

FRIENDS *of the* SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY

GREAT LIBRARIES,
STRONG COMMUNITIES

FRIENDS is a member-supported, nonprofit organization that fundraises, advocates and works with partners and volunteers to provide critical support for the San Francisco Public Library and the Bay Area community.

OUR MISSION is to strengthen, support and advocate for a superior free public library system in San Francisco.

OUR ROOTS of activism and support date back to 1961 when the San Francisco Public Library was underfunded and operating in aging facilities that did not adequately serve the Bay Area community.

WE BELIEVE that libraries strengthen communities by providing free and equal access to information and technology for all and that better libraries are a nexus to stronger communities.

WE LEAD community campaigns; our success resulted in the building of a new Main Library and stable funding for library hours and services through passage of the Library Preservation Fund. Friends also led the way for renovating and updating our neighborhood branch libraries, raising the monies necessary for the equipment and furniture in the newly renovated branches.

WE FUND diverse programs, resources and services beyond those supported by the city, thereby enriching and enhancing the public library system in San Francisco.

WE NURTURE AND ENGAGE a community of library supporters through membership, volunteer opportunities, community partnerships, the recycling and sale of books, outreach, events and literary programs.

WE SUPPORT and provide the community with continuing opportunities to invest in the success of the Library.

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and support our vigilant efforts to ensure continuing innovation and excellence at the San Francisco Public Library, a system that is responsive to the needs of our Bay Area community and, in turn, strengthens that community.

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