, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

7 Saturday

Public School Enrollment Main, Latino/Hispanic Rm, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Poetry North Beach, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Mandarin Conversation Main, Chinese Ctr, 10:15–11:45 a.m.

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

Open House Mission Bay, 10:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Baby Boomer Sing-along Anza, 1–3 p.m.

Author: Emily Wu Main, Latino/Hispanic Rm, 1–3 p.m.

Open House Richmond, 1–4 p.m.
• Iron Lotus St. Company, 1:30 p.m.
• Mission Hot Club Trio, 3 p.m.

Craft Main, Sycip Rm, 2–4 p.m.

Paper Gift Bags Reserve. Marina, 2–3 p.m.

Tea Lights Reserve. Ocean View, 2–3:30 p.m.

Retirement & Estate Planning Ortega, 2–3:30 p.m.

Sugar & Salt Scrubs Park, 2–4 p.m.

Felt Coffee Cozies Eureka Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

SF Mime Troupe Video Noe Valley, 3–5 p.m.

7, 14 Saturdays

Disaster Safety Sunset, 2–3 p.m.

7, 21 Saturdays

Smart Money Coaching Main, Study Rm 437, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

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

8 Sunday

Beekeeping Main, Learning Studio, 12–1:30 p.m.

Investing Basics Bernal Heights, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Film: The Public
• Anza, 2 p.m.
• Western Addition, 2 p.m.

Macbeth Main, Koret, 2–3 p.m.

Vegetarian Cooking Main, Latino/Hispanic Rm, 2–4 p.m.

Creative Writing Group Portola, 2–3:30 p.m.

Holiday Photo Cubes Reserve. Potrero, 2–3 p.m.

Author: Sherilyn Connelly Potrero, 4–5 p.m.

9 Monday

Chair Ballet Excelsior, 1–2 p.m.

Writing Workshop North Beach, 1–3 p.m.

Film: It Should Happen to You! Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

10 Tuesday

Ornament Painting Bayview, 3–4 p.m.

Knitting Merced, 6–7:30 p.m.

Genealogy North Beach, 6:15–7:45 p.m.

Film: The Conversation Eureka Valley, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

ATA 16mm Films Noe Valley, 6:30–8 p.m.

On & Off the Page Park, 7 p.m.

11 Wednesday

Music: Power by Design Main, Koret, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Smart Money Coaching Main, Study Rm 437, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Open House Bernal Heights, 6–8:30 p.m.

Edible Gifts Mission Bay, 6 p.m.

Film: Penguins Ortega, 6 p.m.

Knit Excelsior, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Laughter Yoga West Portal, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Crochet for Lefties Eureka Valley, 7–8 p.m.

12 Thursday

Nutcracker History & Dance Class Main, Latino/Hispanic Rm, 4–6 p.m.

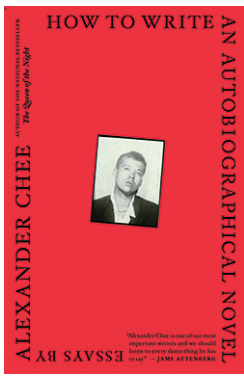
Craft Night Reserve. Merced, 6–7:30 p.m.

Ornaments Sunset, 6–7 p.m.

Night & All-Weather Biking Excelsior, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

12, 26 Thursdays

TBBC Yoga Main, Learning Studio, 3–4 p.m.



ON the SAME PAGE

November/December 2019 Selection:

How to Write an Autobiographical Novel by Alexander Chee

This month's ReadAlikes feature memoir and essay collections for writers or those who are intrigued by the writing process.



Against Memoir: Complaints, Confessions & Criticism by Michelle Tea

Valerie Solanas, a lesbian gang, recovering alcoholics and teenagers surviving at a shop: these are some of the figures populating America's borders and Tea's latest collection of superb essays.

Burning Down the House: Essays on Fiction by Charles Baxter

What happens to American fiction in a time when villains are deprived of their villainy and when our consumer culture insists on happy endings? Baxter offers a unique perspective into the reading and writing of contemporary fiction.

Bad Feminist by Roxane Gay

Funny and insightful, Gay shares her evolution as a woman of color and revisits significant cultural moments from the last few years in her seminal essay collection.

Not Here by Hieu Minh Nguyen

A collection of poems that are a flight plan for escape and a map for navigating home; a queer Vietnamese American body in confrontation with whiteness, trauma, family and nostalgia; and a big beating heart of a book.

They Can't Kill Us Until They Kill Us: Essays by Hanif Abdurraqib

Abdurraqib uses music and culture as a lens through which to view our world so that we might better understand ourselves; in doing so, he proves himself a bellwether for our times.

Maestro Kent Nagano Visits SFPL

Bay Area native and world-class conductor Kent Nagano appears at the Library in conversation with *San Francisco Chronicle* music critic Joshua Kosman. Nagano's first book, *Classical Music: Expect the Unexpected*, was published in February 2019 by McGill-Queen's University Press.

Nagano is currently Music Director of the Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal and General Music Director of the Staatsoper Hamburg. In 2006, he was appointed Honorary Conductor of the Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin. As guest conductor, he has worked with some of the world's finest orchestras, including the San Francisco Symphony. He was Music Director of the Berkeley Symphony



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Orchestra from 1978-2008.

Book sale and signing follows program.

