



Branch Out: Celebrating Our New & Improved 21st Century Libraries

In 2008, Berkeley evaluated its neighborhood libraries and found they hadn't been renovated since Jimmy Carter was president and the movie Grease dominated theaters! Local architects Noll & Tam revealed that all four branches were seismically unsafe, cramped and in need of repair. From that need Measure FF was born – the beginning of a public and private partnership that raised the necessary funds to restore Berkeley's four branch libraries, allowing our cherished community resources to continue to serve families, students and seniors in every Berkeley neighborhood.

Today, five years after the passing of Measure FF, we celebrate the completion of an amazing task in this day and age: the REOPENING of four new modern and accessible library branches – an anomaly outside of the greater Bay Area – offering an enhanced quality of life for Berkeley residents with more collections, programs and space for learning at every level. We are very grateful for the support of our patrons and Berkeley residents who understand the value of libraries and their critical role in fostering democracy, literacy and economic development in the communities they serve.

As you'll see during our **month-long celebration this April**, each of the branches now provides more light and air, additional community spaces and seating, dedicated teen rooms and widened aisles. Plus, Berkeley READS, our adult and family literacy program at the West Branch, now enjoys its own new office and computer lab for staff, tutors and learners; and our trailblazing **Tool Lending Library** at the South Branch now enjoys an expanded location with over 2500 available tools.

Clearly, we are relevant– since re-opening, our branches have had a **38% increase in attendance and circulation of materials**, proving that libraries remain an important component of day-to-day life. Our library buildings are meant to serve current and future generations. While access to information may change, the need for free, accessible methods for obtaining knowledge and entertainment will always be a hallmark of a great society and reflects the values of Berkeley residents.

The four branches and Central Library are extensions of our values and commitments: to create modern, safe, public spaces open and free to all, and to provide access to information on demand without regard for race, color or income. When every moment of our lives exists in bits and bytes, emails and tweets, these new branches and the Central Library offer something critical to humanity: a quiet third place, a space to read or sit or perhaps contemplate the leaves blowing in the breeze.

There is much to celebrate, and we've planned a **full calendar of FREE events and activities throughout April to inspire all ages**, including after-hour musical events, author talks, art shows, family activities and much more... We hope you'll sample an array, and check out each of our wonderful library branches!

Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services
Berkeley Public Library





About Friends of the Berkeley Public Library

The Friends of the Berkeley Public library is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization founded in 1954 to support the educational, cultural and outreach programs of the Library.

Through sales of donated books at bookstores in two locations, sales online and at a large annual sale, the Friends fund or support a wide range of programs throughout the Library system, including summer reading programs, author talks, noon concerts, Berkeley READS (the adult literacy program) and history lectures. In addition, the Friends award library school scholarships, support professional training and help with travel expenses to conferences for Library staff.

Proud to be an early and major contributor to the Branch Campaign, The Friends provided a total of \$240,000 to endow the circulation desks at all four branches and grant each branch \$10,000 to purchase books for their collections.

The Friends of the Library bookstores are located within the Central Library and at a larger venue near the University in the mall walkway between Durant and Channing.

If you have books to donate, would like to volunteer in one of the bookstores or are interested in becoming a member of Friends of the Berkeley Public Library, please contact us at 510.981.6152 or berkeleylibraryfriends@gmail.com.

Sandy Bails, President
Friends of the Berkeley Public Library



About The Berkeley Public Library Foundation

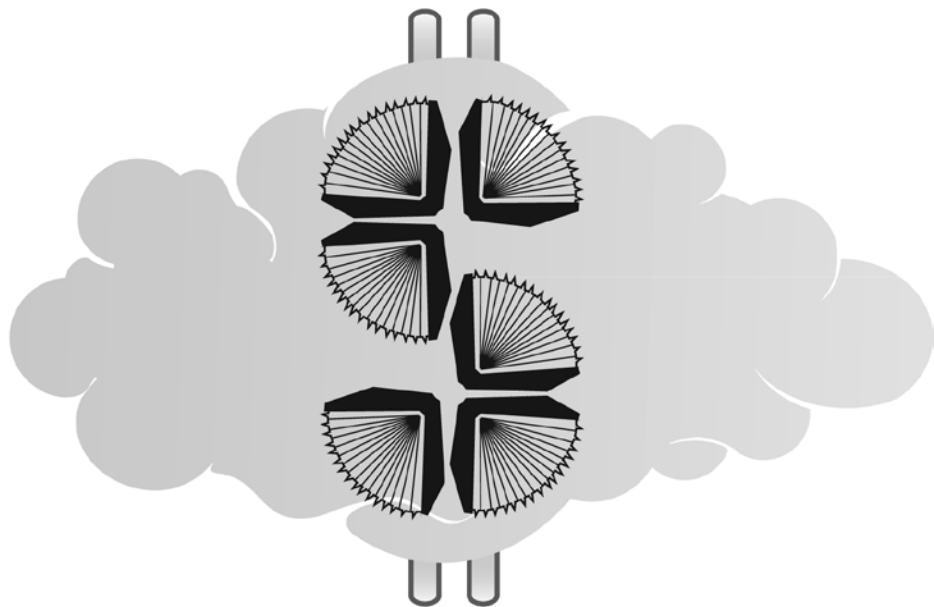
Libraries connect us, building our community, expanding our world and changing lives. Through fundraising and advocacy, The Berkeley Public Library Foundation amplifies public investment in the Berkeley Public Library, to make a great library extraordinary.

