

North Beach Grand Opening Celebration!

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The Best of Friends

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Friends of the San Francisco Public Library

North Beach Grand Opening this Saturday!

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Long Now Foundation

Friends & The Long Now Foundation

We have new neighbors in Fort Mason, and we're excited to partner with them! The Long Now Foundation is a non-profit organization that seeks to become the seed of a very long-term cultural institution, hoping to help long-term thinking more common. In addition to helping Long Now amass titles for their ever-ambitious "Building the Manual for Civilization Library," Friends will be the bookseller at their monthly Interval Salon in Fort Mason, an avenue that is equal parts library, bar, museum, and café. The unique social venue is open to the public.

Join us on Saturday at noon to celebrate the grand opening of the new North Beach Branch Library! The opening is highly anticipated -- the culmination of an unprecedented project over more than a decade to construct or renovate 24 branch libraries in San Francisco, with Friends' Neighborhood Library Campaign providing funds for the furniture and equipment in those branches. The North Beach Branch Library is the final branch in this project! Join us to celebrate with entertainment, an official ribbon cutting and giveaways. Musical entertainment, community celebration and ribbon cutting festivities begin at noon. (Library services will start at 2 p.m.)

The new North Beach Branch Library is seismically strong, sustainable and fully accessible, and 60 percent larger than the facility it replaces. The 8,500 square-foot, two-story building includes:

- a community room for neighborhood meetings

Tuesday May 27 at 7:30 p.m.
Adam Rogers will be
presenting Proof: The
Science of Booze

- a larger children's area and new teen space
- additional public computers
- new furniture and equipment
- an expanded collection of books, DVDs, and CDs

Friday June 13 at 6:00 p.m.
Rachel Sussman presenting
The Oldest Living Things
in the World

Come check out this beautiful new library this
Saturday!

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Anniversary of the Merced Branch Library Grand Reopening

Merced Branch

After you join us for the Grand Opening of the new North Beach Branch Library, come celebrate the 3rd Anniversary of the Merced Branch Library Grand Reopening on Wednesday, May 14th! The Merced Branch was renovated as part of our Neighborhood Library Campaign. Funded by Proposition A, a bond measure that passed overwhelmingly in 2000, the Branch Library Improvement Program built and renovated San Francisco's branch libraries. Since the bond did not provide funding for furnishings, fixtures and equipment, Friends raised funds to equip and furnish the 24 branches.

6:00-7:00: Refreshments and music (Cafe Babar Jug Band.)

7:00-8:00: San Francisco historian Woody LaBounty discusses the 1894 San Francisco Midwinter Fair in observance of its 120th anniversary.

Merced Branch, 155 Winston Drive (at 19th Ave.) 94132

This event is funded by Friends of the San Francisco Public Library.

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From the Park to the Parking Lot - The Story of Our New Library

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*Article by Francesca Ficano Latimer, 5th grade student at
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North Beach is opening up a new library on May 10 with a bigger, brand new children's section. You can whisper and have conversation with your friends all you want, because