Kent Nagano In Conversation – Saturday, Dec. 13, 3 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium

13 Friday

Film: House With a Clock in Its Walls Chinatown, 1 p.m.

Film: Gremlins Noe Valley, 2 p.m.

Jewelry Ingleside, 4–5:30 p.m.

13, 27 Fridays

Math Main, Computer Training Ctr., 12–1:30 p.m.

14 Saturday

Genealogy Reserve. North Beach, 10–11:30 a.m.

Yoga & Meditation Mission Bay, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Author: Yolanda Nava Main, Latino/Hispanic Rm, 12–1:30 p.m.

Kombucha Eureka Valley, 2 p.m.

Sound Wave Chorus Richmond, 2–3 p.m.

Less Sugar, Sweeter Life Visitacion Valley, 2–4 p.m.

Maestro Kent Nagano Main, Koret, 3–4:30 p.m.

Orange-Clove Pomanders Richmond, 3:30–5 p.m.

15 Sunday

Alcohol-free Libations Anza, 2–3 p.m.

Author: Kim Shuck Main, Koret, 2–5 p.m.

Book Talk: About Us Main, Latino/Hispanic Rm, 2–5 p.m.

Felt Ornament Reserve. Portola, 2:30–4 p.m.

Film: Aretha Franklin Bayview, 3 p.m.

16 Monday

Taste the Holidays Sunset, 3 p.m.

17 Tuesday

Death Café North Beach, 1–3 p.m.

Film: Black Orpheus Presidio, 2 p.m.

Film: Araby Main, Koret, 5:45 p.m.

18 Wednesday

Biblio Bistro Heart of the City Farmer's Market, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Senior Brain Games Richmond, 3–4 p.m.

Documentary: Life After Life Main, Koret, 5–8 p.m.

Documentary: Phi Ta Khon: Ghosts of Isan Richmond, 7 p.m.

Plant Holder Craft Reserve. Portola, 6–7:30 p.m.

Green Cards 101 Excelsior, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Snow Globes Reserve. Mission, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Holiday Cards Reserve. Ortega, 6:30–8 p.m.

Film: Gremlins Park, 6:30 p.m.

Bernal History Bernal Heights, 7–8:30 p.m.

19 Thursday

Film: The Wicked Lady Golden Gate Valley, 3–5 p.m.

Caroling Choir Visitacion Valley, 3:30–4 p.m.

Tea Trees Craft Reserve. Excelsior, 6–7:30 p.m.

Knitting Golden Gate Valley, 6–7:30 p.m.

Poem Jam Main, Latino/Hispanic Rm, 6–7:30 p.m.

Beaded Mandarin Orange West Portal, 6:30–8 p.m.

21 Saturday

Gentle Yoga Mission Bay, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Russian Bells Concert Main, Koret, 12–2 p.m.

Writers of Color Main, Paley Rm, 12–3 p.m.

Film: It's a Wonderful Life Chinatown, 2 p.m.

Film: Koi suru minami/ Fly Me to Minami Western Addition, 2–4 p.m.

Holiday Wreaths Reserve. Marina, 2–4 p.m.

Russian Poet Semyon Kir-sanov Richmond, 2–4 p.m.

Healthy Homes Visitacion Valley, 2–4 p.m.

Holiday Craft Ingleside, 2:30–4 p.m.

Koto & Piano Duo Main, Poets Café, 3–4 p.m.

Poets Michael Koch & Rose-mary Manno Presidio, 3 p.m.

Tie Dye Fun Reserve. Glen Park, 3:30–5 p.m.

22 Sunday

Film: It's a Wonderful Life Bernal Heights, 1 p.m.

Commemorating José Rizal Main, Latino/Hispanic Rm, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

Holiday Piano Reserve: (415) 557-4253. Main, Café, 2 p.m.

Film: This Christmas Western Addition, 2 p.m.

Laughter Yoga North Beach, 2:30–3 p.m.

23 Monday

Film: Casanova's Big Night Golden Gate Valley, 3 p.m.

24 Tuesday

Film: A Christmas Carol Ocean View, 2 p.m.

26 Thursday

Film: The Man Who Invented Christmas Richmond, 1 p.m.

Coloring Merced, 6–7 p.m.

Photography Club Mission, 6:30–8 p.m.

28 Saturday

Learn Ukulele Main, Learning Studio, 2–4 p.m.

Watercolor Reserve. Ocean View, 2–4 p.m.

Book Swap Merced, 3–4:30 p.m.

Film: Niger: Magic & Ecstasy in the Sahel Richmond, 4 p.m.

29 Sunday

Kwanzaa: Ujamaa Main, Koret & Latino/Hispanic Rm, 1–4 p.m.

Book Groups

1 Sunday

Call Me By Your Name Eureka Valley, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

2 Monday

The Magician's Assistant Western Addition, 4–5:30 p.m.

3 Tuesday

There There Merced, 7–8:30 p.m.

4 Wednesday

ASL Main, Deaf Services, 6–8 p.m.

5 Thursday

Black Holes and Predictable Worlds Main, Sycip Rm, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

The Fall Main, Paley Rm, 6 p.m.

Hecho en Saturno Mission Cultural Center, 7–8:30 p.m.

7 Saturday

Japanese Language Western Addition, 2–3:30 p.m.

8 Sunday

Less Portola, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

10 Tuesday

Great Books Richmond, 6:15–8:15 p.m.