Donors to our recent Neighborhood Libraries Campaign generously gave more than \$3 million to outfit the renewed Claremont, North, South and West Branches. We're proud to work with the Library to create and support the events and activities of Branch Out, part of our commitment to helping the Library try new ideas and bring the life-changing experience of the public library to everyone in our community.

Bay Area authors, artists, filmmakers and local businesses share our love of the Library, and many of them have generously donated to create one-of-a-kind events that raise vital funds for our library. Turn to page 5 or visit bplf.org for a listing of ticketed events happening throughout the city!

Berkeley has an incredible public library system because of the care and commitment of citizens like you. Learn more at bplf.org, and we'll see you at the Library in April – and all year long!

Trish Hawthorne, President
Kirsten Cowan, Executive Director
Berkeley Public Library Foundation



Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale

Saturday, May 10, 10am-4pm
Community Room at the Central Library

Browse a vast assortment of quality used books on every subject imaginable, from bestselling novels to classic masterpieces, quantum physics to manga, kids books to cookbooks!

Admission is always free and ALL books are only 50 cents each!

Cash or checks, no credit cards, and bring a sturdy tote bag to cart off your treasures.

Can't make the annual sale? Find fantastic, gently-used books at extraordinarily low prices at The Friends' two book stores at Central Library (open during Library hours) and off Telegraph Ave. in the mall walkway between Durant and Channing (open Tues-Sat from 10-4).

For more info, visit **BerkeleyLibraryFriends.org**.

All proceeds support the Berkeley Public Library.





Special Events

The Berkeley Public Library Foundation creates special, one-of-a-kind events featuring the cultural and culinary riches of the Bay Area, with all proceeds benefitting the Berkeley Public Library.



Thursday, April 3rd at 7pm, Private Home in North Berkeley:

Join filmmaker Dan Krauss for a screening of his award-winning documentary *The Kill Team*. Chat with Dan during an intimate reception for 20 guests, catered by Le Petit Cochon, and then view the film with him in your host's private screening room.

Tickets \$100.



Sunday, April 27th at 2pm, South Branch Library Community Room:

Detroit of yesteryear brought to life by Leonard Pitt.

Master storyteller and performance artist Leonard Pitt brings historic Detroit to life with stories and his collection of vintage postcards. Reception with thematic goodies to follow.

Tickets \$25.



Saturday, May 10th at 3pm, Private Home in North Berkeley:

Learn to Play the Harmonica with Author, Humorist and Musician Sam Barry.

Join Sam Barry, author of *How to Play the Harmonica and Other Life Lessons* for a rollicking musical adventure. Learn to play on your new Hohner Marine Band harmonica and enjoy treats and libations courtesy of Good and Plenty Catering.

Tickets \$100.
and includes harmonica.

For tickets to these and other unique events supporting our public library, visit bplf.org.



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AFTER HOURS @ THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library are pleased to sponsor these special evening events.

First Friday: Photo, Film & Audio

• **Friday, April 4, 6-8pm @ North Branch**

Photo, Film and Audio students from *The Art Institute of California– San Francisco* present new work characterized by inspired creativity and technical polish. All genres of work will be shown including fashion and journalistic photos, documentary and fiction films, and music that spans electronica to symphonic. Evening includes food, a photobooth and art activities for kids!

Be There or Be Square Barn Dance

• **Friday, April 11, 6-8pm @ West Branch**

All-ages are welcome and no dance experience necessary at this fun family event. Join caller Mavis McGaugh, fiddler Anne Goess and keyboardist Debra Tayleur for dancing or just listening. Complimentary Refreshments provided by *Top Dog*.

Soji & the Afrobeat Band

• **Sunday, April 13, 7-8pm, doors open 6:30pm @ Central Library, 2nd floor Reading Room**

Original compositions with infectious extended grooves are guaranteed to set your body in motion at this special after-hours event with Nigeria's legendary guitar master and singer Adesoji "Soji" Odukogbe and his Afrobeat band, featuring guitars, percussion and horns. Soji was the lead guitarist for the late Fela Anikulapo Kuti's world renowned Afrobeat band, and in the 1970's Fela created this new hybrid dance music performed by large ensembles, synthesizing African-American musical forms of funk and jazz with West African highlife. The concert is complemented by the Central Library's exhibition "*African Roots of Jazz*" featuring the paintings of Charles Curtis Blackwell on display on the 1st and the 5th floors.

Classical Art Songs with Marie Plette

• **Friday, April 18, 6:30-8pm @ Claremont Branch**

Don't miss our special after-hours concert when the stellar soprano Marie Plette joins us for an evening program of classical art songs by Debussy, Faure, Puccini and Verdi. Ms. Plette has sung at the Met, Seattle Opera, West Edge Opera and the Berkeley Rep. She will be accompanied by pianist Jonathan Khuner, the musical Director of West Edge Opera. Of her performance in the title role of Vanessa at Berkeley Rep, music critic Joshua Kosman wrote: "The performers - led by the superb soprano Marie Plette in the title role - had an opportunity to bring the audience directly into the world of the opera. It's rare to encounter an opera done with such intimacy and emotional transparency, and the close quarters only helped." Light refreshments will be served.

Live Music with The Hieroglyphics

• **Friday, April 25, 6:30-8pm @ South Branch**

Enjoy Positive Hip-Hop music by this legendary Bay Area Musical act, plus a DJ spinning and mixing tracks. Refreshments provided. Open to all ages with a special welcome to teens/young adults and their families.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Pajama Story Time & Stuffed Animal Sleep Over!

