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Featured



Thursday, April 11 | 7:00 pm

[Music at Mechanics'](#)

with Rebecca Rust and Friedrich Edelmann

ONSITE | Rebecca Rust, an American cellist, and Friedrich Edelmann, a German bassoonist, have been performing together for many years in chamber music and as soloists with orchestra. They will be performing selections from Loeillet, Bach, Beethoven, Piazzolla, and more.

[Learn More & Register](#)

Members: \$15

Non-Members: \$25

Of Interest

For Members



Friday, April 12 | 5:00 pm

[Evening Tour](#)

ONSITE | Join a tour of the Institute to learn about our historical landmark building, our history and mission, and our current services and benefits of membership. Light refreshments will be available during the welcome reception and beverages will be shared.

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Free for All

Of Interest



Thursday, April 18 | 6:00 pm

Earth Day Panel: Innovators Creating Sustainable Communities

with Quinlin Messenger, Kirstin Weeks, Dustin Mulvaney, and Karen Topakian

ONSITE Environmental activists and innovators will discuss alternative energy, design concepts and production, & resources for diverse communities.

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Members: Free

Non-Members: \$10



Saturday, April 27 | 10:30 am

New Member Orientation

ONSITE | Mechanics' Institute, 57 Post St Learn more about your membership benefits for the Library, Chess Room, and beyond.

RSVP to membership@milibrary.org referencing **NEW MEMBER** in the subject line or phone 415-393-0105.

Members Only, Admission: FREE

CinemaLit



CinemaLit in April: International Coming of Age Films

Fridays, April 12, 19, and 26
6:00 pm (cafe opens at 5:30 pm)

ONSITE | CinemaLit is going international this month, with four films from four countries exploring coming of age and its universality. Join us for [Eat Drink Man Woman \(1994\)](#) from Taiwan, [Girlhood \(2014\)](#) from France, and [The Way He Looks \(2014\)](#) from Brazil.

[Learn more & Register](#)

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For Members



Join a NEW Poetry Writers Group for Members Only

Embark on your literary adventure by joining a Writers' Group at Mechanics' Institute — where your passion for writing comes to life in an inspiring and welcoming community!

[Learn more](#)

For More Upcoming Events, Click [HERE](#).

Friday, April 19 | 12:00 pm | ZOOM | [Writers' Lunch: Ecological Awareness in Writing with Viola Buitoni, Kevin Hobbs, and Obi Kaufmann, moderated by Sheryl J. Bize-Boutte](#)

Saturday, April 20 | 10:00 am | ONSITE | [Family Story Hour in the Library](#)

Saturday, April 20 | 1:00 pm | ONSITE | [Humans Who Teach](#) with author Shamari Reid

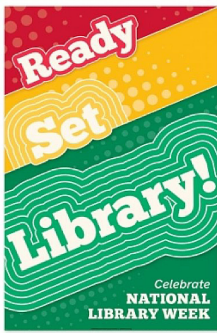
Monday, April 29 | 12:00 pm | ONSITE | [Monday Noontime History Series: Poems of Chinese Exclusion](#)

Wednesdays, May 8-June 26 | 6:00 pm | ONSITE | [Weaving Community Through Storytelling Workshop](#) with Kate Farrell

Library

[National Library Week at Mechanics' Institute](#)

BLOG POST by **Bobbie Monzon**, Senior Director of Operations | **Ready, Set, Library! April 7-13 is National Library Week** and allows us to once again highlight our services, event programming, and of course, the books and resources we all love to share. We have several new and exciting events planned for not only this week but just about every week at Mechanics' Institute. We have scheduled a series



of classes ... [Read more](#)

New to Our Collection

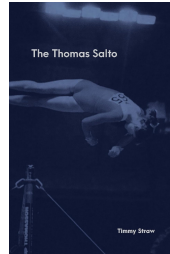
[Spoken Word: a Cultural History](#)

by Joshua Bennett



[The Thomas Salto](#)

by Timmy Straw



[Fat Ham](#)

by James Ijames



Chess

[View Calendar for Chess Events, Tournaments, and Classes](#)

Sundays, Ongoing | Zoom | 10:00 am | Zoom | [Free Women's, Girls', and Gender Expansive Individuals Class](#)

Wednesdays, March 6–April 9 | Onsite | 5:30 pm | [Introduction to Chess, Free for Mechanics' Institute Members](#)

Saturday, April 13 | 10:00 am | Onsite | [1st Richard Shorman Memorial Tournament](#)

Saturday, April 20 | 10:00 am | [Scholastic Swiss Tournament](#)

Saturday, April 20 | 3:00 pm | [Monthly Quads Tournament](#)

Chess in the Community

Mechanics' Institute is bringing chess to the community across San Francisco. Come out and join us throughout every week:

Mechanics Monument Plaza

Thursdays | 12:00–1:00 pm

UN Plaza

Sundays | 11:00 am–2:00 pm

Materials provided or feel free to bring your own board. All are welcome! Please note:

Chess engagement outdoors is weather permitting.



Learn more at www.milibrary.org.

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