11 Wednesday

The Wanderers Main, Stong Rm, 6–7 p.m.

Great Books Noe Valley, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

12 Thursday

Chinese Language Richmond, 5–6 p.m.

14 Saturday

Talking Books: Deep Six Main, Talking Books & Braille Center, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Chinese Language Main, Chinese Center, 1–4 p.m.

15 Sunday

The Beekeeper's Apprentice Eureka Valley, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

17 Tuesday

Antigone Sunset, 6–7:30 p.m.

18 Wednesday

An Odyssey: A Father, a Son, and an Epic West Portal, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Great Books West Portal, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Born a Crime Noe Valley, 7 p.m.

19 Thursday

The Literate Goat Potrero, 6–8 p.m.

The Cook Chinatown, 6:30 p.m.

21 Saturday

The Library Book Ortega, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Nuns at a Luncheon Anza, 1–3 p.m.

22 Sunday

Flowers for Algernon Marina, 2–3 p.m.

26 Thursday

In the Garden of Beasts Golden Gate Valley, 3–4 p.m.

28 Saturday

Boris Rozenfeld Bibliophiles Main, Latino/Hispanic Rm, 2–4 p.m.

Computer Classes

Classes Held at the Main:

5th Floor Bridge (unless noted). Most classes require basic keyboard skills. First come, first served.

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Tuesdays

Basic Skills 1–2:30 p.m.

4 Wednesday

Basic Illustrator 6–7:30 p.m.

4, 11 Wednesdays

Foundation Directory Online Register: <https://bit.ly/2UJgppj> 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Thursdays

Digital Devices 4–5 p.m.

7, 14, 21, 28 Saturdays

Computer Help in Spanish 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

11 Wednesday

3D Design 6–7:30 p.m.

12 Thursday

Basic Photoshop 6–7:30 p.m.

12, 19, 26 Thursdays

Computer Basics 1–2 p.m.

13 Friday

MS Word Holiday Cards 2–4 p.m.

17 Tuesday

MS Word Holiday Cards 6–7:30 p.m.

19 Thursday

Internet Class for Seniors (Japanese) 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

27 Friday

Streaming without Screaming 1–3 p.m.

Computer Classes

Held at the Branches:

1 Sunday

Mango Languages Potrero, 3–4 p.m.

1, 8, 15 Sundays

Computer Help Anza, 2–3 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 22 Sundays

Computer Help (English/Chinese) Portola, 1–2 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Sundays

Computer Help Ortega, 2–4 p.m.

2 Monday

eReaders Portola, 4–5 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Mondays

Computers & Smartphones (English/Chinese) Visitacion Valley, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Computers, Smartphones & Tablets (English/Chinese) Excelsior, 1–3 p.m.

eBooks Mission Bay, 2–3 p.m.

4 Wednesday

Internet Safety Mission, 3–4:30 p.m.

4, 11, 18 Wednesdays

Computer Help (English/Chinese) Ingleside, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

eReaders Marina, 6–7 p.m.

5 Thursday

Tablet Basics (Chinese) Chinatown, 2–4 p.m.

5, 12, 19 Thursdays

Book a Librarian Marina, 6–7 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Thursdays

eBooks Golden Gate Valley, 1–2 p.m.

5, 19 Thursdays

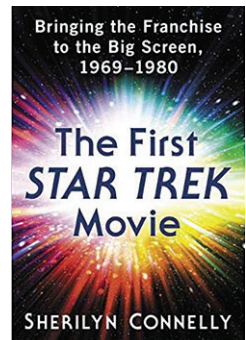
Computer Basics Bayview, 1–3 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Fridays

Computer Help Parkside, 4–5:30 p.m.

The First "Star Trek" Movie, 40 Years Later

The TV series "Star Trek" premiered on NBC on Sept. 8, 1966, but arguably the most important date in the franchise's 53-year history was when the Robert Wise film *Star Trek—The Motion Picture* premiered in 856 theaters across North America on Dec. 7, 1979. To celebrate the film's 40th anniversary, author Sherilyn Connelly reads from her new work, *The First Star Trek Movie: Bringing the Franchise to the Big Screen, 1969-1980*.



Author Talk: *The First Star Trek Movie: Bringing the Franchise to the Big Screen, 1969-1980* – Dec. 8, 4 p.m., Potrero Branch

The book tells the unlikely—and often funny—true story of the decade-long journey to "Star Trek"'s revival and shows how the modern blockbuster era was inaugurated by the unloved 1979 film, which most fans now derisively refer to as "the slow, boring one with the bald chick." Connelly's reading includes stories from the premiere of the first movie, a Q & A session and a video presentation on how the deeply troubled film was marketed. Go with her to where no man has gone before.



Kayla Minton Kaufman

Play Preview: Allie Cruz's *Unripe*

Enjoy a dramatic reading of *Unripe*, a brand new play by award-winning playwright Alli Cruz, presented by acclaimed theater director Kayla Minton Kaufman and featuring talented local actors.

In *Unripe*, an earthquake knocks out the power at the Cabrera family's small suburban home in Orange County. The four person family, newly reunited, must figure out a way to survive the night and all its aftershocks—including ill-kept family secrets.

December's production of *Unripe* marks the second installment of Kaufman's exciting Fresh Play Sunday Reading Series, a new series that presents dramatic readings of original works in the Main Library's intimate Learning Studio.

