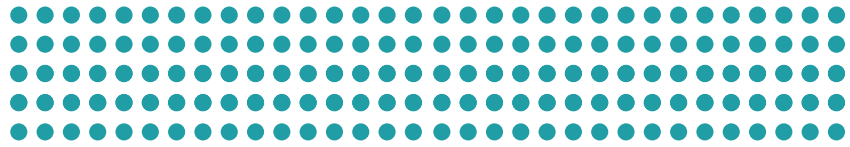


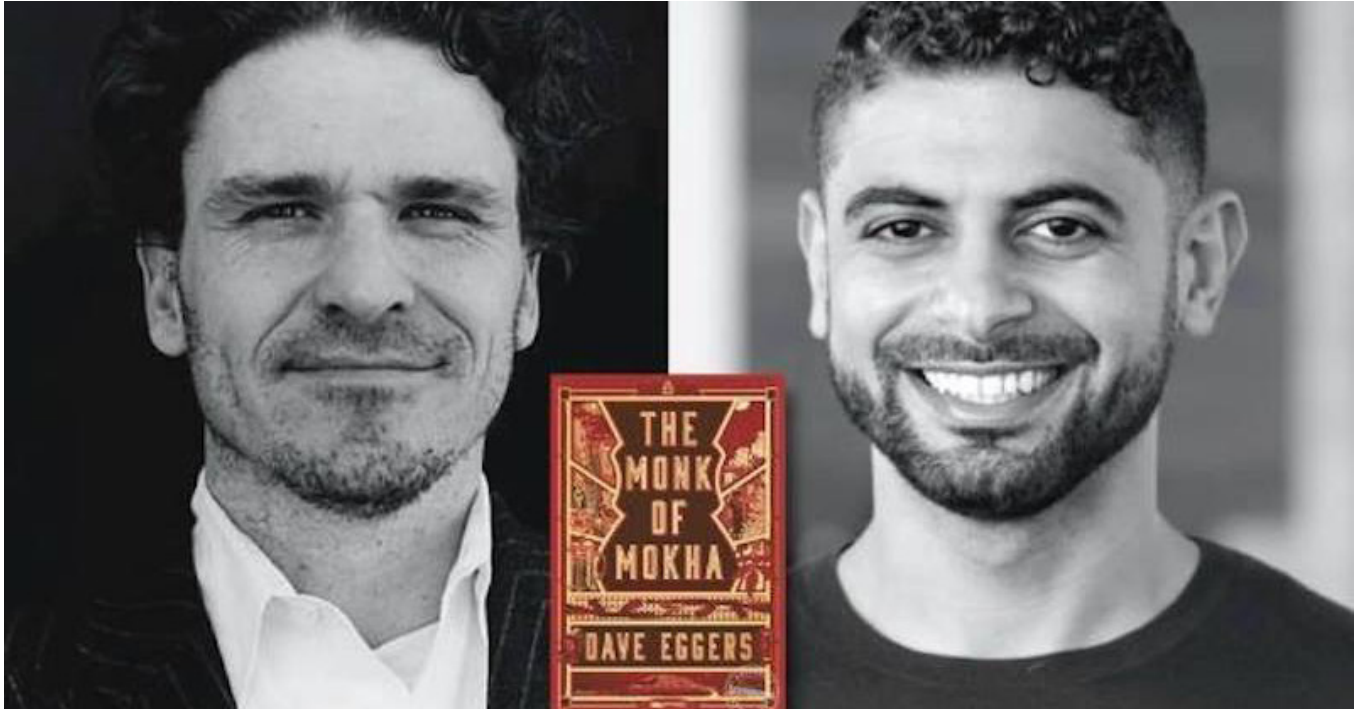
Mechanics' Quarterly



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**Library
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Events**



Litquake @MI The Monk of Mokha: Dave Eggers & Mokhtar Alkhanshali

See San Francisco's Visionary Literary Leader Dave Eggers

Thursday 10.18.2018

7:00 pm 2nd Floor Library

Mokhtar Alkhanshali is 24 and working as a doorman when he discovers the astonishing history of coffee and Yemen's central place in it. He leaves San Francisco and travels deep into his ancestral homeland to tour terraced farms high in the country's rugged mountains and meets beleaguered but determined farmers. But when war engulfs the country, Mokhtar has to find a way out of Yemen without sacrificing his dreams or abandoning his people. In *The Monk of Mokha*, bestselling author Dave Eggers brings this astonishing, courageous tale to life.

