



## Mayor's Update



Hey SSF,

Happy Black History Month!

This month, I hope you all can visit our amazing Library Department which will be hosting several incredible opportunities and resources celebrating Black History Month.

**The Kalimba King Musical Performance and SSF Black History Month Celebration**

**In-person at Main Library**, 901 Civic Campus Way, 2nd floor children's area

**Saturday, February 17, 12:00 p.m.**

# Celebrate Black History Month with The Kalimba King!

Listen, Learn, and Play the Kalimba (African Thumb Piano)!  
Event for all ages.



## Two Performances!

Library | Parks & Recreation Center  
901 Civic Campus Way  
12:00 pm

- and -

Grand Avenue Library  
306 Walnut Avenue  
2:00 pm

## Saturday, February 17, 2024

Our Library is also providing opportunities for you to create a quilt block, learn how to play the kalimba, make a diddley bow, as well as offer recommended books and films for adults and children that celebrate and honor African American history.

[Learn More](#)

Last Tuesday, I joined our Parks and Recreation Department for our annual *Valentines for the Troops* event at the Roberta Cerri Teglia Senior Center. The event was a huge success with hundreds of cards made by our local seniors. When combined with cards made by the children in our After School Recreation Programs, we will be sending a total of over 1,000 cards to our troops and active military personnel abroad!

I am also excited to announce that our city will be joining America Supporting Americans, supporting our troops stationed abroad. Our council member Flor Nicolas is excited to serve as our liaison to ASA.



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## **UPCOMING SSF & LOCAL EVENTS**

**Centennial Way Groundbreaking**



## CENTENNIAL WAY PARK SOUTH GROUNDBREAKING EVENT

Saturday, February 3, 2024  
9am - 11am

Location: Centennial Way Trail at Spruce Ave, SSF  
Event Parking: Bimbo Bakeries - 264 S Spruce Ave.

Join us to celebrate the start of construction of  
Centennial Way Park South.  
Skate space, bike park, playground, outdoor  
classroom, pollinator garden, and more - coming soon!

Activities:

- Groundbreaking Ceremony
- Tree Planting
- Trail Clean-up



RSVP:  
<https://forms.office.com/g/KBvbdSUraC>

[www.ssf.net/parkprojects](http://www.ssf.net/parkprojects) | (650) 329-3800 | [web-rec@ssf.net](mailto:web-rec@ssf.net)

Please join us to celebrate the start of construction of the new park along Centennial Way Trail between Spruce Avenue and Huntington Avenue on **Saturday, February 3, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** on Centennial Way at South Spruce Avenue. The event will include a groundbreaking ceremony, litter pickup event, and tree planting. Parking will be available at Bimbo Bakeries, located at 264 South Spruce Avenue.

[RSVP Here](#)

**Young Adult Novelist Convention (YANovCon)**

Peninsula Libraries Present

# YANovCon 2024

Young Adult Novelist Convention

Saturday, February 3  
11:00 AM - 4:30 PM



**Keynote Speaker Ray Stoeve,  
Writing Workshop with Lily Meade,  
Author Panels and Book Signings!**

## Featured Authors:



Julie Abe | Candace Buford | Kara HL Chen | H.E. Edgmon | Maurene Goo | Byron Graves |  
Jason June | Sean McGinty | Lily Meade | Lio Min | Sonora Reyes | Hannah Sawyerr | Ray Stoeve

**South San Francisco Public Library  
901 Civic Campus Way**

Learn More & Register:



[bit.ly/YANovCon2024](https://bit.ly/YANovCon2024)



San Mateo  
County  
Libraries



Redwood City Public  
Library



SAN BRUNO  
PUBLIC LIBRARY



Join us for the Peninsula Library System's Young Adult Novelist Convention (YANovCon)! View the exciting list of authors and speakers, and book signings with the authors! Free and open to all!

[More Information](#)

**Rainbow Kids Webinar**



# WHAT DOES OUR WORLD TELL YOUNG CHILDREN ABOUT...

Being a "boy" or a "girl"?

Who can be a family?

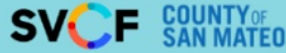
This free webinar in Spanish offers practical info to support young children around issues related to gender, family, and love

## RAINBOW KIDS EN ESPAÑOL

2024 Webinar Dates  
2/13, 3/21, 4/17, 4/24



← **MORE INFO**  
Scan QR Code



# ¿QUE LES DICE NUESTRO MUNDO A LOS NIÑOS(AS) CON RESPECTO A...

Ser un niño o niña?

Quien forma una familia?

Este seminario web gratuito en Español ofrece información práctica para apoyar a niños pequeños en torno a temas relacionadas con el género, la familia y el amor.

## RAINBOW KIDS EN ESPAÑOL

Fechas del seminario web 2024  
2/13, 3/21, 4/17, 4/24



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LIBRARY | PARKS & RECREATION CENTER  
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

# EARLY VOTE CENTER

Library Community Room, 2nd Floor

DATES: MONDAY 2/5/24 - TUESDAY, 3/5/24

Toll-free 888.SMC.VOTE (762.8683)

smcvote.gov

@smcvote

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY

The SSF Main Library will be an Early Vote Center for the Presidential Primary Election starting February 2 through Election Day on March 5.

