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Newsletter of the Berkeley Public Library

***Berkeley Public Library's Teen Services Wins an Award
From ALA's Young Adult Library Services Association***

Teen Services' collaboration with Berkeley High School's Vera Casey program for pregnant and parenting teens has brought Berkeley Public Library an award from the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA).

YALSA's press release states (<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/july2007/elsa07.htm>): "Applications were judged on: the degree to which the program or service met the needs of its community, particularly the young adult audience it served; originality; the degree to which the program or service reflected the concepts identified in "New Directions for Library Service to Young Adults;" the degree to which it impacted and improved service to young adults; and quality."

"We looked for outstanding, interesting, and original programs that could be adapted to libraries in a variety of circumstances," said Excellence Jury Chair Rose Mary Honnold. "While all the submitted programs were successful, the programs chosen for Excellence are truly special in their creative and ingenious methods of reaching and serving teens."

Berkeley Public Library's application was one of the top twenty "best of the rest." This is the fifth round of grants that have come from YALSA's Excellence in Services to Young Adults project; Berkeley Public Library has won one or more awards in each of the five cycles.

New Addition to Learn a Test in Berkeley Public Library's Online Resources

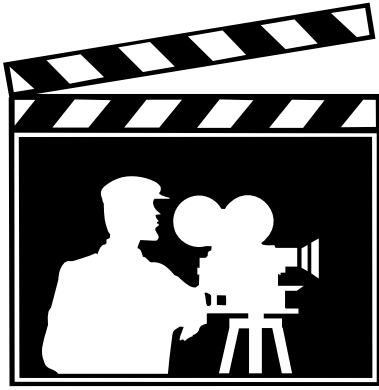
Berkeley Public Library has a new component in *Learn A Test*: the *Computer Skills* package allows library users to log in and learn effective and efficient use of Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint and other programs in self-paced lessons. To try out, go to www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org and click on *Online Resources*.



At the Med... Were You There?

From the 1960's, through the 1970's and 1980's, Doyl Haley, who has lived with his family in Berkeley for over 60 years, spent every lunch hour at the "Med" on Telegraph, sketching the café's patrons, often unnoticed by his subjects. A self-trained artist, his work documents the characters that are part of Berkeley's lively history. There will be an exhibit of 30 years of his sketches in the exhibit cases at Central Library from July 24-August 20. Don't miss this Exhibit! The sketches that will be on display represent a small part of "The Med" collection. Haley's paintings and drawings have been shown at Zellerbach Gallery in San Francisco, at the Kaiser Center in Oakland, as well as at other locations.

Also, please join us on Saturday, August 4, 2-4 pm, in the 3rd floor Community Meeting Room, Central Library, 2090 Kittredge, for a lecture on Doyl Haley's work by artist and Art Historian, John McNamara from UC Berkeley. John McNamara has been with UCB since 1993, teaching painting and drawing and mentoring graduate student instructors. He is also an artist with numerous exhibitions of his paintings nationally. For info on John McNamara, see http://art.berkeley.edu/rev2/faculty/profiles_lecturers.html. For more info on the exhibit and program, please call 510-981-6100, 510-548-1240 (TTY), or go to berkeleypubliclibrary.org.



Berkeley Public Library's
Cinema Central
August 2007
Gamblers

Each of this month's films feature gamblers at work or play.

- Friday, August 3 **House of Bamboo** (1955)
Pachinko parlors are the cover business for a group of gangsters.
- Friday, August 10 **Hallelujah** (1929)
An all Black cast tells the story of an ordinary guy, including his weaknesses and successes in life.
- Friday, August 17 **The Cincinnati Kid** (1965)
Stud poker is the game of choice in New Orleans.
- Friday, August 24 **Song of the Thin Man** (1947)
Detective couple Nick and Nora sleuth a murder that happens during a charity gambling cruise.
- Friday, August 31 **Little Miss Marker** (1980)
A bookie finds himself with a child in his custody when a debtor fails to redeem his "marker."

All showings are free and begin promptly at 3:30, in the Central Library Community Meeting Room (3rd floor), 2090 Kittredge Street. For more information, please call 510-981-6100.

Please arrive promptly. No food or beverages. Title substitutions may be unavoidable.
Not all films are appropriate for all audiences.

Wheelchair accessible. To request a sign language interpreter, real-time captioning, materials in large print or Braille, or other accommodations for this event, please call (510) 981-6107 (voice) or (510) 548-1240 (TTY); at least five working days will ensure availability. Please refrain from wearing scented products to public meetings. Sponsored by the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library.