



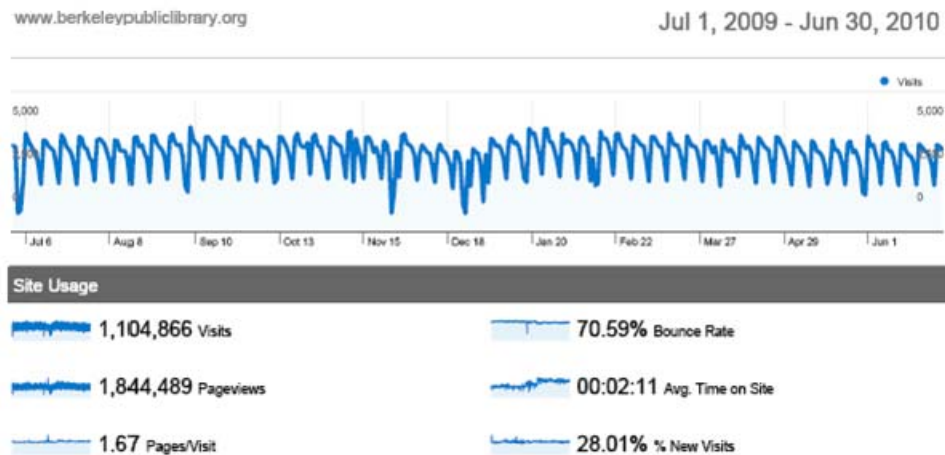
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Newsletter of the Berkeley Public Library

Berkeley Public Library Supports 21st Century Literacy

Berkeley Public Library Website Cumulative Statistics, FY2009/2010 from Google Analytics



Berkeley Public Library & 21st Century Literacy

(1) During the period FY2009/2010, 341,547 visitors made 1,104,866 visits to the pages of the Berkeley Public Library website, viewing a total of 1,844,489 distinct pages. Many of those visits were made inside our library buildings, but many were also made from outside our buildings as library users took advantage of Berkeley Public Library's excellent electronic resources.

(2) During the past year over 1.1 million visits were logged at berkeleypubliclibrary.org -- an average of over 3000 people every day of the year. Over 210,500 of these web visitors to the Library made use of the abundant resources accessible among the many subscription databases and e-books the Library provides free to cardholders, such as full-text journal articles, online career research, online test practice, computing & legal e-textbooks, and much more.

(3) By offering a total of 73 computer stations inside our 5 library buildings, Berkeley Public Library helped bridge the persistent digital divide for those who do not own computers by offering almost 200,000 sessions in FY2009/2010 to our internet computers users. Also, there are two weekly beginning Computer Classes offered at Central Library. For more information, call 510-981-6148 or go to <http://berkeleypubliclibrary.org/>.

Book Into Film: Brokeback Mountain Discussion Group at Berkeley Public Library

Berkeley Public Library invites you to participate in an examination of **Brokeback Mountain**, an Oscar-award winning film based on Annie Proulx's short story of the same name. Discussion group participants will read the short story and screenplay by Larry McMurtry at home and then gather at **1:30pm on Sunday, October 17, 2010** in the **3rd floor Community Meeting Room at Berkeley's Central Library, 2090 Kittredge Street** to view the film together. After viewing the film, participants will discuss the book, the movie and the adaptation process.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, this free **Book and Film** program at the Central Library will take place once a month through November 2010 and offers adult and teen patrons the opportunity to discuss books, films and the art of adaptation. A future program will feature the book and film adaptation of *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*. Participation is limited and registration is required. Please call (510) 981-6236 to register for one or more of these programs.

For accessibility information and other questions, call 510-981-6107, TTY 510-548-1240, or go to <http://berkeleypubliclibrary.org/>.

