

FY 2025-2026 Accept & Expend for the San Francisco Public Library				
Fund/Programs	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Description
MAIN LIBRARY				
Public Programs at the Main Library	\$50,000	\$9,395	\$59,395	For cultural and learning opportunities, including content and maker creation, literary, personal skill-building, small business, and vocational development. This grant includes dedicated funding for The Mix at the Main, workforce development programming for the 4th floor, as well as funding to celebrate special events at the Main Library, reflecting the local community. Friends focus areas: lifelong learning, children and youth, arts and culture.
Phyllis Wattis Endowment for the Main	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	The Wattis Endowment is used to expand the Main Library’s capacity as a center for programming and support by addressing areas for upkeep and improvements in the space and for minor equipment. Funds will also support youth workforce development, Tenderloin Outreach work, and the DigiCenter including the Digi DIY Lab that provide the community with support in digital preservation needs. Friends fund focus area: lifelong learning and children and youth.
Social Services Outreach	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	For outreach activities conducted by the Main Library's Social Services team. Friends focus area: library excellence and innovation.
African American Center	\$0	\$6,000	\$6,000	For the Center's engagement with youth in SFSUD, including but not limited to Black Student Union members and African American students, Sistah SciFi speculative fiction fest, annual Kwanzaa celebration, and ongoing public exhibits and literary public programs for the community. Friends focus area: arts and culture, lifelong learning and children and youth. The SciFi speculative fiction fest, annual Kwanzaa celebration, and ongoing public exhibits and literary public programs are open to all.
James C. Hormel LGBTQIA Center	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	To diversify the collection, programs, exhibits, and clientele of the Center and digitization of the archives, including the LGBTQ Historical Highlights project. Friends focus areas: arts and culture and library excellence and innovation. Programming is open to all.
Latino/Hispanic Interest Collections & Programs	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000	For community programming in the Latinx Affinity Center and at Branches, including participation in Carnaval. Friends focus area: arts and culture. Programming is open to all.
San Francisco History Center	\$42,500	\$21,000	\$63,500	For special projects of the SF History Center including digitizing archival files; enhancing the Harrison Calligraphy collection, supporting the Schmulowitz Wit and Humor Collection, and curating exhibitions on local history on the 6th floor of the Main when possible. There is a new allotment of \$42,500 for digitization and preservation of obsolete tape-based media (e.g. cassettes, VHS, etc.) in our archives and special collections which are frequently requested by patrons, but are no longer safe to playback on the original media due to fragility. Friends focus area: arts and culture and library excellence and innovation.
BIPOC Kid Litfest	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	The BIPOC Kid Litfest is a celebration of diverse authors, emphasizing the joy of diverse narratives and an afternoon of inspiration, representation and the transformative magic of literature. The day consists of local and nationally known authors tabling and engaging Tenderloin youth and their families, as well as free book distribution and a meal for attending families. Friends focus area: arts and culture, and children and youth.
Talking Books & Braille Center (TB&BC)	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	For public programs to better serve clients with visual and print disabilities including programs teaching use of assistive technology. Friends focus area: lifelong learning.
SUBTOTAL	\$100,500	\$244,395	\$344,895	
NEIGHBORHOOD BRANCHES				
Grants to Branches - All ages	\$88,000	\$53,970	\$141,970	For branch-based staff to create programming specific to the needs of the neighborhoods, promoting intergenerational learning and shared experiences. Programming includes STEM, arts, cultural, health and wellness activities, and an annual open house celebration at each branch. Draw-down of dedicated funds for the Bayview Branch to supplement additional targeted programming and learning resources. Friends focus areas: children & youth, arts & culture, lifelong learning, and library excellence & innovation.
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SYSTEM-WIDE PROGRAMS:				
Community Programs and Partnerships				
Youth Programs: Literacy and STEM	\$75,000	\$31,550	\$106,550	For coordinated system-wide children and youth cultural programs, as well as STEM learning; Drag Queen Story Hour; Big SF Playdates; Scholar Card promotion; mobile outreach; Early Literacy Buffet; Afternoon of Ideas, and for programming partnerships with SFUSD, deYoung, SFMOMA, CJM, Exploratorium, Asian Art Museum, National Park Service, Bay Area Discovery Museum and more. Unrestricted funding represents a small increase in honoraria. Additionally, because the Donor Restricted fund for Tricycle Music Fest (previously \$13K annually) has been depleted, seeking additional unrestricted funds here to keep this signature program going. Donor restricted funds for BiPOC Kid Lit Fest and other initiatives. Friends focus area: children and youth and arts and culture.
