The San Francisco Public Library presents



Fillmore and Fulton Streets 1936



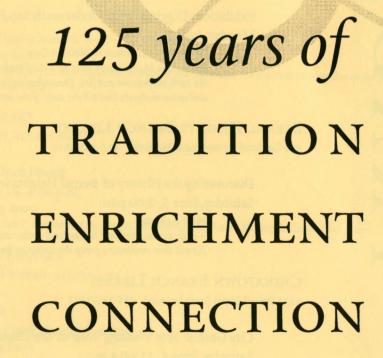
Chinatown District 1889



Glen Park District 1898



Sunset District 1915



A Guide to Programs and Exhibitions Celebrating our 125th Anniversary June 2004

MAIN LIBRARY

100 Larkin Street (at Grove) 415-557-4277

Live and in Person

Tuesday, June 8, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Mark Twain, Jack London, Allen Ginsberg and Dashiell Hammett in conversation with David Kipen. San Francisco's favorite authors discuss the real facts about their fiction, their lives and San Francisco's literary scene as they experienced it.

A Free Library in This City with Peter Wiley

Thursday, June 10, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

A lecture and discussion with author and journalist Peter Wiley about the history of the San Francisco Public Library and the Civic Center neighborhood

San Francisco's Literary Neighborhoods

Thursday, June 16, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Koret Auditorium, Lower Level

Michelle Tea, Genny Lim, Rebecca Solnit, Kevin Killian and others read and discuss their work and San Francisco's literary scene. In conjunction with the exhibition "Street Festivals of San Francisco"

Exhibition: This Institution is Yours: SFPL at 125

Monday, June 7 - Thursday, September 23

Outside the San Francisco History Center, 6th Floor

This exhibition highlights the Library's own history from its founding in 1879—and a peek at what patrons were reading, through the hosting of the U.N. conference in 1945, to a look at changing technologies, the Library has remained a free institution, open to all.

Exhibition: Digging Deep: Underneath San Francisco Public Library

Monday, June 7

Grove Street Entrance Exhibition Case

The current Main Library rests on a Gold Rush era cemetery and the ruins of the old City Hall, destroyed in the 1906 earthquake and fire. The archaeological remains pulled from the site include some of the everyday and unusual objects that tell the story of the development of the Civic Center and The City's earliest residents.

BERNAL HEIGHTS BRANCH LIBRARY

500 Cortland Avenue (near Moultrie) 415-355-2810

Discovering the History of Bernal Heights with Peter Wiley

Saturday, June 5, 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Room

A slide presentation and talk by local author and historian Peter Wiley, a longtime resident of Precita Valley. He will then moderate a group discussion on knowledge and memories of the neighborhood.

CHINATOWN BRANCH LIBRARY

1135 Powell Street (near Jackson) 415-355-2888

City Guides: Free Walking Tour of the Chinatown Neighborhood

Saturday, June 5, 11:00 a.m.

Community Room

A slide presentation and tour of Chinatown presented by City Guide Ernie Ng

Gold Mountain Music Ensemble

Saturday, June 12, 11:00 a.m.

Community Room

Chinese classical folk music

Co-sponsored by the Chinatown Community Arts Program

Saturday, June 12, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Community Room A lecture and slide show on Chinese Americans and discussion with author Ruthanne Lum McCum about her personal pleasure for research in our library Flying Angels Chinese Dance Company

Chinese Americans: Past and Present

Saturday, June 19, 2:30 p.m.

Community Room

Chinese dance performance; birthday refreshments follow

GLEN PARK BRANCH LIBRARY

653 Chenery Street (near Diamond) 415-337-4740

City Guides: Glen Park—Then and Now

Saturday, June 12, 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Room

A slide presentation and lecture presented by City Guide Patricia Duff

OCEAN VIEW BRANCH LIBRARY

345 Randolph Street (at Ramsell) 415-355-5615

Oui Be Negroes

Wednesday, June 23, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Room

"Oui Be Negroes" is the only African American Sketch Comedy Improv Theatre Company in the country. Originally from Chicago, OBN brings improv comedy on the Black Hand side. Refreshments will be served after the performance.

Zines for Teens

Wednesdays, June 9 and 16, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Work with a professional zine artist to produce your own zine. We'll distribute your zine at the library this summer! For ages 13 - 18

PARK BRANCH LIBRARY

1833 Page Street (near Cole) 415-355-5656

Park Library Open House

Saturday, June 19, 4:00 p.m.

Explore San Francisco and the Haight Ashbury neighborhood's literary homes and hangouts.

PARKSIDE BRANCH LIBRARY

1200 Taraval Street (at 22nd Avenue) 415-753-7125

Zines for Teens

Fridays, June 11 and 18, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Room

Work with a professional zine artist to produce your own zine. We'll distribute your zine at the library this summer! For ages 13 - 18

Some branches will be displaying history panels; please inquire with your local branch for more information.

SUNSET BRANCH LIBRARY

1305 - 18th Avenue (at Irving) 415-355-2808

Sunset Open House

Saturday, June 5, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Adult Reading Room

11:00 a.m. Two Celtic Harpists: Laurel Rogers and Lavinia Karl; 12:00 noon Welcome & Celebration Remarks, cake-cutting; 1:00 p.m. The Mandarin Trio: Music from China, performed on erhu, yangqin and xiao, Wilma Pang, Director. In the Children's Room at 10:30 a.m. Fratello Marionettes perform "Pierre's Birthday Surprise". Cake will follow the performance.

Two Sunset District Authors: Kim Wong Keltner and Martha Conway Monday, June 7, 7:00 p.m.

Lower level

The authors will read and discuss their books. Kim Wong Keltner is the author of "The Dim Sum of All Things", a spunky first novel. Martha Conway is the author of "12 Bliss Street", a crime novel.

City Guides: The History of the Sunset District—The Early Years Monday, June 14, 7:00 p.m.

Lower level

City Guide Lorri Ungaretti will show slides of the Sunset District and discuss the development of the District through the 1950s. Lorri is the author of "San Francisco's Sunset District." Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

WESTERN ADDITION BRANCH LIBRARY

1550 Scott Street (at Geary) 415-355-5727

City Guides: The Growth of Japantown & the Western Addition Saturday, June 5, Lecture: 2:00 p.m.; Walking Tour: 3:00 p.m. Presented by City Guide Mieko Swartz

Nibble Snacks and Check Out Books Wednesday, June 16, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Adult Room

While checking out books, munch on small snacks and sign our "Happy 125th Birthday SFPL" card.

Light Refreshments and Coffee

Saturday, June 19, morning

Adult Room

Enjoy light refreshments and coffee while signing the 125th Anniversary card.

The Fillmore: A Video Presentation Wednesday, June 23, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

See KQED's "The Fillmore" and learn more about the heritage of this neighborhood.



All programs at the Library are free.

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