Members \$10 | Public \$15



Upcoming Events

Litquake 2018

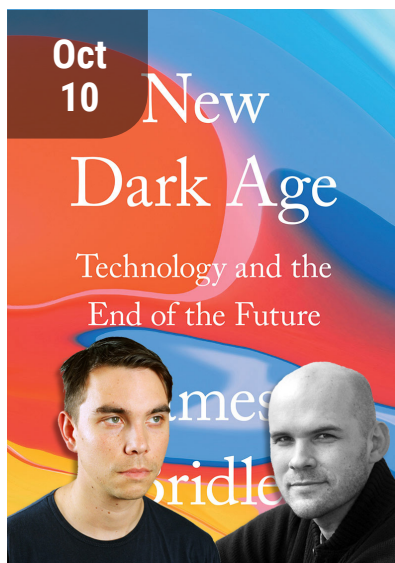


Monday - Thursday
10.15 - 10.18.2018

We are proud to again be part of the annual Litquake festival (October 11-20), with events at The Mechanics' Institute from Monday October 15 to Thursday October 18th. The line-up of authors and books includes **Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz's** *Loaded: A Disarming History of the Second Amendment* (10/15, 6:00), VR expert **Peter Rubin's** *Future Presence* (10/16, 6:00), **Wesley Yang's** *The Souls of Yellow Folk* (10/17, 12:00) and **Michael Scott's** *The Desert and the Sea* (10/17, 6:00).

Free to all

Tech and the City



Wednesday, 10.10.2018

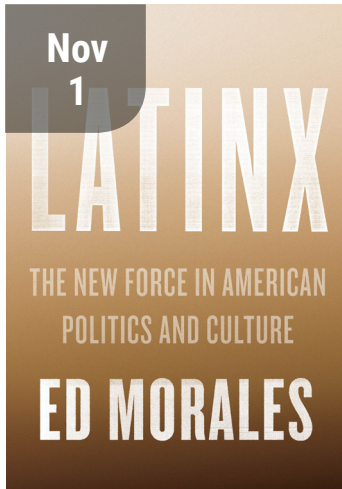
6:30 pm

4th Floor Meeting Room

The Mechanics' Institute's focus on technology will continue our newly named Tech and the City series. On Wednesday October 10, SF author **Robin Sloan** will interview London based artist/writer **James Bridle** about his new book, *New Dark Age: Technology and the End of the Future*, which explores the dark clouds that gather over our dreams of the digital sublime. For other Tech and the City events please visit www.milibrary.org for more information.

Members Free | Public \$15

Latinx: The New Force in American Politics and Culture



Thursday, 11.01.2018

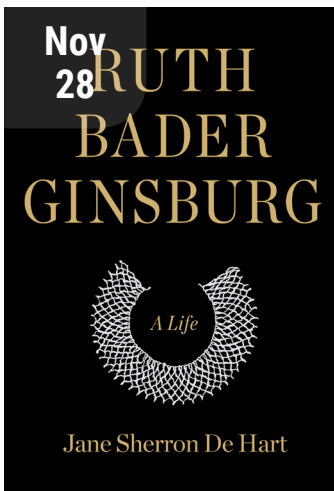
6:30 pm

4th Floor Meeting Room

Author, journalist, filmmaker, and poet **Ed Morales** describes how the largest, poorest, and fastest growing racial minority in the United States will gain political empowerment and start influencing the ballots and beyond. Finally, attention must be paid! ¡Mira!

Members Free | **Public** \$15

Ruth Bader Ginsburg: A Life



Friday, 11.28.2018

6:30 pm

4th Floor Meeting Room

Ruth Bader Ginsburg: A Life with author **Jane Sherron de Hart** in conversation with **Professor Scott Dodson**, UC Hastings College of the Law, features the first full life biography of our 107th Supreme Court Justice, one of the most profound and transformative legal minds of our time.

Members Free | **Public** \$15

CinemaLit



CinemaLit's October series, "*Ciao Bella!*," will focus on four fabulous Italian actresses, Anna Magnani, Claudia Cardinale, Sophia Loren, and Silvana Mangano, kicking off with Magnani's Oscar-winning performance in *The Rose Tattoo*. November's theme is "Silver Linings." Watch our listings for more details.