• **Thursday, April 3, 7-8pm @ West Branch**

Have you ever wondered what happens in the library at night? Put on your pajamas and grab a stuffed animal friend for West's first ever Pajama Story Time and Stuffed Animal Sleep Over for ages 3 and up! Listen to bedtime stories, and after a small snack, leave your furry friend at the library overnight. When you return to pick up your stuffed animal, you'll be surprised to see what happens at the library after dark!

Children's Book Author & Illustrator Todd Parr

• **Saturday, April 5, 10:30-11:30am @ Central Library**

Todd Parr has written such fun and colorful picture books as *The Peace Book*, *It's Okay to Be Different* and *Reading Makes You Feel Good*. He'll talk about being an author and illustrator, read from a bunch of his books and answer questions! For ages 3-7.

Author Talk with Los Angeles Author & Filmmaker Erich Martin Hicks

• **Saturday, April 5, 2 - 5pm @ Central Library**

The author will discuss his novel *Rescue at Pine Ridge*, a fictionalized account of the rescue of the 7th Cavalry by the "Buffalo Soldiers" of the 9th Cavalry at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and show a short film detailing the events, followed by a Q&A with the audience.

Celli@Berkeley

• **Thursday, April 10, 12-1pm @ Central Library, 5th floor Art & Music**

Celli@Berkeley is a group of cellists from the UC Berkeley Symphony Orchestra, and performs all-cello arrangements of diverse repertoire, ranging from Villa-Lobos and Vivaldi to new compositions by local composers. This concert offers a wide variety of selections, from classical to popular.

Berkeley Bay Festival

• **Saturday, April 12, 11am-4pm @ Shorebird Park**

The Library comes to you to share information about our many renewable resource offerings, our free Tool Lending Library (FREE to Berkeley residents and property owners), free digital book, audiobook, magazine and music collections and the many resources our Library provides, including many resources accessible 24/7.

Standing on Sacred Ground

• **Sunday, April 13, 4-6pm @ Central Library**

Sponsored by the Berkeley Public Library Foundation with thanks to Toby McLeod and Jessica Abbe of Sacred Land Film Project, and Alison Owings.

Join us for a screening with filmmakers Toby McLeod and Jessica Abbe, in conversation with Alison Owings. In this four-part documentary series, narrated by Graham Greene, native people share ecological wisdom and spiritual reverence while battling a utilitarian view of land—and government megaprojects, consumer culture, competing religions, resource extraction and climate change. The episode shown at this event, "*Islands of Sanctuary*" focuses on the efforts of Native Hawaiians to restore the island of Kaho'olawe after 50 years of military use as a weapons testing range, and of Aboriginal Australians to resist the destructive effects of a mining boom. The filmmakers will be on hand to discuss their project, led by Alison Owings, whose most recent book, *Indian Voices*, takes readers on a fresh journey across America.



Children’s Book Author Mac Barnett

• **Wednesday, April 16, 3:30-4:30pm @ North Branch**

Mac Barnett has written fourteen very funny and slightly absurd children’s stories ranging from picture books like *Oh No! Or How My Science Project Destroyed the World* to chapter books like the Brixton Brothers mystery series, and those that defy categorization like his newest, *Battle Bunny*, which the Bulletin for Children’s books called “a complexly layered work of comic genius.” Be prepared to laugh, as he reads from his books, answers questions and signs your books! For ages 5 and up.

Poetry Past & Present: Denise Levertov, a Celebration of her Life & Poetry and Open Mic Session, with Susan Griffin, Eavan Boland, Peter Dale Scott, and David Shaddock

• **Saturday, April 19, 2-4:30pm @ Central Library, Community Meeting Room, 3rd Floor.**

Join us in honoring the recent publication of *The Collected Poems of Denise Levertov* (New Directions, 2013). Levertov was a poet, critic, former poetry editor for *The Nation*, and recipient of the Robert Frost Medal, among many other awards. The program will conclude with 5 minute open mic opportunities for audience volunteers to read one original poem plus one by a favorite poet.

What Makes West Branch Library a Net Zero Energy Building?

• **Tuesday, April 22, 6-7pm @ West Branch**

Come celebrate Earth Day by joining staff and the architect for the new West Branch, Gerard Lee, representing the design firm Harley Ellis Devereaux, to learn more about how Net Zero Energy buildings work, and the West Branch Library’s green design features.

The Gershwin Brothers and the Broadway Musical — Lecture and Music Program by Tim Holt



• **Wednesday, April 23, 6:30-8pm @ Claremont Branch**

Love George and Ira? Join us as Mr. Holt performs, playing songs from the Gershwin canon, including ‘*S Wonderful* and *Do Do Do*, as well as selections from *Porgy & Bess*, and other works by the Gershwin team. Holt will discuss their contribution to American popular music and provide a behind-the-scenes look at how they crafted their music and words seamlessly together, and the work of other great composers from that era, including Yip Harburg (*Somewhere Over The Rainbow*, *Brother Can You Spare A Dime?*), Jerome Kern (*Of Man River*) and Irving Berlin (*Cheek To Cheek*).

Off the Grid @ North Berkeley BART station

• **Every Sunday in April, 5-8pm**

Berkeley Public Library will get your mobile device connected to the library so you can read or listen to FREE e-books, magazines, and streaming music from the library! Connect with our mobile hotspot @Off the Grid.

Find Library-related Geocaches!

• **All Month**

Each library location in Berkeley, including temporary locations and other original sites, have their own hidden cache in Berkeley! Geocachers can find the sites by looking at the geocache map, or by searching Librarian@North on the app or site.

Toddlers & Tots

Preschool Picture Book Time

• **Tuesdays, April 1, 15, 22 & 29, 11:15-11:45am @ North Branch**

Read stories, sing songs, fingerplays and rhymes for preschoolers. For ages 3-5.

