

Further Browsing

Our guide to readings, spoken word, and other literary events

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Actors Reading Writers: Popular local actors read modern and classic short stories. First Monday of every month, 7:30 p.m., free. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant (at Ellsworth), Berkeley, 510-843-4822.

Celebration of the Word: This regular event features an open mike for writers hosted by Jeanne Powell. Mondays, 7 p.m., free. Perry's Joint, 1661 Fillmore (at Post), 931-5260.

Children's Story Time: Each week children aged 3 to 7 are invited to hear stories with a natural bent. Saturdays, 11 a.m., free with museum admission, free-\$7. California Academy of Sciences, 875 Howard (at Fifth St.), 750-7145, www.calacademy.org.

Chris Mooney: The author reads from *Republican War on Science*. Tue., Sept. 6, 7 p.m., free. Book Passage, 51 Tamal Vista (at Chickasaw), Corte Madera, 927-0960.

Daniel Liebowitz: The author reads from *The Last Expedition: Stanley's Mad Journey Through the Congo*. Wed., Aug. 31, 7 p.m., free. Book Passage, 51 Tamal Vista (at Chickasaw), Corte Madera, 927-0960.

Diet and Health: Dr. Luke Lin, author of three best-selling Chinese books, will talk about health and the detoxification diet, in Mandarin Chinese. Sun., Sept. 4, 1 p.m., free. Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Community Meeting Room, 100 Larkin (at Grove) (lower level), 557-4400.

Dr. Peggy Drexler: The author will read from her book *Raising Boys Without Men*. Wed., Aug. 31, 12:30 p.m., free. Stacey's, 581 Market (at Second St.), 421-4687, www.staceys.com. And Thu., Sept. 1, 7 p.m., free. A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro (at 18th St.), 431-0891.

Drop-In Writer's Group: Join other writers for a read-and-critique session led by Marnie Webb. Every other Tuesday, 6 p.m., free. Laurel Book Store, 4100 MacArthur (at 38th Ave.), Oakland, 510-531-2073.

Family Story Times: Parents and kids ages 2 to 6 are read to at various library branches. Daily, free, www.sfpl.org. Multiple locations within San Francisco.

First Friday Travel Series: A regularly scheduled evening of travel readings, followed by a reception. First Friday of every month, 7 p.m., free-\$5. The Writers Center of Marin, 1323 Fourth St. (at C St.), San Rafael, 456-1825.

First Sundays Queer Fiction Book of the Month Group: Each month the readers tackle a different queer book and discuss it at the next meeting. First Sunday of every month, 4 p.m., free. A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro (at 18th St.), 431-0891.

Friday Night Poetry at the Yak: Spoken word, open mike, and acoustic music are the fare at this regular event. Fridays, 7:30 p.m., free. Yakkety Yak Coffeehouse, 679 Sutter (at Taylor), 351-2090.

GenderEnders: Monthly series of spoken word/music events where the performers are cheerfully queer and the audience is even more so. First Tuesday of every month, 8:30 p.m., \$4-\$7. Cherry Bar & Lounge, 917 Folsom (at Fifth St.), 974-1585, www.thecherrybar.com.

K'vetsch: A regular queer open mike hosted by Tara Jepsen and Lynn Breedlove. Sign-up begins at 7:30. First Sunday of every month, 8 p.m., free. Sadie's Flying Elephant, 491 Potrero (at Mariposa), 551-7988.

Le' Femme Anarchiste': A women's literary art salon with special guests. First Thursday of every month, 8 p.m., \$10 or barter. Dark Room Theater, 2263 Mission (at 18th St.), 401-7987, www.darkroomsf.com.

Nahid Mozzafari: The author reads from *Strange Times, My Dear: The PEN Anthology of Contemporary Iranian Literature*. Tue., Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m., free. Cody's Books/Telegraph, 2454 Telegraph (at Haste), Berkeley, 510-845-7852.

Norman Glendenning: The theoretical physicist discusses his book *After the Beginning: A Cosmic Journey Through Space and Time*. Wed., Aug. 31, 7:30 p.m., free. Black Oak Books/Berkeley, 1491 Shattuck (at Vine), Berkeley, 510-486-0698.

Open-Mike Fridays: Authors are invited to read from their work at this regular open-mike event. Fridays, 8 p.m., free. Cafe International, 508 Haight (at Fillmore), 552-7390.

San Francisco Literary Walking Tour: A two-hour meander through North Beach and Chinatown to look at the apartment buildings, cafes, bookstores, and bars frequented by famous writers of the past. Meet at City Lights, 261 Columbus (at Broadway). Saturdays, noon, \$25, 441-0140.

Story Time in the Library: Kids aged 4 to 8 are encouraged to sit back and hear stories about nature and science. First Sunday of every month, 11 a.m.; Third Sunday of every month, 10:30 a.m., free. San Francisco Botanical Garden, Ninth Ave. & Lincoln Way (Golden Gate Park), 661-1316.

Sujata Massey: The author reads from her book *The Typhoon Lover*. Fri., Sept. 2, 7 p.m., free. Books Inc./Laurel Village, 3515 California (at Locust), 221-3666.

Sundays at Cafe Prague: Each week a featured reader presents his or her work, after which the mike is open to others who wish to read; all potential readers must arrive by 4 p.m. Sundays, 5:30 p.m., free. Cafe Prague, 584 Pacific (at Columbus), 433-3811.

Tommy Garrett: The author reads from his book *Letters From a Known Woman: Joan Fontaine*. Sat., Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m., free. A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro (at 18th St.), 431-0891.

Trane Devore: The poet will read from *Dust Habit*. Sun., Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m., \$2. Cody's Books/Telegraph, 2454 Telegraph (at Haste), Berkeley, 510- 845-7852.

Tuesday at Pat's Cafe Reading Series: Each weekly formal reading is followed by an open-mike session for fledgling writers. Tuesdays, 7 p.m., free. Pat's Cafe, 2330 Taylor (at Columbus), 905-8837.

The Vowel Movement: A monthly all-ages beatboxing event hosted by Kid Beyond and Tim Barsky. First Tuesday of every month, \$7-\$15. Studio Z, 314 11th St. (at Folsom), 252-7666, www.studioz.tv.

Weekly Open-Mike/Talent Showcase: Poets, musicians, and comics are invited to step right up and present their act to a waiting audience. All present are also eligible to win four free hours of studio recording time. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., free. The Canvas Cafe and Gallery, 1200 Ninth Ave. (at Lincoln), 504-0060, www.thecanvasgallery.com.