2-5 PM, SPECIAL EVENT: “FRESH JUICE/ JUGO FRESCO” BY ROBERT LIU-TRUJILLO at CHAPTER 510, 548 9TH. BOOK LAUNCH, WRITTEN/ ILLUSTRATED BY LIU-TRUJILLO, PUBLISHED BY LEC & LOW BOOKS. THE EVENT WILL FEATURE FRESHLY MADE JUICE BY “SUPER JUICER,” LOCAL AUTHORS, AND BOOK SIGNING.

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1428 POETS - OAKLAND CAFE. 1428 BROADWAY. 1428 POETS IS A LONG RUNNING SAN FRANCISCO POETRY READING ONCE HOSTED BY RICHARD SANGARELLI. TWO YEARS AFTER RICHARD’S PASSING, FRIENDS HAVE LOVED HIS FIRST BOOK INTO EXISTENCE AND WILL BE READING FAVOURITE POEMS FROM THE BOOK.

AFRO SOULFUL WRITERS - CAPE AND COWL COMICS, 1501 CLAY, A READING OF SPECULATIVE FICTION BY MEMBERS OF THE AFROSOULFUL WRITERS WORKSHOP OF OAKLAND AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PPENDING STATE WIDE ANTHOLOGY.

CALIFORNIA WRITERS CLUB - MAKE WESTING, 1741 TELEGRAPH CALIFORNIA IDENTITY, ALONG WITH LITERARY SUPERBOOSTS, A SUPERBLOOM CAN TAKE METAPHORICAL, DYNADIC, AND SPIRITUAL DIMENSIONS. “SUPERBLOOM: A CWC-BERKELEY READING” WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE ALL THESE GROWING DIMENSIONS.

MILVIA STREET - BOOKMARK BOOKSTORE 721 WASHINGTON, SIX UP- AND-COMING AND SUPER TALENTED WRITERS AND POETS!! THIS YEAR’S READERS ARE ANSEL SUNLIGHT, VIDA FELSENFIELD, TROY GHEWAT, HEATHER CHAMFORD, MARY MAGAGNA, AND R.A.D. LENC. LENC. NEW ISSUE OF MILVIA STREET: WWW.MILVIASTREET.COM.

OAKLAND YOUTH POET LAUREATE - LATHAM SOURDE, DUSK COFFEE, HEAR THE BRILLIANCE OF YOUNG OAKLAND WRITERS IN THE OAKLAND YOUTH POET LAUREATE PROGRAM AS WELL AS ALUMNI. OAKLAND’S CURRENT POET LAUREATE HARBOI BRANKS WILL READ.

POETRY FLASH - CAPE AND COWL COMICS AND BROADWAY 548 CLAY. OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY, AND IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR EVENTS AND PUBLISHING, WE PRESENT FOUR OV POETS TO SHOW THE AMAZING POWER AND DANCE OF OUR COLLECTIVE POETRY PLACE.

STARTING POINTS - FEELMORE DUFFET, 703 TELEGRAPH, WE ALL NEED TO START SOMEWHERE. WE WELCOME WRITERS OF ALL STAGES, WHETHER YOU’RE NEW TO READING IN PUBLIC OR YOU READ OUT EVERY WEEK, TO COME AND SHARE YOUR FREESTANDING WORK WITH US IN 3-MINUTES OR LESS AT THIS OPEN MIC.

THE THROWBACK - BINNIES 532 9TH ST. THE THROWBACK WAS A LOW-TECH LITERARY JOURNAL EDITED AND DISTRIBUTED BY DON O’CONNELL. SEVERAL ISSUES WERE PUT OUT IN THE EARLY 2000S. IT WAS RE-BOIN FOR BEAST CRAWL 2022. AND STILL LIVES.
To Live and Write - Punchdown Wine Bar, 1737 Broadway. Join a local writing workshop as they present original stories wild and fabulous. To tingle the senses and tickle the funny bone, this group has several actively published writers and some novices, each with entertaining flavor.

Vinocord Open Mic - Oakland Photo Workshop, 312 8th St. Community Open Mic in the memory of Julia Vinocord, renown Berkeley poet and social justice defender. Signups onsite. All welcome.

#We / Queer Perspectives - Awoken Cafe, 1929 Broadway. Four powerful writers from marginalized segments of the Queer spectrum, including Trans, Intersex, and Poets of Color, will present their perspectives and very likely change yours.

California Poets in the Schools - Oakland Photo Workshop, 312 8th St. Writers who teach and encourage critical and creative process in the classroom and in the streets will share work that inspires others to craft their own memoirs, poems, essays, and fiction.

Chapter 510 and Friends - Chapter 510, 11th & Market. This reading will feature poets and prose writers and promises to be a unique experience reflected by the amazing and various musical educators who have taught our youth.


Kerry’s Street/Soma Readings - First Edition (Freeform), 1915 Broadway, Local Bay Area Latinx American Artists. Luminaries & Venerables, a wide range of genres from poetry, fiction, memoirs, comics, and graphic novels. Younger arts include paintings, illustrations, and photography.

Lower Sound Brass - Tomorrow 5/16 & 5/17 Addison. In this reading you will hear from local poets who happen to find themselves moving on collaboration with the “Global Bag” and creating a new reality for themselves and their community to further explore.

Mons & Sisters - Theater Bar, 402 14th St. ‘Chortle and Resist’ celebrates an array of curators from across the Bay Area, each of whom has spent countless hours, days, and weeks crafting immersive literary events that feed our minds, souls, and spirits.

Eleven Years Celebrating the Dynamic Oakland Literary Scene

El Martillo Press - Make Westing, 701 Telegraph. Come hear the dynamic poets from the five new poets published by New Press from Los Angeles, consistently publishing new voices twice a year to make poetry a powerful tool in destroying injustice for the working class.

Music - Dusk Coffee/Latham Square. Intermission, rest, literary networking at the main tables in Latham Square.

Music by Brooke B.

Naked Bull - Graffiti Pizza, 710 Washington. Naked Bull... we’re back! The backroom reading that you know and love is coming at you with readers Tureeka Mikhall, K.D. Marrion, William Taylor Jr., Lee Foust, and M.D. Wallace. See you there bullies!

Poching Press - Oaklandish, 999 Broadway. “Después del Agua”, a collection from the Pooh Bear reading series at La Guva Baked in the Mission District of San Francisco, the showcase will feature various readers from the series, including founder Ricardo Tavarez.

Reginald Lockett Open Mic - Night Heron, 1700 Telegraph. Hosted by poet, teacher, and activist Nazelah Jamison. Naz brings her unique flavor from “Free Online Open Mic” to an in-person format. Signups onsite.

SF Creative Writing Institute - Omnium, Redstone and 8th and Clay. Head writers of all experience levels read from their very best works in progress. We help foster creative writing and community and turn fledgling writers into bestselling authors anyone can be a writer.

Synchronized Chaos - Feelmore Social Club, 1542 Broadway. Our equality: visibility, health and illness, and bodily autonomy. This reading invites us to consider who we are, at our core, and the different ways we inhabit our world.