Tiny Tots Story Time & Playtime

• **Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 10:15-11:10am @ South Branch**

Discover the joy of books and language in this highly participatory program of books, songs, finger plays, friendly puppets and movement activities. This 25-minute program is followed by a 30-minute open playtime with toys, puppets and manipulatives.

Book Babies & Tiny Tots

• **Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 10:15-11:05am & 11:15am-12:05pm @ Claremont Branch**

Join us for bounces, tickles, books, songs and musical instruments with our youngest in a story time designed specifically for infants, babies, toddlers and their participating adults.

An open "Stay and Play" time with toys and manipulatives follows this program. For ages 6-18 months; not suitable for daycares and similar groups.

Rimas, Canciones

• **Fridays, April 4, 11 and 25, 11:30am-12:30pm @ North Branch**

Rimas, canciones, y movimiento en español- y ingles. After Story Time, join us for Playtime to sing, dance and read in English and Spanish. For ages 6 months to 5 years.

Baby Bounce & Toddler Tales

• **Saturdays, April 5, 12 & 19, 10:15-11:45am @ West Branch**

At this one-on-one interactive program for parents and caregivers of babies and toddlers, begin the morning with a half hour of lap-sit short stories, songs, lap bounces and tickles, designed for babies and toddlers age 6-months to 35-months. After Story Time, babies and toddlers are invited to Stay & Play for an hour with age-appropriate toys.

Baby & Toddler Time

• **Mondays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28, 10:15-10:35am @ North Branch**

For ages 6 months to 3 years, we read stories, sing songs, and do finger plays and tickles, followed by Playtime!

Baby & Toddler Story Time

• **Wednesdays, April 16, 23 & 30; 10:15-10:45am & 11-11:30am @ Central Library**

Share the fun of language through stories, rhymes and music! Join us for songs, finger plays, tickles, bounces and short books for our youngest ones, ages 6-36 months, with their parent or caregiver.

Preschool

Preschool Story Time, Sing-along & Craft

• **Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 3:30-4:30pm @ Claremont Branch**

Calling all preschoolers and accompanying adults! Join us for fun with books, songs and a craft based on the theme of the week! For ages 3-5.

Music & Movement

• **Fridays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25, 10:15-10:45am @ Claremont Branch**

Join us for a half-hour of song, dance and play, designed for ages 3-5 and a parent or caregiver. Registration is required.



Children's Book Author & Illustrator Todd Parr

• **Saturday, April 5, 10:30-11:30am @ Central Library**

See SPECIAL EVENTS.

Preschool Picture Book Time

• **Tuesday, April 8, 11:15-11:45am @ North Branch**

Join us for stories, fingerplays and stretches... in French and Italian! For ages 3-5.

Children's Book Author Mac Barnett

• **Wednesday, April 16, 3:30-4:30pm @ North Branch**

See SPECIAL EVENTS.

Bunny Story Time

• **Saturday, April 19, 10:30am @ Central Library**

Listen to stories about bunnies, meet some special guest rabbits from Rabbit Ears in El Cerrito, and learn how to take care of these sweet little pets! For ages 3-7.



K-5th Grade

Fourth & Fifth Grade Book Club

• **Tuesday, April 1, 4-5pm @ Central Library**

Make new friends and discover new authors! At our last meeting of the school year, come discuss *Edgar Allan's Official Crime Investigation Notebook*, eat yummy snacks, and recap the year—and don't worry if you haven't read the book! 4th and 5th graders can join us again in October for a new year of Book Club!

Pajama Story Time & Stuffed Animal Sleep Over!

• **Thursday, April 3, 7-8pm @ West Branch**

See SPECIAL EVENTS.

Celebrate Earth Day with Insect Discovery Lab

• **Friday, April 4, 10:30-11:30am @ South Branch**

Explore the fantastic lives of beetles, millipedes, tarantulas, walking sticks, whip scorpions and more! Presenters will introduce kids to the diverse world of insects in this hands-on event for kids ages 5 and up!



Tween MakerSpace

• **Friday, April 4, 18 & 25, 4-5pm @ Claremont Branch**

Join us for crafting, science experiments, culinary exploration and other creative activities, for ages 9-12.

Paws to Read

• **Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22 & 29, 3:30-4:30pm @ North Branch**

Dogs are a great audience! Have your child sign-up to read to a dog, and choose a book at the Library, or bring one from home. For children in K-5th grade.



Build Recycled Egg Carton Caterpillars

• **Thursday, April 10, 3:30-4:30pm @ West Branch**

East Bay Depot for Creative Re-use and the Berkeley Library celebrate an early Earth Day by recycling egg cartons into caterpillars. Everything is supplied, just show up!

LEGO in the Library

• **Friday, April 11, 3:30-5pm @ Central Library** **Friday, April 18,&25, 3:30-5pm @ North Branch**

Join us for this very popular program, an afternoon of creative fun, playing with LEGO blocks and other games! ****Limited to 25 participants at a time.**** For ages 5-13.

Family Story Time

• **Saturday, April 12, 10:30-11am @ Central Library**

Join our children's librarians for stories, songs and other activities! A great way to rediscover favorite titles and meet some of the best new books for early listeners, ages 3-7.



Games Galore

• **Thursday, April 17, 4-5pm @ Central Library**

Join us for classic board and card games, and Wii games on a movie screen (as space permits)! For ages 7-13.