Cruz currently serves as the Literary Manager for the Stanford Asian American Theater Project and is a poetry reader for the journal *Pleiades*. Based in San Francisco, Kaufman has worked in institutions across the nation, from American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco to Portland Stage in Maine. In directing this new series, Kaufman says she loves "work that celebrates diversity, provokes discussion, and makes audiences laugh or cry (or just remember how to be human)."

Fresh Play Sunday Reading Series – Dec. 1, 2 p.m., Main Library, Learning Studio, 5th Floor

7 Saturday

eReaders
Presidio, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Computer/iPad Help
Visitacion Valley,
1–2 p.m.

7, 14, 21, 28 Saturdays

Computer Help
• Sunset, 2–4 p.m.
• West Portal, 2–4 p.m.

8 Sunday

Preserve Memories with Digital Scans
Visitacion Valley, 1–3 p.m.

8, 22 Sundays

Book a Librarian
Eureka Valley, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

9 Monday

Rosetta Stone & Mango
Noe Valley, 2–3 p.m.

10 Tuesday

Library Digital Resources
Noe Valley, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

11 Wednesday

Computer Help
Richmond, 4–6 p.m.

Internet Safety
Presidio, 5–7 p.m.

12 Thursday

Rosetta Stone & Mango
Golden Gate Valley,
2–3 p.m.

WeChat Basics (Chinese)
Chinatown, 2–4 p.m.

14 Saturday

Computer Help
Chinatown, 2–3:30 p.m.

14, 28 Saturdays

Tablet & Smartphone (Cantonese) North Beach,
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

19 Thursday

eBooks & KONO (Chinese)
Chinatown, 2–4 p.m.

Computer Basics (Spanish)
Mission, 6:30–8 p.m.

26 Thursday

Intermediate Computer (Chinese) Reserve.
Chinatown, 2–4 p.m.

Jobs & Careers

Classes are held at Main, 5th Floor Bridge, unless noted.

Career Coaching
Reserve. Main, Business, Science & Technology, 4th Floor.

• 3, 10, 17 Tuesdays
9:30–10:30 a.m. & 5:30–7:30 p.m.

• 4, 11, 18 Wednesdays
5–6 p.m.

• 5, 12, 19 Thursdays
11 a.m.–1 p.m. & 6–7 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Mondays

Job Seekers' Lab
10 a.m.–12 p.m.

3 Tuesday

SF Employment 5:30–7:30 p.m.

5 Thursday

U.S. Census Employment
1–2:30 p.m.

8 Sunday

Résumés Main, Sycip Rm,
2–4 p.m.

14 Saturday

Résumé Workshop
Park, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

17 Tuesday

Job Resources
Eureka Valley, 7–8 p.m.

Teens

College Prep Classes
Reservation: studysmart.us/sfpl

First Year 101

• 4 Wednesday
Excelsior, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

• 5 Thursday
Glen Park, 4–6 p.m.

The Mix at SFPL, Main
themixatsfpl.org. Ages 13-18

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Sundays

Makers 3–5 p.m.

Intro to 3D 3–5 p.m.

3, 10, 17 Tuesdays

Robotics 4–6 p.m.

Music Studio

• Intro 5–5:30 p.m.
• Intro to Recording 5:30–6 p.m.

4, 18 Wednesdays

Book Club 4–6 p.m.

4, 11, 18 Wednesdays

Art/Design 3–4:30 p.m.

Music Studio

• Intro 6–6:30 p.m.
• Intro to Recording 6:30–7 p.m.

5, 12, 19 Thursdays

Youth Speaks 5:30–7:30 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Thursdays

Video 101 4–6 p.m.

6 Friday

Open Mic 4:30–5:30 p.m.

7, 14, 21, 28 Saturdays

Music Studio

• Intro 12–12:30 p.m.
• Intro to Recording 12:30–1 p.m.

AV Club 3–5 p.m.

D&D 3:30–5:30 p.m.

11 Wednesday

Writers Club 4–6 p.m.

20 Friday

Karaoke 4:30–5:30 p.m.

21 Saturday

Party 3–5 p.m.

26 Thursday

Snack & Chat 4–5 p.m.

Teens at the Branches

Book Swaps

• 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Mondays
Ortega, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

• 3, 17 Tuesdays
Sunset, 4–5 p.m.

• 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Tuesdays
Bernal Heights, 2–4 p.m.

• 5 Thursday
Excelsior, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

• 5, 12, 19 Thursdays
Parkside, 2:30–5:30 p.m.

• 6, 13, 20, 27 Fridays
West Portal, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

• 18 Wednesday
North Beach, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

1 Sunday

Volunteer Orientation
Visitacion Valley, 1–2 p.m.

2 Monday

T(w)een Club
Portola, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

2, 16, 23, 30 Mondays

T(w)een Time
Glen Park, 3:30–5 p.m.

3 Tuesday

Film: *Krampus*
North Beach, 3:30 p.m.

College Prep Book Club
Bayview, 4–5 p.m.

4 Wednesday

Nail Art Parkside, 3:30–5 p.m.

Journal Craft Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

4, 18 Wednesdays

Game On! Bayview, 4–5:30 p.m.

4, 11, 18 Wednesdays

Girls Who Code
Excelsior, 4–6 p.m.

5 Thursday

Aquabead Ornaments
Bayview, 4–5 p.m.

6 Friday

Craft-n-Snack
West Portal, 3:30–5 p.m.