[More Information](#)

## Build a Gaming PC Part 1: Required Components of a PC

Learn about all the parts that make up a PC; from what they do to the information you need to gather in order to purchase the correct parts. This 3-part program series is limited to the first 10 registrants ages 15 and up. **Main Library, Discovery Center Digital Media Lab, 2nd Floor (901 Civic Campus Way).**

[Registration Required](#)

## Spring Camp

Public Registration: Begins February 5

Spring Camp will be held at the Joseph A. Fernekes Recreation Building and Ponderosa Elementary School Friday, March 29 – Friday, April 5. Children currently enrolled in TK through 12 years old are eligible. Resident Fee: \$39/day, Non-Resident Fee: \$44/day.

[Questions?](#)

## Cultural Arts Commission Art Show



**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

# By the Light of the Moon

Celebration  
of Lunar  
New Year



Year of  
the  
Dragon

## ART SHOW

Friday, February 9, 2024  
6 PM - 8 PM

Saturday, February 10, 2024  
10 AM - 4 PM

Library | Parks and Recreation Center  
901 Civic Campus Way  
South San Francisco  
3rd Floor Gallery

Admission  
Free



### ARTIST INFORMATION

Online entry deadline:  
January 23, 2024 (Digital art)  
January 30, 2024 (2-D & 3-D art)



For complete guidelines & online application  
[www.ssf.net/culturalarts](http://www.ssf.net/culturalarts)  
Select "Current Opportunities for Artists"

**INFORMATION**  
SSF Parks and Recreation Department  
[www.ssf.net/culturalarts](http://www.ssf.net/culturalarts)  
Ercie Santos, Cultural Arts Specialist  
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Since time immemorial humanity has regarded the moon with awe, mysticism, and reverence. The most recognized moon-inspired traditions occur during the Lunar New Year celebrations. Join us for the first 2024 art gallery exhibit, a mesmerizing multi-media art show, celebrating the moon and the traditions represented in the annual Lunar New Year event. The two-day show will be followed by an extended exhibit running from February 11 through February 25.

[Gallery Schedule and Latest Updates](#)

### Summer Camp

Public Lottery Registration: February 26 - March 4  
In-Person Registration: March 16 at 7:00 a.m. at the Joseph A. Fernekes Recreation Building



Camps will be held at the Joseph A. Fernekes Recreation Building, Ponderosa Elementary School, and Terrabay Gymnasium and Recreation Center Monday, June 3 – Friday, August 2. Families interested in registering must participate in the lottery to determine their place in line during the in-person registration. Ongoing registration and applications for the waiting list will be available after March 16.

[More Information](#)

## SSF Police Community Academy

**STARTS  
MARCH 19**

**EVERY TUESDAY  
6:30 PM TO 9 PM**

**ENDS MAY 21ST**



### TOPICS

- Investigations
- Use of Force Issues
- Hiring, Police Academy, FTO
- SWAT and K-9 Demonstration
- Traffic Enforcement
- and more...

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(650) 829-3931  
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**JOIN THE SSFPD**



## COMMUNITY ACADEMY



How does a police department function?  
Why do officers do what they do?  
Is law enforcement the profession for me?  
How do I become more familiar with the men and women who serve and protect my community?

Scan the QR Code  
to apply.



**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO**  
**Farmers' Market**

*The South San Francisco Farmers' Market is back home! Join us as we feature dozens of vendors and weekly special guests.*

**When:** Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., every Saturday, all year!  
**Where:** Orange Memorial Park, 781 Tennis Drive, behind the Fernekes Building in the parking lot.  
**What:** Fruits, vegetables, honey, hummus, bakeries, and hot foods to sit and enjoy after you shop.

**Questions?** Email [CityInfo@ssf.net](mailto:CityInfo@ssf.net) or visit [www.ssf.net/FarmersMarket](http://www.ssf.net/FarmersMarket).

**WEST COAST FARMERS MARKET ASSOCIATION**

Help support local farmers and small businesses at the SSF Farmers' Market. Pick-up fresh, delicious fruits and vegetables straight from the source! Additional features include a food truck, fresh hummus, fresh baked goods, candles, plants, crafts, and much more!

[More Information](#)

### **Spring Adult Men's Basketball League (5X5), Softball League and Co-ed Softball League**

Adult Men's Basketball League at the Terrabay Gymnasium and Recreation Center. The registration deadline is February 23, and the season begins in March.

Adult Men's Softball League and Adult Coed Softball League will begin league play in April 2024. Register March 11th – 15th.

Call (650) 829-4680 or click the link below.

[More Information](#)

### **Pickleball Court Pilot Program**

The Orange Memorial Park Master Plan envisions the addition of dedicated pickleball courts, as funding allows. To provide a space for this growing sport in the interim, tennis court #5 at Orange Memorial Park will be dedicated for pickleball activities as a demonstration project to

determine if that court could be permanently used for pickleball.