Busy Bee Dogs

• **Saturday, April 19, 4-4:45pm @ Claremont Branch**



Don't miss these formerly homeless pets that amaze and educate audiences of all ages through heart-capturing extraordinary entertainment.

Origami for Fun

• **Friday, April 25, 3:30-4:30pm @ Central Library**

Make a camera that "clicks," ninja stars for battling your enemies and a set of coasters for snack time. Recommended for ages 7 and up.

Cascada de Flores Presents The Tree and the Donkey Who Loved to Sing

• **Saturday, April 26, 10:30-11:30am @ Central Library**

Cascada de Flores is a music ensemble that for fourteen years has educated about Mexican and Caribbean folk music and dance. Their bilingual (English/Spanish) family program explodes with rhyme, story, fun musical instruments and sweet characters. Children and their families are invited to sing, dance and play with beautiful traditional songs and dances.

Kenn Adams' Adventure Theater Presents Myth-Adventures of Melanie Moe!

• **Saturday, April 26, 4-5:30pm @ Claremont Branch**

Kenn Adams' Adventure Theater is a fast-paced, interactive, outrageously funny, theatrical experience for heroes of all ages! Join our youthful hero, Melanie Moe, as she leaps through time and arrives in the age of the monsters, gods and heroes of ancient Greek mythology! She accidentally offends Hera, the Queen of the Gods, must battle the Cyclops, escape the Furies, rescue a man from the jaws of a sea-monster, outwit the Sphinx and survive a raging storm at sea! Ages 7-13.

Young Scientists: Amazing Elephant Hands-On/Workshop

• **Monday, April 28, 3:30-4:30pm @ Central Library 4th Floor**

Why does the elephant have a trunk and big ears? How big is an elephant's foot? Explore the science and math of elephants. Drop in at any time and work at your own pace at hands-on activity stations. For ages 4-7 with their parents/caregiver. Allow 45 minutes to complete all the activities and do the elephant dance at 4:15 pm!



Middle School

Makerspace @ the Library

• Saturday, April 5, 2-5pm @ North Branch

Come one, come all for an afternoon of crafting! Bring a project and sewing machine, or come for inspiration. The library provides two sewing machines, embroidery hoops, floss, needles, clay, beads, hot glue guns, and much more...Including inspiration! All are welcome!



Tween MakerSpace: Play Around with Shakespeare

• Friday, April 11, 4-5pm @ Claremont Branch

Celebrate Shakespeare's 450th birthday with us in a playful, participatory workshop. Theatre teacher, director and librarian Jane Courant will join us for theater games and fun, showing how to experiment with Shakespeare's expressive dramatic language. No theater experience necessary! For ages 9-12.

Middle School Book Group

• Tuesday, April 15, 4-5pm @ Central Library

Join us to discuss *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park and Skype with the author.

Family Fun Festival with Storyteller Diane Ferlatte & Other Special Guests

• Saturday, April 26, 10am @ South Branch

Join us for festive fun for all ages, with face painting all morning. The Boy Who Cried Wolf puppet show by Puppet Art Theater at 10:15am, a featured performance by nationally known storyteller Diane Ferlatte accompanied by musician Eric Pearson at 11am, and a Dan Chan Magic Presents magic show at 2pm.

Teen (Middle & High School)

Teen PlayReaders

• Tuesdays, April 1, 22 & 29, 4-5pm @ South Branch

Explore the world of theatre in this fast-paced and fun reader's theatre group. We read plays out loud together, changing parts often so everyone gets their moment in the spotlight! All middle and high school-aged teens welcome, and refreshments are provided.

Teen Crafts

• Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 22 & 29, 3:30-5pm @ West Branch; Wednesday, April 2, 3:30-5pm @ Claremont Branch; Thursdays, April, 3, 10, 17 & 24, 3-5pm @ North Branch

Come make something! Express yourself through crafting at these self-paced workshops. All materials provided, just bring your imagination! Projects will vary, but include linoleum block prints, spinbots, friendship bracelets, and much more. You can bet it will all be awesome.



Teen Games!

• Wednesdays, April 2 & 16, 3-5pm @ North Branch; Mondays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28, 3:30-5pm @ West Branch; and Thursdays April 3, 17, & 24, 4-5pm @ South Branch

Challenge your friends to one of our board or card games, or go head-to-head on our Nintendo Wii! All middle and high school-age teens welcome and refreshments are provided.

Chiptune Music Workshop with Doctor Popular

- **Saturday, April 5, 3-4pm @ Claremont Branch; Saturday, April 26, 3-5pm @ North Branch; Monday, April 28, 4-5:30pm @ Central Library**

Chiptune is the popular style of music that uses the sounds of classic video games in modern electronic songs. At this workshop, San Francisco based chiptune artist Doctor Popular will be introducing teens to the basics of electronic music composition using Nanoloop, an inexpensive smartphone app that puts these sounds in the palm of your hand! Using our iPads, come learn how to start making your own electronic music compositions!

Book the End

- **Tuesday, April 8, 4-5pm @ Central Library**

Like to read about the end of the world as we know it? Come and talk about your favorite kind of dystopian book. Mysterious world-wide illness? Political repression? Environmental disaster? Man-made catastrophe? Let's get gruesome and share our favorites. Refreshments provided.

Soldering Workshop

- **Wednesday, Tuesday, April 8, 4-5:30pm @ South Branch ; Wednesday April 23, 4-5:30pm @ Claremont Branch**

Soldering is the art of fusing two pieces of metal together with molten material that underlies all metalwork and electronics. In this hands-on workshop, learn the basics of soldering using our equipment while completing a simple electronics project! Space is limited to 15 participants, so please register in advance at the branch.