**BERKELEY PUBLIC TAKING PART IN
"SNAPSHOT: ONE DAY IN THE LIFE OF
CALIFORNIA LIBRARIES"**

The **Berkeley Public Library** is joining libraries across the state in participating in "**Snapshot: One Day in the Life of California Libraries**" on **October 5, 2010**, to show how important academic, public, school, and special libraries and library systems are to the state of California. This Snapshot Day has been developed by the California Library Association (CLA), <http://cla-net.org/snapshotday/>.

On October 5, **Berkeley Public Library** will compile statistics, users' comments, photographs, and other data chronicling a typical library day. The results collected at **Berkeley Public Library** will be added to those of other libraries across California, by CLA, to show how libraries provide invaluable services to California citizens. **Berkeley Public Library** is also planning a number of programs that day for patrons of all ages: please come and participate!

Kim Bui-Burton, CLA President and Director of the Monterey Public Library: "I invite all California community members of any age to visit their library on this historic day and be a part of this first ever "snapshot" of California libraries. Every kind of library provides unique and irreplaceable services; we know this because in communities across the state library usage is rising, and demand is growing for books and other resources, knowledgeable staff assistance and computer/Internet access - despite budget cuts, reduced hours and programs. We believe this California libraries 'snapshot' will show the essential library services and life-changing experiences that California's communities depend on, especially during these times of severe economic distress. We look forward to capturing this "day in the life of California libraries" to demonstrate to decision makers the extent that our patrons, customers and future leaders rely on California libraries for critical library services, resources and programs - now, more than ever."

To find out more about the Library's participation and see our programming for October 5, go to berkeleypubliclibrary.org/weblog/2010/09/berkeley_public_26.php

Berkeley Public Library's 4th annual Banned Bookmobile is on display September 26 through October 31st in the entrance lobby of the Central Library. The Banned Bookmobile consists of hanging books that have been challenged or banned throughout history. Source: *Banned Books*: 2004, 2007 Resource Book and pamphlet by Robert P. Doyle. American Library Association. Chicago, IL.

Berkeley Staff Art & Craft Show 2010

Employees of the BPL again show off their artistic and creativity in the Fifth Annual Berkeley Public Library Staff Art Show. The show runs from September 28 through October 25, 2010 at Central Library, 2090 Kittredge Street in downtown Berkeley. Original artwork and handmade crafts will be on display in the Kittredge Street windows and on the first and second floors. The show includes photography, knitting, collage, pottery, origami, jewelry and other media. For more information, please call Art & Music at 510-981-6241. This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the BPL.

OPERA IN THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

Berkeley Public Library presents a free noontime concert featuring Berkeley West Edge Opera (formerly Berkeley Opera) on Thursday, October 21 at 12:15pm. Artistic Director Mark Streshinsky and cast members will preview highlights from the company's upcoming production of *Xerxes* by George Frideric Handel. The concert takes place at the Central Berkeley Public Library, 5th Floor, 2090 Kittredge Street, which is wheelchair accessible. This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

For more information, call 510-981-6241 or visit www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org.

First performed in 1738, Handel's *Xerxes* is the story of two brothers in ancient Persia who are in love with the same woman. Read about the show at

www.berkeleyopera.org.

**Digital Stories and Panel Discussion on the
1960's Desegregation of the Berkeley Schools**

**Saturday, November 6, 2010, 2-4pm
Berkeley Public Central Library
3rd floor Community Meeting Room**

Come see the movies & meet the movie-makers!

Panel discussion:

Chuck Wollenberg,

Berkeley City College, Moderator

**Loreeta Earl, LR Altman, & Fundisha Adero,
movie-makers**

**Andrea Spagat, Center for Digital Storytelling
John Selawsky, Director,**

Berkeley Unified School District

Programs listed in the newsletter are wheelchair accessible. To request a sign language interpreter, real-time captioning, materials in large print or Braille, or other accommodations for this event, call 510-981-6107 or 510-548-1240 (TTY). At least five working days will help ensure availability. Please do not wear perfumes or scents to public performances.