Following completion of the pilot project, which will conclude in mid-2024, the court may be resurfaced to repair cracked surfacing, permanently restriped, and outfitted with pickleball nets to the extent budget allows.

During this demonstration period, your feedback will help inform the future of this court. Please take our survey using the following link:

[Take the Survey](#)

## Picnic Reservations

You can now register for picnic sites for the 2024 season at the Recreation Office at the new Library | Parks & Recreation Center and online. The picnic season runs from March 2 - October 27. There are 15 picnic sites and two enclosed shelters available. Contact the Recreation Office at (650) 829-3800 for questions.

[Email](#)

[Reserve Here](#)

## Private Rentals



Let us help you plan your next meeting, party, or event in one of our

beautiful facilities. South San Francisco has several rooms and facilities available for different functions. We are now booking 11 months in advance.

[Learn More](#)

[Questions?](#)

### **Sign Hill Stewards**

You are encouraged to sign-up to help restore habitat and protect nature with the Parks and Recreation Department in South San Francisco. Join Natural Resource Specialist Candace LaCroix every other Friday and the second Saturday of the month on Sign Hill. Registration is required.

[Register Here](#)

[Questions?](#)

### **Vibrant Abstract Art on Exhibit**



Enjoy a solo artist exhibit featuring the vibrant work of San Francisco artist Michele de la Menardiere. Her paintings showcase breathtaking colors and an audacious flow of elements that explore indescribable emotions such as awe, ecstasy, and solace. Her art will be on display at the Library | Parks and Recreation Center, first floor corridor and Council Chambers/Theater Atrium from February through May 2024.

This solo artist exhibit is the second of three exhibitions taking place from October 2023 through September 2024. The exhibits are made possible by a generous grant from the San Mateo County Arts Commission and San Mateo County Office of Arts and Culture.

[More Information](#)

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## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**Affordable Connectivity Program**



The Affordable Connectivity Program is a Federal Communications Commission program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service. This new benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers. This Covid-era program may be ending soon, so apply soon if interested!

[To Apply](#)

[Aplicar](#)

[Learn More](#)

**Student Aid & Cal. Dream Act Applications**

**CLASS OF 2024**

## ★ CASH FOR COLLEGE NIGHT ★

SSFUSD is hosting multiple workshops for financial aid for college. Financial advisors will review steps to completing the FAFSA or California Dream Act Application and help assist you in completing the application!

Sign up for any of the dates at either school [HERE!](#)  
Translators and Childcare will be provided

**1st Session:**  
January 23, 2024

**Time:**  
6:00-8:00pm

**Location:**  
Library-South City HS  
400 B Street, SSF

**2nd Session:**  
February 6, 2024

**Time:**  
6:00-8:00pm

**Location:**  
Library- El Camino HS  
1320 Mission Rd. SSF

**CLASE DE 2024**

## ★ AYUDA FINANCIERA ★

SSFUSD está organizando talleres sobre ayuda financiera. ¡Asesores financieros revisarán los pasos para completar la solicitud FAFSA o California Dream Act y ayudarán a completar la solicitud!

Regístrate para cualquiera de las fechas en cualquiera de las escuelas [aquí!](#)  
Habrá traductores y cuidado de niños disponibles.

**3rd Session: 1 Sesión:**  
March 12, 2024 January 23, 2024

**Time: Hora**  
6:00-8:00pm 6:00-8:00pm

**Location: Ubicación**  
Library-South City HS Library - Hosted at  
400 B Street, SSF South City HS

**4th Session: 2 Sesión:**  
March 13, 2024 February 6, 2024

**Time: Hora**  
6:00-8:00pm 6:00-8:00pm

**Location: Ubicación**  
Zoom Library- Hosted at  
El Camino HS

**3 Sesión:**  
March 12, 2024

**Hora**  
6:00-8:00pm


**Ubicación**  
Library - Hosted at  
South City HS

**4 Sesión:**  
March 13, 2024


**Hora**  
6:00-8:00pm

**Ubicación**  
Zoom

**\*Please make sure you have an FSA ID ready before attending the FAFSA workshop, click [here](#) to create one\***



**\*Asegúrese de tener una FSA ID lista antes de asistir al taller de FAFSA, haga clic [aquí](#) para crear una\***



The South San Francisco Unified School District is committed to having all of their 12th grade students complete either the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA). In alignment with their *Drawing of a Graduate*, through this effort they are helping students LEARN, THRIVE, and NAVIGATE.

AB 469 requires all high school seniors to apply for financial aid. There are several changes to the financial aid application process this year, some of which expand aid eligibility and make it easier for families to apply, however, some of the changes compound barriers that make it challenging for historically marginalized families to complete their applications.

SSFUSD will be holding different events to support their 12th grade students and their families through the application process. See the flyer above to attend a *Cash for College* event. Please contact your student's school counselor with any questions. We're "ALL IN" for financial aid.

Yours in service,  
James Coleman  
Mayor of South San Francisco



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