

Happy New Year!

Get ready for what's ahead at Mechanics' Institute.

January Highlights

For a more complete listing, please go to: www.milibrary.org/events

CinemaLit: Chess in the Movies

Friday, January 12 | 6:00 pm

Queen of Katwe (2016)

January 19 | *The Thomas Crown Affair* (1968)

January 26 | *Queen to Play: Joueuse* (2009)

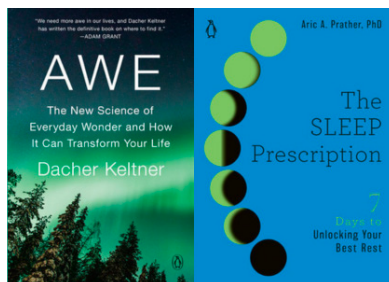
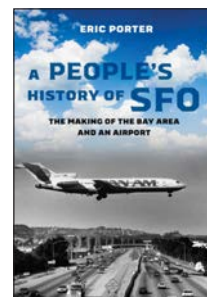
Film Discussion on Zoom



A People's History of SFO: The Making of the Bay Area and an Airport

Thursday, January 18 | 6:00 pm

Eric Porter unveils SFO's contribution to the Bay Area's global prominence in commerce, technology, and socio-political influence.



New Year Wellness & Renewal

with Dr. Dacher Keltner & Dr. Aric Prather

Thursday, January 11 | 6:00 pm

Enrichment Programs for Older Adults (60+) with community partner, On Lok

Friday, January 26 | 3:00 pm

Enhance your overall well-being by attending our upcoming information session.

Chess Classes



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Introduction to Chess

Wednesdays | 5:00 pm
January 10–February 14

FREE to Members

Online Chess Class for Women, Girls, & Gender Expansive Individuals

Sundays (ongoing) | 10:00 am PT
FREE for All

February Highlights

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Lunar New Year and The Year of the Dragon: What Will It Bring?

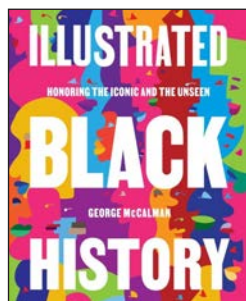
Thursday, February 1 | 6:00 pm

With Maxine Hong Kingston, David Lei, Linda Lei, and Stephen Gong

Illustrated Black History with George McCalman and Tonya Foster

Thursday, February 15
6:00 pm

Check the website closer to the date for details.



CinemaLit: Black Civil Rights On-Screen

Friday, February 2 | 6:00 pm

Loving (2016)

February 9 | *Judas & the Black Messiah* (2021)

February 16 | *The Landlord* (1970)

February 23 | *BlacKkKlansman* (2018)



Book Groups (ongoing)

Brown Bag Mystery Readers

2nd Mondays each Month | 12:00 pm
January 8, February 12, March 11

World Literature

2nd & 4th Wednesday each Month
6:00 pm | January 10, January 24,
February 14, February 28, March 13,
March 27

Chess Tournaments



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Tuesday Night Marathons

Tuesdays,
January 9–February 20 |
March 5–April 16

Round Time | 6:30 pm

Members \$70 | Non-Members \$100

Monthly Quads Tournaments

Saturdays, January 20 |
February 10 | March 16

Round Times | 3:00 pm start, rolling
schedule

Members \$30 | Non-Members \$40

NEW! (ALTO) At Least Twenty-One Tournament

Saturday, January 27 | March 23

Start Time | 10:00 am

Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50

March / April Highlights

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International Women's Day Celebration

Check the website closer to the date for details

Thursday, March 7 at 6:00 pm



**CinemaLit: Women
Screenwriter-Directors
on Women's Lives**
Friday, March 1 | 6:00 pm

The Piano (1993)

March 8 | *Julie & Julia* (2009)

March 15 | *The Farewell* (2018)

March 22 | *Nomadland* (2020)

March 29 | *Women Talking* (2022)



Celebrating National Poetry Month

Thursday, April 4 | 6:00 pm



with **Lee Herrick**,
California Poet Laureate,
Tongo Eisen-Martin,
San Francisco
Poet Laureate, and
Ayodele Nzinga, Oakland's
Inaugural Poet Laureate

Monthly and Quarterly Writers' Activities and Events

**Writers' Lunch | January 19,
February 16, March 15 | 12:00 pm**

**Writers' Meet | February 10 |
1:00–3:00 pm**

Writers Read! | March 6 | 5:30 pm

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Two-Day FIDE Tournament

**Saturday–Sunday, February 24–25:
2nd Neil Falconer Memorial
Tournament | 10:00 am**

Members \$70 | Non-Members \$100

FIDE Blitz Tournament

Tuesday, February 27 | 7:00 pm

Members \$20 | Non-Members \$30



Staff Updates



Tina Ahn | Senior Director of Advancement

Tina Ahn, Mechanics' Institute's chief advancement officer since November, collaborates with Kathy Bella and the Board of Trustees to advance the institute's mission and strategic goals. She prioritizes boosting revenue through integrated fundraising and marketing, fostering partnerships, and expanding markets for members and donors.

With over 35 years of experience, Ms. Ahn has worked with many highly-regarded San Francisco non-profit organizations. Tina began her career in fund development at the California Academy of Sciences and has held senior-level positions with organizations including International Museum of Women and San Francisco SPCA. Tina was recently with Seton Medical Center initially overseeing Foundation efforts and transitioning to business development which included working with the team to seismically retrofit the hospital.

Tina earned her Bachelor of Arts from San Francisco State University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of San Francisco.



Marlena Canon

Executive
Assistant

November 2023

Marlena, our new Executive Assistant, holds an MA in Museum Studies from the University of Manchester and has worked for many years in bay area museums and non-profits in a variety of roles. She enjoys visiting museums, watching Premier League soccer and tending to her balcony garden.



Violet Daar

Library Assistant

December 2023

Violet, our new Library Assistant at the Institute, holds a bachelor's degree in English and American Studies from Wesleyan University. Pursuing an MLIS at City College of San Francisco, they aspire to be a librarian, utilizing their background in community organizing and arts nonprofits. Violet enjoys crafts, reading, and recreational sports in their free time.

Staff Anniversaries

Month started | Years worked

January

Jen Desideri	6
Marcie Yang	2
Scott Mason	1
Laura Sheppard	24

February

Jenny Huynh	26
Mathew Stein	2
Heather Miles	2

March

Erik Sandall	4
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Support the Institute

To support the Institute's outstanding programs and activities, as well as the library itself, donations may be made **online**, by mail, via your company's matching gifts program, or directly from your retirement or other investment account.

For members who would like to include Mechanics' Institute in their trusts or wills, joining the **James Lick Legacy Society** signals your commitment to the Institute's ongoing mission so that future generations may benefit from your generosity.

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