Fridays, Doors open at 5:30 pm, Program at 6:00 pm

4th Floor Meeting Room **Registration Required**



Events From the Stacks

Library Programs: Librarian-Led Classes and Member-Led Book Groups

This Fall, **librarian-led classes** return from hiatus. If you'd like to find out how to use databases accessible to Mechanics' Institute members or gain valuable skills to navigate the information coming at us 24/7, check milibrary.org to see what's coming up. You'll find the opportunity to sign up for one-on-one technology assistance, learn how to download and read books, audiobooks, and magazines from the Mechanics' Institute's collection of electronic materials, find investment information on the web and use proprietary financial databases, and better understand how to use key financial magazines, newspapers, and newsletters that investors routinely consult in making informed financial decisions.

Be sure to reserve your seat online or by calling 415-393-0102.

Member-led book groups hosted by the Mechanics' Institute are a great place to meet other readers and to discover books you may not have picked up on your own. The Brown Bag Mystery Readers group has met at noon on the second Monday of each month since 2003, and welcomes new members and drop-ins. This quarter, the group will read *Martin Hewitt, Investigator* by Arthur Morrison, *Bluebird, Bluebird* by Attica Locke, and will celebrate another year of reading together in December. The World Lit group will be reading *Graveyard Clay* by Máirtín Ó Cadhain, *The Setting Sun* by Osamu Dazai, *Signs Preceding the End of the World* by Yuri Herrera, and other works of classic and international literature. The World Lit group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 pm. Members are welcome to join the group to read one book, or to read them all!

Pre-registration is not required for the MI's member-led reading groups.

I Believe in Halloween: A Documentary by Strephon Taylor



Monday, 10.22.2018

6:30 - 7:30 pm

4th Floor Meeting Room

"It was a dark and stormy night." That's how it begins, right? A good Halloween story has those elements, the basics. "I Believe in Halloween" is just that, from interviews with kids telling us what Halloween means to them and fun music videos, to vintage footage and photos, antique postcards, advertisements, decorations, and costumes. Come enjoy a nostalgic, dark and stormy trip through what makes Halloween the greatest holiday ever. Children welcome. Film is 60 minutes long.

Members Free | Public \$15



Laying the Seeds for the GGIE

Saturday, 11.17.2018

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Offsite - Treasure Island Museum

70 years before the Golden Gate International Exposition and its theme of Pacific Unity, San Francisco's Mechanics' Institute began reaching out to the Pacific Rim with its Industrial Expositions that displayed and promoted the products of local entrepreneurs and inventors. These 31 Expositions, held from 1857 to 1899, bolstered California's infant economy, encouraged the demand for local goods and whetted the public's appetite for elaborate, multi-attraction fairs. When the Pacific Mail Steamship Company started their "China line" and "Shanghai Branch Line" with monthly runs to Hong Kong, Yokohama, Nagasaki and Shanghai from San Francisco, the MI fair managers were eager to capitalize on this new trade network. Invitations to the 1869 and 1871 fairs were extended to China, Japan, British Columbia, the Hawaiian Islands, Mexico, Chile, Peru, and the neighboring states. Both fairs were pioneering efforts to encourage trade relationships with these countries and they exposed the curious citizens of the Bay Area to the exotic cultures and products of the Far East. Ultimately these exhibitions lay the seeds for larger international expositions such as the California Midwinter Fair of 1894, the Panama Pacific exposition of 1915, and the Golden Gate Exposition of 1939. Speaker: **Taryn Edwards**, Librarian, Mechanics' Institute

Free

More information available here: <http://www.treasureislandmuseum.org/lectures>



Chess Room Events

MI Chess Club Brings in the Best and Brightest

On August 7th through the 10th, the Mechanics' Institute hosted the U.S. Chess School, as it has done the past few years. USCS founder International Master Greg Shahade brought in U.S. Champion Sam Shankland to teach the camp, which had Kevin Pan, Ruiyang Yan, Rochelle Wu, Derek Wu, Eric Yuhon Li, Nastassja Matus, Sriram Krishnakumar, Bryan Xie, Robert Shlyakhtenko, Adrian Kondakov, Vyom Vidyarthi, Ronen Wilson and Shawnak Shivakumar attending. These youths are some of the top junior players in the country, future Grandmasters!