SAT Prep

- **Wednesdays, April 9, 16, 23 & 30, 4-5:30pm @ Central Library**

In this series of 4 classes, Edupath and the Berkeley Public Library are partnering to bring you SAT prep taught by veteran instructors and tailored to your individual goals. Workshops are free. High school juniors get priority registration, and there is a limit of 20 students per class.

3D Printer Demo

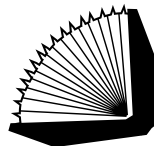
- **Tuesday, April 15, 5:30-7pm @ West Branch and Friday, April 18, 4-5:30pm @ South Branch**

3D printing is a process of making a three-dimensional solid object of virtually any shape from a digital model. Join Nate & Dave Evans from Fictiv for a live demonstration with a Makerbot 3D printer. Learn how this new technology is changing the way new products are being created, and find out how you can start making your own 3D designs with free tools across the web.

HowToons with Nick Dragotta Comics + Crafts + Science = HowToons!

- **Saturday, April 19, 1-2pm @ Claremont Branch and 4-5pm @ South Branch**

Comic book artist Nick Dragotta—who has made a name for himself drawing books like Marvel's *Fantastic Four* and Image's *East of West*—shares *HowToons*, a series of comic strips that use clever gags to teach science concepts through fun crafts made from easy-to-find recycled materials. Get hands-on at this workshop as the renowned artist walks you through a couple of wild projects, as well as his own comic's creation process.



Youthspeaks

• **Tuesdays, April 22 & 29, 4-5:30pm @ Central Library**



Learn the art of storytelling through a writing and performance workshop with Isa Nakamura from Youthspeaks. Open to any teen 13-19. Free. No registration required. (This is the beginning of a 6 week session that ends on May 27.)

Teen Book Club

• **Friday, April 25, 3:30-4:30pm @ Claremont Branch**

After reading a great book, there's nothing like discussing it with others and sharing your thoughts and feelings. So that's what we're going to do! The book we read will be determined through a poll of local readers, we'll get copies for everyone, then get together and see what you thought. Refreshments will be provided.



HANDS-ON / CLASSES



Starting a Business Seminar

• **Wednesday, April 2, 2-5pm @ Central Library**

This seminar by the Alameda County Small Business Development Center discusses several elements necessary for starting a successful new business, including business planning, accessing capital, and legal, technology and human-resource issues. This seminar is a must for anyone interested in starting a business and is designed to work in concert with other Alameda County SBDC seminars. There will be a panel discussion as part of the program and time for networking at the end.

Behind the Scenes Tour at the Circulation Department



• **Thursdays, April 3, 3pm & April 10, 11am; Saturday, April 19, 3pm; Tuesday, April 22, 2pm @ Central Library**

Ever wonder what happens to a book after you put it in the Book drop, and how they all get sorted and back on the shelf? Come find out with a tour of the Circulation work area at the Central Berkeley Public Library. See what goes on behind closed doors as a book goes from “returned” to “shelved.” Tours last 30-45 minutes.

Makerspace @ The Library

• **Saturday, April 5, 2-5pm @ North Branch**

Come one, come all for an afternoon of crafting! Bring a project and sewing machine, or come for inspiration. The library provides two sewing machines, embroidery hoops, floss, needles, clay, beads, hot glue guns, and much more...Including inspiration! All are welcome.

Bike Safety Classroom Workshop

• **Saturday, April 5, 2-4pm @ West Branch**



The Eastbay Bicycle Coalition will hold a session on riding safe. Come learn about bicyclist rights and responsibilities, required equipment, how to avoid theft, avoid crashes, ride after dark and more. For teens and adults. Registration encouraged. Contact www.BikeEastBay.org/education#1hr.

Score Small-Business Counseling

• **Saturdays, April 5, 12, 19 & 26, 1:30-4:30pm and Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22 and 29, 5:30-7:30pm @ Central Library**

Sign up for a free one-hour, one-on-one counseling session from a SCORE small-business expert, for anyone interested in starting a small business or growing an existing one. SCORE counselors have many years' experience in various industries, with special expertise in marketing, manufacturing, distribution, finance, accounting, human resources and e-commerce. Appointments are required.

Flash Fiction Fun Shop led by Frances Lefkowitz

• **Saturday, April 5, 11am-1pm @ Central Library**

Sign up for this playful 2-hour writing workshop for new and experienced writers. Flash fiction, or very short stories between 100 and 1,000 words, sits at the crossroads between the short story and the prose poem. Flash can be a playful and inviting way to get into—or back into—writing. Read and discuss a variety of samples and then pen your own stories to a series of ten-minute writing exercises. Students should bring paper and pen (or a laptop) for writing. Class size limited to 25 participants and advanced registration is required by calling 510-981-6196, beginning March 17, 2014.

Knitting Hour

• **Saturday, April 5, 3:15-4:45pm @ Central Library**

Join fellow crafters at our inter-generational knitting group in the 4th floor Story Room. Learn how to knit and be inspired by your fellow knitters, sharing ideas and progress. Some supplies are available to help you get started. All skill levels welcome and intended for ages 8 and older.

Ebook Petting Zoo

• **Monday, April 7, 3-5pm @ West Branch and Saturday, April 19, 10-1pm @ North Branch**

Always wanted to try out an iPad? A Kindle? A Nook? Come try out all sorts of ereaders, or bring your own device and get help on downloading free library e-books, audiobooks and magazines! All are welcome.



