

Friends and Foundation of the San Francisco Library maintains the Arts and Culture Fund that designates \$300,000 in annual support for Library programs that bring San Franciscans together to celebrate our rich and diverse history, arts, and culture.

SPECIAL CENTERS

The Daniel E. Koshland History Center on the 6th floor of the Main Library is world-renowned for its research collection of books, newspapers, magazines, photographs, maps, archives, manuscripts, and ephemera that document San Francisco and California history. The Center also serves as the archives for the City and County of San Francisco. Friends' support allows the Library to acquire unique collections and keep them in the public domain.



Affinity Centers. The Main Library hosts six beautiful centers dedicated to representing distinct cultures, identities, and interests through curated collections, memorabilia, events, and literary programs. These include:

- African American Center
- Chinese American Center
- Filipino American Center
- James C. Hormel LGBTQIA Center
- Latino Hispanic Center
- Stegner Center for the Environment

HISTORY AND ART EXHIBITIONS.

The Library hosts 50 art and historical exhibitions each year in the Skylight Gallery, Jewett Gallery, all floors of the Main, and at selected branches. Curated in coordination with the History Center, the exhibitions represent a diversity of cultural and historical artifacts, stories, and issues that are locally and internationally resonant.

LITERARY, ARTS AND CULTURAL EVENTS

Connected Communities Initiative fosters shared experiences and belonging by bringing patrons together through themed, coordinated activities at all the branches. Sharing a book, teaching a craft, listening to a writer, or telling a story of heritage to a neighbor makes the library a natural place for connecting San Franciscans from all walks of life. Hundreds of author talks, film series, discussions, recommended reading lists, book clubs, crafts, performers, and wellness activities are coordinated in periodic themes such as:

- ¡Viva! Latino Hispanic Heritage
- HERstory
- Asian Pacific Islander Heritage
- SWANA: Southwest African and North Asian Cultures
- More than a Month: African American History, Culture and Heritage





One City One Book. Celebrating its 20th year, OCOB inspires a citywide dialogue around one seminal book. The selected book is widely available at branches and bookstores in the fall. Residents, t(w)eens through adults, attend Library book clubs, author talks, exhibits, and cultural activities inspired by the book. OCOB season concludes with a marquee event that features the author at the Koret Auditorium. The 2022 selection is *This is Ear Hustle*, by Nigel Poor and Earlonne Woods. Past books include *Know My Name* by Chanel Miller, *There There* by Tommy Orange, and *The Best We Could Do* by Thi Bui.

Effie Lee Morris Lecture, named for an SFPL Librarian who transformed children's programming, honors an author for lifelong achievement in children or young adult literature. The honoree delivers the annual lecture at the Main Library in September. Past recipients include Jason Reynolds, Isabel Campoy, Renee Watson, Gary Soto, and most recently, Nicola Yoon.

Night of Ideas. *Night of Ideas* is a seven-hour marathon of debates, talks, performances, and music at the Main Library that features more than 50 top thinkers discussing the issues of our times. Originating in France, *Night of Ideas* is now a phenomenon that happens on the same day around the globe. SFPL joins the French Consulate and KQED as host to 6,000 people who fill the Library to the rafters, listening to diverse voices, eating, singing, and dancing long into the night.

Branch Open Houses and Community Programs. Neighborhood branches offer a selection of programs fitting the unique needs and cultural riches of its surrounding community. Activities range from crafts, cooking, and dance classes to tai chi, yoga, and book clubs. Each of the 28 neighborhood branches also hosts an annual open house festival.

Discover and Go. Patrons only need a Library card and to register at www.sfpl.discoverandgo.net to reserve free tickets to museums throughout the Bay Area, including the Exploratorium, SFMOMA, Oakland Museum of California, Asian Art Museum, California Academy of Sciences, DeYoung, Cartoon Art, Contemporary Jewish Museum, and even local swimming pools.

SUPPORTING LOCAL ARTISTS.

Friends plays a critical role in supporting the local arts community by paying honorariums to 300 professionals who collaborate with and perform throughout the Library each year. This includes authors, children's entertainers, circus professionals, musicians, lecturers, and drag queens.