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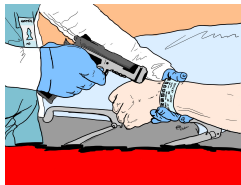
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70%

of use of police force incidents at our hospital were against Black people in 2020



Credit: Sheyda Aboli, UCSF & UC-Berkeley MD/PhD Candidate

ZSFG Library commits to learning about abolition to become a police-free, safe space

Abolition goes beyond "Fuck the police"

We want to create healthy & safe communities that are supported, equipped, and empowered to care for each other, especially Black bodies



ZSFG Library creates policy to address anti-Black violence



ZSFG Library hosts DPH Must Divest retreat



ZSFG Library



2021



2021



2022



2023



2023+

care not criminalization

ZSFG Library is a community-focused hub that provides support to research & clinical staff at San Francisco General Hospital



Credit: Perry Foster portrait by Mitch Blierer. Photo: Sarina S./Hoodline Tipline

ZSFG Library staff meet monthly to discuss what abolition means to us and how we can take actions toward change & practice

ZSFG Library forms partnership with DPH Must Divest



ZSFG Library staff join People's March



Small grant funding allows **ZSFG Library** to extend these conversations/trainings to UCSF Library



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