Cookies Merced, 4–4:30 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Fridays

Games & Snacks
Park, 2:30–5 p.m.

7 Saturday

Origami Bernal Heights, 2–5 p.m.

Girls Who Code
Chinatown, 2–4 p.m.

7, 28 Saturdays

Volunteer Merced, 2–3 p.m.

8 Sunday

Anime Club Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

Mini Bowls
Bayview, 3–4:30 p.m.

Holiday Cards Visitacion
Valley, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

9 Monday

3D Snowflakes
Glen Park, 3:30–5 p.m.

10 Tuesday

Film: *Perks of Being a Wallflower*
Excelsior, 4 p.m.

Film: *Endgame, Pt. 2*
Potrero, 5:30 p.m.

11 Wednesday

Tech Time
Western Addition, 2:30–4 p.m.

Jewelry Bayview, 4–5:30 p.m.

12 Thursday

Perler Bead Keychains
Marina, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Star Wars Origami
Bernal Heights, 3–4 p.m.

13 Friday

Talent Show Portola, 3–5 p.m.

14 Saturday

Graphic Novel Wreath
Ingleside, 3–4 p.m.

15 Sunday

Holiday Cards Park, 2–3:30 p.m.

Merry Planters

Visitacion Valley, 2–3:30 p.m.

Harry Potter Trivia

Western Addition, 2–4 p.m.

16 Monday

Book Club
Western Addition, 4:30–5 p.m.

17 Tuesday

Decorate Cupcakes
Bernal Heights, 3–4 p.m.

Fans of Graphic Novels Book Club Richmond, 3–4 p.m.

Book Tree Craft
North Beach, 4–5 p.m.

Book-making Anza, 4:30–6 p.m.

18 Wednesday

Candy Cane Craft Western
Addition, 2–3:30 p.m.

LED Holiday Cards

Sunset, 3–4 p.m.

Holiday Crafts Ingleside, 4–5 p.m.

Book Trailers Parkside, 4–5 p.m.

19 Thursday

Decorate Cupcakes
Mission, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Fortnite Dance-off

Bernal Heights, 3–4 p.m.

20 Friday

T(w)een Winter Read
• Bayview, 1–2 p.m.
• Glen Park, 4–4:30 p.m.

Nintendo Switch

Chinatown, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

21 Saturday

Beaded Fractals Craft
Merced, 2–3 p.m.

Film: *Stardust*
West Portal, 2 p.m.

22 Sunday

Chunky Scarf Craft
Bayview, 2–3 p.m.

Decorate Cookies Park, 2–3 p.m.

Bake Mini-Challah

Visitacion Valley, 3–4:30 p.m.

23 Monday

Stocking Stuffers Anza,
3–4:30 p.m.

Garland Craft

Ingleside, 4–5 p.m.

24 Tuesday

Hot Cocoa Chinatown, 2–3 p.m.

Film: *Elf* Ortega, 2 p.m.

Film: *Krampus*

Richmond, 2 p.m.

26 Thursday

LED Circuits Ingleside, 4–5 p.m.

Volunteer Orientation

Richmond, 4–5 p.m.

28 Saturday

Film: *Force Awakens*
Presidio, 2 p.m.

Film: *City of Bones*

West Portal, 2 p.m.

Duct Tape Craft

Chinatown, 2:30–4 p.m.

Film: *Home Alone*

Ingleside, 3 p.m.

Film: *Scott Pilgrim*

Potrero, 3 p.m.

29 Sunday

Decorate Cookies
Visitacion Valley, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Thursdays at Noon Films

Could be Worse: The Disaster Film
Main, Koret, 12–2 p.m.

12/5 *The Poseidon Adventure*
PG, 117 mins., 1972

12/12 *Day After Tomorrow*
PG-13, 124 mins., 2004

12/19 *Twister*
PG-13, 113 mins., 1996

12/26 *San Francisco*
Unrated, 115 mins., 1936

Children's Calendar

DECEMBER 2019

- All programs and events are free and open to the public.
- Programs are for children of all ages, except where noted.
- Please call ahead to confirm dates and times.
- Groups of five or more: make reservations.
- Children's programs at the Main Library are at the Fisher Children's Center except where noted.

1 Sunday

Film: Elf Mission Bay, 1:30 p.m.

***Gingerbread House Decorating** Reserve. Glen Park, 2-4 p.m.

LEGO

- Park, 2-3:30 p.m.
- Main, 3-4 p.m.

Generation STEAM: Ice Cream Merced, 3-4 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Sundays

Build It! Excelsior, 1-4 p.m.

2 Monday

Nutcracker Sweets Performance Marina, 10:15-10:45 a.m.

LEGO

Visitacion Valley, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Mondays

After School Zone North Beach, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

3 Tuesday

Jelly Jam Time Puppet Show

- Chinatown, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Reserve.
- Potrero, 1:15-1:45 p.m.
- Presidio, 4-5 p.m.

LEGO Merced, 4-5:30 p.m.

4 Wednesday

Exploratorium: Tinkering Visitacion Valley, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Corn Husk Dolls Sign up: Reference Desk. Merced, 5-6 p.m.

LEGO

- Bernal Heights, 6-8 p.m.
- West Portal, 6:30-8 p.m.

