The Interval

2 Marina Blvd., Fort Mason

**What it is:** An old-timey coffeehouse, bar, and event space.

**Why it's cool:** Located in San Francisco's historic Fort Mason Center, The Interval is home to The Long Now Foundation, an organization that fosters long-term thinking projects. The space is steps from the water with views of Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge, and it serves as a library, coffee and cocktail bar, and museum.

The Interval holds weekly "salon talks" with authors ("The Martian" author Andy Weir made an appearance in October), academics, and artists and is also available to rent for business meetings and friendly gatherings.