End Your Fears of Computers: For Beginners

• **Mondays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28, 6-7pm and Thursdays, April 10, 17 & 24, 6-7pm @ Central Library**

This class is designed for beginning computer users, or those who want to be beginning computer users. Skills taught in this relaxed, self-paced class include how to use a mouse, search for information on the Internet, get an email account and send email. Learning how to use popular Microsoft programs are also taught using a self-paced online tutorial. Our goal is to get computer users proficient enough to use computers on their own.

Genealogy 101: Find Your Roots

• **Wednesdays, April 9 & 16, 11am-12:30pm @ Central Library**

Beginning genealogy can be daunting, and can quickly become overwhelming. With dozens (maybe hundreds) of different kinds of records that contain clues about your family's past, we will guide you through the process of finding your ancestors using the library's database "Ancestry" and other freely available websites. Class is limited to 20; first come-first served.

Lawyers at the Library

• **Thursday, April 10, 6-8pm @ Claremont Branch; Friday, April 11, 10-11am @ West Branch; Thursday, April 17, 6-8pm @ North Branch; and Thursday, April 24, 6-8pm @ South Branch**

Have questions for a lawyer? Join us for Lawyers in the Library, a free service offered by the Alameda County Bar Association. Sign-ups start at 5pm for a spot with our visiting lawyer, and names will be pulled at random at 6pm for appointment times.

iPads for Beginners

• **Friday, April 18, 11am-12:30pm @ Central Library**

Learn how to use an iPad in this hands-on class. Limited number of iPads will be available for students to use, or bring your own tablet computer, along with your questions.

Basic Origami

• **Saturday, April 19, 2:30-4:30pm @ West Branch**

Workshop participants will learn from artist Nga Trinh some of the basic steps used in Japanese paper-folding, allowing them to create and take home several simple origami figures. For ages 8 years old to adult.

Edible Gardening 101 & Water Conservation

• **Saturday, April 19, 6:30-7:45pm @ West Branch**

Have you ever wondered how to start your own vegetable garden? Learn from the Alameda County Master Gardeners how to start and how to make the best use of free resources to assist in the process.

Career Counseling

• **Wednesday, April 23, 2-3:30pm @ Central Library**

Counselors from the North Cities One Stop will be on hand to provide free career counseling. Get assistance with job search strategies, creating or improving your resume, interviewing tips and salary negotiation. Drop-in event, no sign up necessary.



Being Here: Mindfulness Meditation

• **Saturday, April 26, 10-11am @ Claremont Branch**

Change your brain! Be happier! Mindfulness is receiving increasing scientific support as a means to manage stress and promote health and well-being. Join us for a free guided mindfulness meditation session suitable for beginners and experienced sitters alike, led by mindfulness teacher Neesha Patel.

Jiaozi or Chinese Dumpling Making Workshop!

• **Saturday, April 26, 3-5pm @ West Branch**

Learn how to make Chinese dumplings from Master Chef Li and then take them home to share with loved ones.

Make a Quilted Bookmark

• **Sunday, April 27, 2-4pm @ Central Library**

The Textile Mavens, Fern Royce and Catherine Durand, will conduct this workshop, guiding participants in creating a beautiful bookmark, using fabric and quilting techniques. All supplies provided. For ages 6 and up; if under 8, please bring an adult to help with cutting, ironing and sewing. Pick one of four half-hour sessions throughout the afternoon, ending with the 3:30pm session. There are 12 spots in each session, so bring a friend or family member and explore the joy of quilting together. Call 510-981-6236 to register for your spot.

Resume Workshop

• **Monday, April 28, 6-7:30pm @ Central Library**

Looking for work and need to create your resume or update the one you already have? This expert-led forum presented by Marilyn Tullius will help you succeed. Bring (hard) copies of your resume for review and suggestions. No registration required.



Meet the Lenders

• **Wednesday, April 30, 2-5pm @ Central Library**

Alameda County Small Business Development Center hosts this session for business owners interested in securing debt financing. Learn how a wide range of banks and other lending organizations evaluate your loan application and the types of funding they can provide, and get an overview on how to get "capital ready" before approaching a lender to insure a greater chance of success. Panelists include different types of lenders and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Bicycle Maintenance

• **Wednesday, April 30, 6:30-7:30pm @ West Branch**

Learn how to fix a flat, adjust brakes and gears, and keep a bike running smoothly, from members of the Eastbay Bicycle Coalition. For teens and adults. Registration encouraged. Contact www.BikeEastBay.org/education#1hr.



ARTS & CULTURAL EVENTS

Exhibits

African Roots of Jazz, The Art of Charles Curtis Blackwell

• On view April 1-20 during library hours @ Central Library, 1st and 5th floors

Bay Area artist Charles Curtis Blackwell's paintings & drawings explore themes of Africa and the jazz aesthetic. His colorful abstract paintings capture the moods and movement of musicians and the essence of live jazz performances, juxtaposed with his other inspiration in the rituals and masks of Africa.

Berkeley in the 1960s

• On view April 1-30 during library hours @ Central Library

Berkeley has a well-founded reputation of being a ruckus place of social change and experimentation. Displayed at the Central Reference Desk on computer monitors, this virtual exhibit showcases 24 digital copies of psychedelic 1960s and '70s era rock posters from the Berkeley History Room's collection of posters. Another monitor will display the classic film *Berkeley in the Sixties*.

Berkeley Public Library's History of Technology & Change

• On view April 15-30 during library hours @ Central Library

Location: Front Window display case and flat cases on 2nd Floor

Come see historic tools and furniture commonly used by the Library in yesteryear, including antique typewriters, various library tools, card catalog draws, cards from the catalog, and antique accession books, including the #1 book of our collection *Autocrat at the Breakfast table* by Oliver Wendell Holmes—the reason we were originally known as the Holmes Public Library. Exhibit also includes pictures of the branches as they once appeared, and a display monitor of the beautiful buildings of today.