Youth Programs: Summer Stride Reading Programming	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	For all non-personnel costs of the SFPL's signature summer program, including free events for all ages, the Youth Engaged in Library Leadership (YELL) program, Summer youth volunteer program, honoraria for all performers, featured authors and the featured illustrator, campaign supplies (stickers, tattoos, badges, buttons, printing, promotion), incentive awards, and materials towards the Everybody Reads campaign in collaboration with the Human Rights Commission. Friends focus areas: lifelong learning and children and youth.
Youth Programs: Día de los niños, día de los libros	\$0	\$0	\$0	No donations received. Absorbed by the CPP Youth Programs budget.
Youth Programs: Tricycle Music Festival	\$0	\$0	\$0	No donations received. Absorbed by the CPP Youth Programs budget.
Connected Community, system-wide themed programs	\$150,000	\$15,000	\$165,000	Funding year-round robust art activations and exhibitions along with cultural programming for adults and all ages that supports our Cultural Amplifier mission including More Than a Month, VIVA, Weaving Stories (AANHPI), First Person, SWANA, Filipino American Heritage Month and more, plus some of our now-signature special events like Night of Ideas and Drumbeats, Heartbeats Lunar New Year/Black History Month celebration. This also includes our On The Same Page literary series, and various authors and presenters on relevant, community-interest topics. To support Innovation & Organizational Excellence, this would fund Jail/Reentry programming, equity-focused programming, and equity-focused community outreach and engagement. The total fund represents a \$20K increase to support increasing our base honorarium and directing a little more funding toward exhibitions. Additionally, \$20,000 is requested to expand the award-winning Bay Beats community music program to sustain the systemwide expansion for promotional and related programming and outreach. Lastly, in supporting workforce development and similar initiatives aligning with re-organization of the Library falling under the Mayor's Housing and Economic Development policy area, we are requesting \$10,000 for systemwide programming and outreach. Friends focus area: arts and culture. Programming is open to all.
Literacy & Learning	\$0	\$28,000	\$28,000	For technology programming supplies and honoraria; FOG Readers materials and support; Career Online High School student support and graduation supplies; Project Read and ESL general support. Also includes funds remaining for Digital Inclusion Week. Friends focus area: lifelong learning.
Friends' Initiative: One City, One Book	\$36,000	\$5,000	\$41,000	For all non-personnel costs of the annual 20-plus year citywide literary program featuring a single book and inviting residents to engage in author events, book clubs, and public programs around the book. Friends focus area: arts and culture.
Volunteer Services Recognition Event	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	For expenses of events and programs that appreciate and honor volunteers throughout the library system. Tied to organizational excellence Friends focus area. Friends focus area: library excellence and innovation.
SUBTOTAL	\$367,000	\$79,550	\$446,550	
Public Affairs				
Community Relations/Promotions & Marketing	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	For advertising, marketing and community outreach of Library programs and other special projects; Discover & Go free museum passes and production of program guides. Also supports participation in street fairs, festivals and parades. Friends focus area: library excellence and innovation.
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Special Initiatives				
City Librarian Strategic Initiatives	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	The Strategic Initiatives support enables the City Librarian and management team to provide funding for strategic pilot projects and library initiatives that are not funded through the City’s budget process. Key priorities in FY26 will be organizational development and team building activities for the executive leadership team, which will entail consulting services for facilitation. This source will also support professional association memberships and attendance at industry conferences.
Racial Equity	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	Provides for equity education opportunities for SFPL staff and additional support for Effie Lee Morris/BIPOC litfest and FilAm Book Festival, and summer partnership with 100% College Prep reading program. Programming is open to all.
Recruitment	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	Focused talent acquisition activities via strong partnerships with local community-based organizations, colleges and universities, and targeted job fairs, especially for specialty positions.
Friends Inovation Fund (formerly Wiley Innovation Fund)	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	To support library innovation projects including promotora outreach efforts to identify and compensate dedicated community partners for community outreach around library initiatives and IT digital innovations to support piloting more media training and job skills in the community. Friends focus area: library excellence and innovation and lifelong learning.
Library Service & Technology Act Grants	\$0	\$2,540	\$2,540	For web crawler project at the Main for preserving community websites. Friends focus area: library excellence and innovation.
Special Collections	\$1,500	\$9,720	\$11,220	For purchasing collections from small, specialized publishers that do not regularly conduct business with the city. This also includes the Unrestricted Collection Development Fund, which is used to order books and other library materials that are not available through City approved vendors. We have seen an increase in requests this fiscal year since our vendors are still suffering from impacts of Covid. Having the extra money will allow us to purchase unusual titles that our unique community needs, especially titles to support programing. Friends focus area: arts and culture and library excellence and innovation.
Dannenberg Fund	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000	For purchasing AV/books in Italian or German, or about the Italian or German cultures.
Deaf Services	\$0	\$425	\$425	For purchasing supplies and equipment to support watching recordings with captions. Library focus area: lifelong learning.
SUBTOTAL	\$66,500	\$77,684	\$144,184	
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