4, 18 Wednesdays

Play & Learn Bayview, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Puppy Dog Tales Eureka Valley, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

4, 11, 18 Wednesdays

Mandarin Storytime Sunset, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

After School Zone North Beach, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

4th/5th Grade Book Lists Excelsior, 4-5 p.m.

Video Production Club Reserve. Main, 4-6 p.m.

5 Thursday

Mark Foehringer's Nutcracker Sweets Sunset, 10:30-11 a.m.

LEGO Mission, 3-5 p.m.

Winter Lights Craft Noe Valley, 3:30-5 p.m.

After School Zone North Beach, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Holiday Buttons Ingleside, 4-5 p.m.

5, 12, 19 Thursdays

Reading Buddies Western Addition, 4-5 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 Thursdays

Decorating the Refrigerator Glen Park, 10-11:30 a.m.

Parent-Child Group Potrero, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

6 Friday

Baby Sprinkle Reserve by Dec. 11. Bayview, 2-4 p.m.

First Friday Flicks Portola, 3 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 Fridays

After School Zone North Beach, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

7 Saturday

Fabric Bookmarks Main, Stong Rm, 1-2:30 p.m.

Holiday Jewelry Craft Portola, 3-4:30 p.m.

Giant Jenga Mission, 3:30-5 p.m.

Holiday Ice-Cream Tree Parkside, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

7, 14 Saturdays

Puppy Dog Tales Potrero, 12-1 p.m.

7, 14, 21 Saturdays

- **Chess Club** Excelsior
- Club, 12/7 & 12/14, 1-3 p.m.
- Tournament, 12/21, 12:30-5 p.m.

7, 14, 21, 28 Saturdays

Family Playtime Glen Park, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Snacktivity Potrero, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

8 Sunday

Button Making Glen Park, 2-4 p.m.

DIY Magic Carpet Merced, 2-3 p.m.

STEM Storytime Mission Bay, 2-2:45 p.m.

Film: Aladdin Merced, 3 p.m.

Snowflakes & Origami West Portal, 3-4 p.m.

9 Monday

DIY Kids Ortega, 3-5 p.m.

Penguins & Snowmen Craft Sunset, 3:30-4 p.m.

10 Tuesday

Jelly Jam Time Puppet Show

- North Beach, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- Mission Bay, 3-4 p.m.

After School Zone North Beach, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

11 Wednesday

Read-aloud with SFPD Bayview, 11-11:30 a.m.

LEGO Anza, 3-4:30 p.m.

Holiday LED Headband Golden Gate Valley, 3-4 p.m.

Finger Knitting Reserve. Sunset, 3-4:30 p.m.

12 Thursday

Crayon Rubbing Ingleside, 4-5 p.m.

LEGO & Magnatiles North Beach, 4-5 p.m.

Mother-Daughter Book-group West Portal, 7-8 p.m.

13 Friday

LEGO Sunset, 3-4:30 p.m.

Homework Help

Bernal Heights Tuesdays 3, 10, 2:30-4 p.m.

Excelsior Monday 9; Tuesday 10; Wednesday 11
All days, 4-6 p.m.

Visitacion Valley with Boys & Girls Club
Mondays 2, 9, 16;
Tuesdays 3, 10, 17;
Wednesdays 4, 11, 18;
Thursdays 5, 12, 19
All days, 3-4 p.m.

West Portal Sundays 1, 8, 15, 2-4 p.m.

14 Saturday

Video Game-Making Reserve. Main, 10-11:30 a.m.

Holiday Workshop Bernal Heights, 2-4 p.m.

Gingerbread Houses Portola, 2-3:30 p.m.

Holiday Cards

- Presidio, 2-3 p.m. Reserve.
- Mission, 3-5 p.m.

STEM: Holiday Buttons Marina, 3-5 p.m.

DIY Gift Wrap Mission Bay, 3-4:30 p.m.

DIY: Holiday Craft Reserve. Anza, 3:30-5 p.m.

Frosty Pinecones Western Addition, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

LEGO Parkside, 3:30-5 p.m.

14, 28 Saturdays

Read Aloud Merced, 11 a.m.

15 Sunday

LEGO Glen Park, 2-4 p.m.

Biography Storytime Mission Bay, 2-2:45 p.m.

DIY Bath Bombs Merced, 3 p.m.

17 Tuesday

LEGO Ingleside, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Little Creations Ocean View, 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

DIY Sock Puppets Eureka Valley, 3:30-5 p.m.

Christmas Program Excelsior, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

18 Wednesday

Button Making Noe Valley, 3:30-5 p.m.

19 Thursday

Pipe Cleaner Ornaments Marina, 3-5 p.m.

LEGO

- Eureka Valley, 3:30-5 p.m.
- Richmond, 4-5:30 p.m.

Launch Society Excelsior, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Magna-Tiles Ingleside, 4-5 p.m.

LED Animal Ears North Beach, 4-5 p.m.

20 Friday

Movie and Meal: A Street Cat Named Bob Potrero, 3 p.m.

Upcycled Basket Weaving Reserve: www.gogocraft.com or (415) 355-2828.
Mission, 3:30-5 p.m.

Salt Ice Fishing Sunset, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Film: How the Grinch Stole Christmas Visitacion Valley, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

21 Saturday

Decorate Cookies Bayview, 2-3:30 p.m.

Performance: RhythmALL-ogy Chinatown, 2-3 p.m.

Film: Mary Poppins Merced, 2 p.m.