Films

Did you know the Library offers film screenings? Join us this month, as our Super Cinema series salutes 'Films about Writers!'



Misery

• Friday, April 4, 3-5pm @ Central Library

Misery (1990/107 min.), starring James Caan and Kathy Bates, is the story of a famous novelist "rescued" from a car crash by an obsessed fan who insists that he resurrect the heroine he killed off in his popular series of novels.

Adaptation

• Friday, April 11, 3-5pm @ Central Library

Adaptation (2002/114 min.), starring Nicholas Cage and Meryl Streep, portrays a love-lorn screenwriter growing increasingly desperate in his quest to adapt the book *The Orchid Thief*.

The Savages

• **Friday, April 18, 3-5pm @ Central Library**

The Savages (2007/113 min.), starring Phillip Seymour Hoffman and Laura Linney, portrays two siblings and struggling writers whose lives and careers are temporarily thrown off track when called to take care of their elderly, abusive father.

Ruby Sparks

• **Friday, April 25, 3-5pm @ Central Library**

Ruby Sparks (2012/104 min.) features a novelist struggling with writer's block who finds romance in a most unusual way: by creating a female character he thinks will love him, then willing her into existence.



Performances & Dance

Celli@Berkeley

• **Thursday, April 10, 12-1pm @ Central, 5th floor Art & Music**

See SPECIAL EVENTS.

Be There or Be Square Barn Dance

• **Friday, April 11, 6-8pm @ West Branch**

See AFTER HOURS @ THE LIBRARY

An Evening of Classical Art Songs with Marie Plette

• **Friday, April 18, 6:30-8pm @ Claremont**

See AFTER HOURS @ THE LIBRARY

Walt Whitman: America's Poet of the Open Road

• **Saturday, April 26, 2-4pm @ Central Library**

In this one-man performance, writer and actor Tim Holt takes on the role of Walt Whitman, presenting his life and work in poetry and prose while celebrating the energy, sprawling expanse and diversity of America in the mid-19th century.



Clubs & Talks

Playreaders

• **Wednesdays, April 2 & 16, 12-1pm @ Central Library**

Join a group and read great plays aloud, changing parts frequently so everyone gets a chance to read the juiciest roles! This month, we read Tom Stoppard's contemporary classic *Arcadia*, which artfully integrates physics and philosophy into a drama frequently cited as the finest play from a remarkable playwright.

Read & Share Book Club

• **Wednesday, April 16, 6:30-7:30pm @ Claremont Branch &
Tuesday, April 22, 3-4pm @ South Branch**

Bring a book you'd like to share with our group and get to know your fellow book lovers!

Downtown Berkeley: The History of Transit and the Transit of History

• **Saturday, April 19, 11am-12:30pm @ Central Library**

Steve Finacom, planning analyst for UC Capital Projects, talks about the evolution of Berkeley's transit core around Center Street and Shattuck Ave, starting in the 1870s with the advent of a train station connecting Berkeley with Oakland. Every generation since has seen a new development (evolution) of the area as a "transit hub," with the idea that the transit station is being built for today and the future, yet every generation finds it an antiquated mess that needs improvements. Come hear how today, the Berkeley community is in discussion to yet again redefine the area "for the future" of downtown.

What Makes West Branch Library a Net Zero Energy Building?

• **Tuesday, April 22, 6-7pm @ West Branch**

See SPECIAL EVENTS

Book Discussion Group

• **Thursday, April 24, 6:30-7:30pm @ North**

Pick up a copy of *Still Life with Bread Crumbs* anytime, then join the group for a lively discussion over tea and snacks.



BRANCH LOCATIONS & HOURS

Central Library

2090 Kittredge St. (@ Shattuck)
Berkeley, CA 94704
510-981-6100

Hours:

Monday: 12 - 8pm
Tuesday: 10am - 8pm
Wednesday-Saturday: 10am - 6pm
Sunday: 1 - 5pm

South Branch

1901 Russell St.
Berkeley, CA 94703
510-981-6260

Hours:

Monday: 10am - 6pm
Tuesday & Wednesday: 10am - 8pm
Thursday: 12 - 8pm
Friday & Saturday: 10am - 6pm
Sunday: Closed

Tool Lending Library

1901 Russell St.
Berkeley, CA 94703
510-981-6260

Hours:

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 10am - 8pm
Wednesday & Thursday: 12 - 8pm
Friday: 1 - 6pm
Saturday: 10 - 6pm
Sunday: Closed

Claremont Branch

2940 Benvenue Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94705
510-981-6280

Hours:

Monday: 10am - 6pm
Tuesday & Wednesday: 10am - 8pm
Thursday: 12 - 8pm
Friday & Saturday: 10am - 6pm
Sunday: Closed

West Branch

1125 University Ave. (@ San Pablo)
Berkeley, CA 94702
510-981-6270

Hours:

Monday: 10am - 6pm
Tuesday & Wednesday: 10am - 8pm
Thursday: 12 - 8pm
Friday & Saturday: 10am - 6pm
Sunday: Closed

North Branch

1170 The Alameda
Berkeley, CA 94707
510-981-6250

Hours:

Monday: 10am - 6pm
Tuesday & Wednesday: 10am - 8pm
Thursday: 12 - 8pm
Friday & Saturday: 10am - 6pm
Sunday: Closed



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510-981-6195 (voice) or 510-548-1240 (TTY)



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