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Hi Tina, Membership benefits include complimentary or reduced pricing at events. [DONATE](#), [JOIN](#), or [RENEW](#) today.

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### Holiday Hours:

We'll be closed on **Monday, May 27th** in observance of **Memorial Day**.

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## OF INTEREST



**Wednesday, May 29 | 6:15 pm**

### [Storytelling Showcase with Corey Rosen](#)

**ONSITE** | Join us for an evening of laughter and storytelling! Local author and host of "The Moth," [Corey Rosen](#), returns to Mechanic's Institute with storytellers and stand-up comedians. Come hear stories and jokes being told for the first time!

Storytellers for May 29 include Larry Dorsey Jr., Ginger Parnes, Liz Morrison, and Devin Hawkins.

Wine, beer, juice, and sparkling water for sale.

Members **Free** | Non-Members **\$5**

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**Friday, May 31 | 6:00 pm**

### [CinemaLit: Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? \(1966\)](#)

**ONSITE** | Very few embodied the twentieth century invention of the movie star more than Elizabeth Taylor. She delivers a volcanic performance in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* that earned her an Oscar, while the additional virtues of this film are too numerous to recount here.

[On Elizabeth Taylor: An Opinionated Guide](#) will be available for purchase and signing with author **Matthew Kennedy** on May 31.

Members | **Free** Non-Members | **\$10**

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# HERE5 Erased Landscape

Monday, June 3 | 12:00 pm

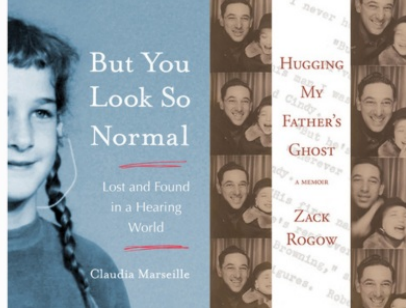
## HERE5: Erased Landscape

with Glenn Lym, Documentarian

**ONSITE** | Part of HERE, Glenn Lym's ongoing series on the architectural history in the SF Bay Area and beyond. Part of the Monday Noontime History Series.

Members **Free** | Non-Members **\$10**

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Thursday, June 6 | 6:00 pm

## Two Memoirs: Zack Rogow and Claudia Marseille

**ONSITE** | Join painter Claudia Marseille and poet Zack Rogow in conversation on their new memoirs, *But You Look So Normal* and *Hugging My Father's Ghost*.

Members | **Free** Non-Members | **\$10**

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## FOR MEMBERS



Tuesday, May 28 | 5:30 pm

## Tech Support Hour

**ONSITE** | Get tech support from our Community Tech Network Volunteers!

**Current DROP-IN Hours:**

- Every Monday (with Alexander) from 1:30 pm-2:30 pm
- Every Tuesday (with Jenn) from 5:30-6:30 pm
- Every Friday (with Grace) from 12:00-1:00 pm
- Third Saturdays (with Anna) from 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Members | **Free**

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Friday, June 7 | 3:30–5:00 pm

## Resources for Members: Kanopy with Andy Talajkowski

**Onsite** | A skill share series for Members where curiosity knows no bounds, and learning is a shared adventure!

Members will explore the extensive online film and TV library, learn how to search and save their favorite videos, and navigate the "ticket system." Kanopy is an incredible and diverse resource for film buffs, particularly CinemaLit attendees!

Members | **Free**

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

Wednesday, May 29 | 12:00 pm | Zoom | [Creative Project Group](#)

Wednesday, June 5 | 12:00 pm | Hybrid | [Contemporary Translated Book Group: \*Beijing Sprawl\* by Xu Zechen](#)

Fridays, June 7, 14, 21, and 28 | 6:00 pm | Onsite | [CinemaLit - Documentaries: The Real and Surreal including \*The Cockettes \(2002\)\*, \*Spellbound \(2002\)\*, \*Umberto Eco: A Library of the World \(2022\)\*, and \*Television Event \(2020\)\*](#)

Monday, June 10 | 12:00 pm | Onsite | [Brown Bag Mystery Readers Book Group discusses \*A Dance at the Slaughterhouse\* by Lawrence Block](#)

Wednesday, June 12 | 6:00 pm | Hybrid | [World Literature Book Group discusses \*The Dwarf\* by Pär Lagerkvist](#)

Thursday, June 13 | 6:00 pm | Onsite | [Stories Are Weapons with author Annalee Newitz in conversation with journalist Alexis Madrigal](#)

Friday, June 14 | 5:00 pm | Onsite | [Mechanics' Institute Evening Tour](#)

Saturday, June 15 | 10:00 am | Onsite | [Family Story Hour](#)

Monday, June 17 | 12:00 pm | Onsite | [Monday Noontime History Series: \*The City Aroused\* with Damon Scott](#)

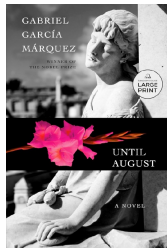
Thursday, June 20 | 6:00 pm | Onsite | [Quiet Lightning presents the 14th Better Ancestors featuring readings and performance by Anastasia Lê, Sandy Vasquez, Zêdan Xeief, Paola Ramirez, and Tadeh Kennedy, hosted by London Pickney](#)

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## LIBRARY

### [\*Until August\*](#)

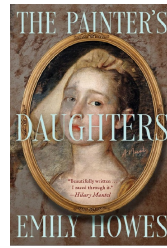
by Gabriel García Márquez; translated from the Spanish by Anne McLean



Across sultry Caribbean evenings full of salsa and boleros, lotharios and conmen, Ana journeys further each year into the hinterland of her desire and the fear hidden in her heart.

### [\*The Painter's Daughters\*](#)

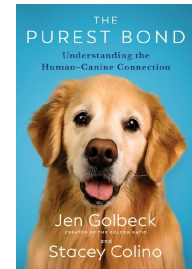
by Emily Howes



The daughters of one of England's most famous portrait artists of the 1700s, Peggy and Molly Gainsborough are inseparable due to Molly's bouts of mental confusion, and as Peggy goes to great lengths to protect her sister's secret.

### [\*The Purest Bond: Understanding the Human-Canine Connection\*](#)

by Jen Golbeck, PhD, and Stacey Colino, MS



Dogs have been considered people's best friend for thousands of years, but never has the relationship between humans and their canine companions been as vitally important as it is today.

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## CHESS | Scholastic Chess Camps Starting Soon

Chess Camps are an opportunity for beginner chess players to join and start a lifelong appreciation of the royal game of chess and play with other kids. Intermediate students will learn tactics, how to defend common opening traps, and review famous games.



Scholastic Chess Camps are offered throughout June, July, and August for Grades K-12.

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## [View Calendar for Upcoming Tournaments, Classes, and Community Engagement](#)

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

Mondays, Ongoing | 4:00 pm | Zoom | [Chess Cafe](#)

Tuesdays, May 7-June 18 | 6:30 pm | Onsite | [Summer Tuesday Night Marathon](#)

Saturday, June 1 | 10:00 am | Onsite | [1st Mike Goodall Memorial Tournament](#)

Monday, June 3 | 4:00 pm | Onsite | [NEW Scholastic Bughouse Tournament](#)

Saturday, June 15 | 10:00 am | Onsite | [Monthly Scholastic Swiss Tournament](#)

Saturday, June 15 | 3:00 pm | Onsite | [Monthly Quads Tournament](#)

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## 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](http://www.milibrary.org).

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