Baby Rhyme Time

■ *Rollicking rhymes, songs and books for infants to 15 months and their caregivers.***

Anza Every Tue., 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Bernal Heights Wed., 4, 11, 18, 1-2 p.m.
Ticketed.

Chinatown Every Thu., 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Eureka Valley Wed., 4, 11, 18, 1:30-2:15 p.m.

Golden Gate Valley Mon., 2, 9, 16, 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Ingleside Wed., 4, 11, 18, 1-2 p.m.

Main Every Thu., 3:30-4 p.m.

Marina Every Tue., 11-11:30 a.m.

Merced Every Thu., 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Mission Every Fri., 1:15-2:15 p.m.
Spanish/English

Mission Bay Every Thu., 10-10:30 a.m.
Limit 54 for each session. Call (415) 355-2838 for details.

North Beach Every Thu., 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Ortega Wed., 4, 11, 18, 1-1:30 p.m.

Park Every Sat., 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Portola Every Sat., 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Potrero Every Thu., 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m.
Tue., 10, 17, 24, 31, 1:15-2:15 p.m.

Presidio Thu., 5, 12, 19, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Richmond Every Thu., 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Ticketed.

Sunset Every Mon., 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Visitacion Valley Wed., 4, 11, 18, 1-1:30 p.m.

West Portal Every Tue., 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Toddler Tales

■ *Books, rhymes, music, movement and more for toddlers 16 months through age 2 and their caregivers.***

Anza Every Thu., 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Eureka Valley Every Tue., 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Excelsior Tue., 10, 17, 24, 31, 11-11:30 a.m.

Glen Park Every Mon., 10:15-11:45 a.m.

Golden Gate Valley

- Mon., 2, 9, 16, 10:15-10:45 a.m.
- Tue., 3, 10, 17, 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Ingleside Every Mon., 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Main

- Every Mon., 10:30-11 a.m.
- Wed., 4, 11, 18, 10:30-11 a.m.

Marina Every Mon., 10:15-10:45 a.m. & 11:15-11:45 a.m.
(Mon. 2, Nutcracker Sweets 10:15-10:45)
Please leave strollers outside.

Merced Every Mon., 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Mission

- Every Tue., 10:15-11:15 a.m. Spanish
- Every Thu., 10:15-10:45 a.m. and 11:15-11:45 a.m. Spanish/English

Mission Bay Every Tue., 10-10:30 a.m. and 10:45-11:15 a.m.
*Limit 54 each session. Call (415) 355-2838 for details.

Noe Valley Every Thu., 10:15-10:45 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m.
Please leave strollers outside.

North Beach Every Tue., 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Ocean View Every Tue., 11-11:30 a.m.
Minnie & Lovie Rec Center (650 Capitol Ave)

Ortega Every Mon., 10:30-11 a.m.

Park Every Thu., 10:15-10:45 a.m.
Ticketed.

Portola Every Mon., 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Potrero Every Thu., 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Presidio Tue., 3, 10, 17, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Richmond Wed., 4, 11, 18, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Sunset Every Tue., 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Visitacion Valley Every Mon., 11-11:45 a.m.

West Portal Every Thu., 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Western Addition Every Tue., 10:45-11:30 a.m.
Ticketed.

Preschool Storytime

■ *Stories, songs, fingerplays and more for ages 3 to 5.***

Bayview Every Tue., 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Excelsior

- Wed., 4, 11, 11-11:30 a.m. Mandarin
- Thu., 5, 12, 19, 11-11:30 a.m.

North Beach Every Thu., 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Park Every Mon., 3:30-4 p.m.

Parkside Every Tue., 10-10:30 a.m.

Portola Every Tue., 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Sunset Thursdays, 12, 19, 26, 10:30-11 a.m.

Western Addition Every Tue., 10-10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

■ *Family Storytimes are for children of all ages unless noted.***

Anza Sat., 7, 14, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Bayview Every Thu., 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Spanish/English

Bernal Heights Thu., 5, 12, 19, 10-10:30 a.m.
Ticketed.

Chinatown Every Sat., 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Excelsior Thu., 5, 12, 19, 1:15-1:45 p.m.
Sat., 7, 14, 21, 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Glen Park Every Tue., 10:15-10:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Main

- Every Tue., 10:30-11 a.m.
- Every Thu., 10:30-11 a.m. Spanish/English
- Every Thu., 11:15-11:45 a.m. Cantonese/English
- Every Sat., 11-11:30 a.m.

Mission Every Sat., 11-11:30 a.m.
Spanish/English

Mission Bay Every Fri., 4-4:30 p.m.

Ocean View

- Every Thu. 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Every Sat., 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Ortega Every Tue., 10:30-11 a.m.

Park Every Thu., 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.



December Events

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Steps Sales

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Main Library's Larkin Street steps
(100 Larkin St.)
All books are \$1. (Rain cancels)

Friends Bookstore

Locations & Hours

Friends Bookstore at Fort Mason Center

Fort Mason Center, Building C
Open seven days a week.
Bookstore: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Telephone (415) 771-1076

Friends Bookstore at the Main

Main Library, 100 Larkin St.
Grove Street Entrance
Hours:
Monday: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday: 12-5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 12-4:30 p.m.
(Closed most major holidays)
Telephone (415) 557-4238

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Example: A married couple both over age 65 now receives a \$27,200 standard deduction; so itemized deductions must exceed that amount to reduce taxable income. Under the new tax laws, itemized deductions for all taxes are limited to \$10,000. Further, home mortgages may be virtually paid off and medical deductions are still not allowable except in the rare year of serious illness. This all means that if you directly donate the "remaining" \$17,200 and claim it as a charitable itemized deduction, it will produce no additional tax benefit. As an alternative, you can transfer the \$17,200 directly from one's IRA under QCD and reduce your adjustable gross income (AGI) by that full amount while still preserving the full \$27,200 standard deduction. (The standard deduction for single filers is \$13,600.)