TOURNAMENTS

10:00 am - 8:00 pm

18th JJ Dolan Memorial

Saturday October 6th

5 Round Swiss - One Day G/40,d5

47th Carroll Capps Memorial

Saturday and Sunday November 3rd and 4th,

6 Round Swiss

18th Pierre Saint-Amant Memorial

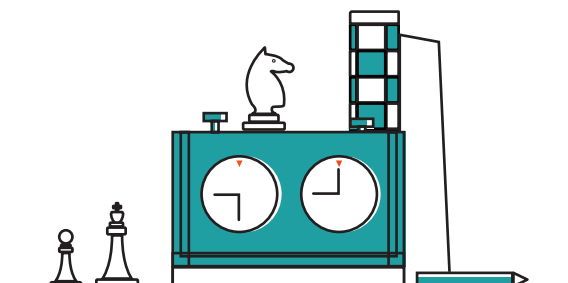
Saturday November 17th

5 Round Swiss - One Day G/40,d5

18th Guthrie McClain Memorial

Saturday December 1st

5 Round Swiss – One Day G/40,d5



TUESDAY NIGHT MARATHON AND LECTURE

International Master John Donaldson

Lecture 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm

Marathon Play 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm

October 2, 23, 30

November 6, 13, 20, 27

December 4, 11, 18

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BLITZ

Directed by Jules Jelinek

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

November 7, 14, 28

December 5, 12, 19

SATURDAY ALL AGES CHESS CLASS

Taught by International Master Elliott Winslow

11am – 1pm

October 6, 13, 20, 27

November 3, 10, 17, 24

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

SUNDAY MORNING CHESS CLASS FOR WOMEN

Taught by Sophie Adams and Ewelina Krubnik

11am – 1pm

October 7, 14, 21, 28

November 4, 11, 18, 25

December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

The Tuesday Night Marathon

The Mechanics' Tuesday Night Marathon (TNM) has a rich tradition that dates back at least 30 years. The idea of playing serious chess one night a week has appealed to a broad range of players from Senior Master to Beginner, who find the time commitment fits their schedule quite comfortably. The TNM not only provides strong competition for players ranging in strength from Master to beginner, it's also very affordable with an entry fee of \$50 for eight/nine USCF rated games. The Marathon is a perfect fit for those who can't commit an entire weekend to chess. No matter what your strength, the Tuesday Night Marathon might be the right tournament for you.

The Mechanics' Institute is honored to host the **Vartan Bedjanian Memorial Fall Tuesday Night Marathon**, starting October 23. Thanks to the generosity of his family and the Mechanics' Institute, the tournament will have a record guaranteed first prize of \$1000, with \$500 for second and \$400 for third. There will be a remembrance of Mr. Bedjanian, followed by light refreshments, starting at 5:15 pm. All are welcome to attend. This tournament will also become the 1st Mechanics' Institute Club Championship.



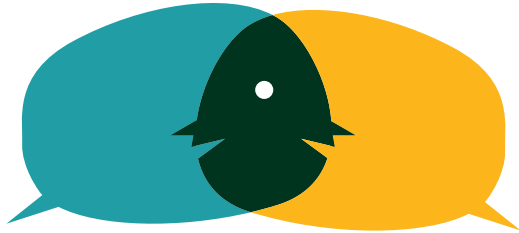
National Masters Uyangaa Byambaa and Natalya Tsodikova before their game in the 2015 Leighton Allen TNM



Special Events

Biannual Members' Meeting

This year our December Members' Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6 at 6:00 pm, with a 5:30 pm reception. Join us to meet fellow members, staff, and trustees. Hear from the staff about new plans and programs, technology updates, and our efforts to improve your experience as members. Members and guests welcome.



Annual Holiday Gathering

The Members' Holiday Gathering, which as always, will include hors d'oeuvres, gourmet cheeses, delectable desserts and tempting libations, will be held this year on Thursday December 13, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the 2nd Floor Library. Advance reservations are required. Admission will be \$15 for members and guests.



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Night Tour

12.10.2018

6:00 pm

3rd Floor Library



If you are a new, long-time, or prospective member the tour of the Institute will orient you to our building, include an overview of our history and mission, and outline our current services and the benefits of membership. Tours typically take 45 to 60 minutes. Bring a friend!

A wine and cheese reception will follow the tour.