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Honoring the Legacy of César Chavez through Service to the Community: Exhibit and Programs at the Berkeley Public Library

*2007 Commemorative Period
March 21st to April 23rd*

Berkeley Public Library will host an **exhibit of posters related to the Commemorative Period** that each year honors the legacy of César Chavez. The posters will be displayed **March 21 – April 23** in the Flat Display Cases on the 2nd floor of the Berkeley Public Central Library, 2090 Kittredge Street (at Shattuck) in downtown Berkeley. And check out our website at www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org for a series of weblinks on Chavez and other related topics.

Two library programs are also planned. On **Tuesday, March 20, 2007, 6:30-7:30 pm**, there will be a **multimedia program in the Central Library 3rd floor Community Meeting Room**. A short video from the early 1990s, *No Grapes*, will be shown. *No Grapes* discusses the issues of toxic pesticides used to grow grapes and their effects on the health of farmworkers who work with the grapes and on community members who live near the land where the pesticides are used. Chavez makes appearances in this video narrated by Mike Farrell. In the same program there will be a demonstration of online resources that can be used to find out more about Chavez and many other related topics on the Berkeley Public Library website. These online resources include:

- *The Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the United States* (from Oxford Reference)

This landmark scholarly work offers comprehensive, reliable, and accessible information about the fastest growing minority population in the United States.

- *American Decades* (from Gale Virtual Reference Library)

American Decades is a cross-disciplinary source for junior and high school students and teachers, public librarians and general researchers who need a single, consistent reference to document and analyze periods of contemporary American social history.

- *¡Informe!*

A collection of full-text articles in Spanish from magazines and newspapers (including *La Opinión* from 2002). Includes business, health, technology, culture, current events and more.

And on **March 24, 2007, 2-3:30 pm**, there will be a **training session** in the Central Library 3rd floor Electronic Classroom. In this training session geared for patrons ages 10 to Adult, attendees will learn to use the Online Resources that were demonstrated in the March 20 program, as well as other valuable Resources. Attendees will be able to have hands-on computer experience using the online resources. Please be aware that attendees may have to share computers. Please feel free to bring along family members.

For more information on the exhibit and programs, please call (510) 981-6107, or see the Berkeley Public Library website, <http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org>.

For more information on the 2007 César Chavez Commemorative Period activities in Berkeley, go to <http://www.ecologycenter.org/chavez/>

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