Information on ways to give can be found at friendssfpl.org/support-us. You may also contact Craig Palmer, Chief of Advancement, directly at (415) 477-5235 and at craig.palmer@friendssfpl.org.

*From all of us at Friends,
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and a Happy New Year.*

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Every effort has been made to produce a monthly calendar that is both accurate and complete. Please contact Public Affairs if you have any questions or comments regarding the listings.

Tours of Main

Tours are conducted on the first Tuesday of each month at 12 p.m. Meet at the Information Desk in the First Floor atrium. Tours are limited to 15 people on a first come, first served basis. Groups can schedule a private tour by calling (415) 557-4266.

SFPL Commission

Meetings are generally held on a Thursday each month. This month's meeting: 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 19 in the Koret Auditorium of the Main. The public is welcome to attend.

Closure Times

All San Francisco Public Libraries will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 31. All library locations will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 25 (Christmas).

LIBRARY LOCATIONS AND HOURS

			S	M	T	W	T	F	S
ANZA	550 37th Ave.	355-5717	1-5	10-6	10-8	1-8	10-6	1-6	10-6
BAYVIEW/BROOKS BURTON	5075 Third St.	355-5757	1-5	10-6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1-6	10-6
BERNAL HEIGHTS	500 Cortland Ave.	355-2810	1-5	10-6	10-7	1-9	10-6	1-6	10-6
CHINATOWN/LAI	1135 Powell St.	355-2888	1-5	1-6	10-9	10-9	10-9	1-6	10-6
EUREKA VALLEY/MILK	1 José Sarria Ct. (at 16th St., near Market)	355-5616	1-5	10-6	10-9	10-9	10-6	1-6	10-6
EXCELSIOR	4400 Mission St.	355-2868	1-6	1-6	10-9	10-9	10-8	1-6	10-6
GLEN PARK	2825 Diamond St.	355-2858	1-5	10-6	10-6	12-8	10-7	1-6	10-6
GOLDEN GATE VALLEY	1801 Green St.	355-5666	1-6	10-6	10-6	12-8	12-8	1-6	10-6
INGLESIDE	1298 Ocean Ave.	355-2898	1-5	10-6	10-6	10-8	12-7	1-6	10-6
MAIN LIBRARY	100 Larkin St.	557-4400	12-6	9-6	9-8	9-8	9-8	12-6	10-6
	The Mix at SFPL	557-4404	12-6	1-6	1-8	1-8	1-8	1-6	12-6
MARINA	1890 Chestnut St.	355-2823	1-5	10-6	10-6	1-8	10-8	1-6	10-6
MERCED	155 Winston Dr.	355-2825	1-6	10-6	10-9	1-9	10-8	1-6	10-6
MISSION	300 Bartlett St.	355-2800	1-5	1-6	10-9	10-9	10-9	1-6	10-6
MISSION BAY	960 Fourth St.	355-2838	1-5	10-6	10-6	11-8	10-6	1-6	10-6
NOE VALLEY/BRUNN	451 Jersey St.	355-5707	1-5	12-6	10-9	1-9	10-6	1-6	10-6
NORTH BEACH	850 Columbus Ave.	355-5626	1-5	10-6	10-8	1-8	10-6	1-6	10-6
OCEAN VIEW	345 Randolph St.	355-5615	1-5	10-6	10-6	12-8	10-7	1-6	10-6
ORTEGA	3223 Ortega St.	355-5700	1-5	10-6	10-6	1-9	12-9	1-6	10-6
PARK	1833 Page St.	355-5656	1-5	12-6	10-9	1-9	10-6	1-6	10-6
PARKSIDE	1200 Taraval St.	355-5770	1-5	1-6	10-9	12-9	10-6	1-6	10-6
PORTOLA	380 Bacon St.	355-5660	1-5	10-6	10-6	12-8	10-7	1-6	10-6
POTRERO	1616 20th St.	355-2822	1-6	1-6	10-8	1-8	10-8	1-6	10-6
PRESIDIO	3150 Sacramento St.	355-2880	1-5	1-6	10-9	11-8	10-6	1-6	10-6
RICHMOND/MARKS	351 9th Ave.	355-5600	1-6	1-6	10-9	10-9	10-8	1-6	10-6
SUNSET	1305 18th Ave.	355-2808	1-5	10-6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1-6	10-6
VISITACION VALLEY	201 Leland Ave.	355-2848	1-5	10-6	10-8	10-8	10-8	1-6	10-6
WEST PORTAL	190 Lenox Way	355-2886	1-5	1-6	10-9	10-9	10-9	1-6	10-6
WESTERN ADDITION	1550 Scott St.	355-5727	1-6	10-6	10-6	1-8	10-7	1-6	10-6
SFMOMA Public Knowledge	151 3rd St.	357-4000	10-5	10-5	10-5	closed	10-9	10-5	10-5

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