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Newsletter of the Berkeley Public Library

**Community Forum on South Branch Library:  
Identifying Library Needs of South Berkeley &  
Exploring Relocating to the Ed Roberts Campus**

**Date: Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 10:30 am – Noon**

**Location: St. Paul A.M.E. Church, 2024 Ashby**

The public is cordially invited to a community forum to discuss possibilities for addressing library needs in South Berkeley. The forum will be hosted by the Berkeley Public Library and will be held on **Saturday, June 9, 2007, 10:30 am to noon at St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church (A.M.E.), 2024 Ashby Avenue, Berkeley.**

Berkeley Public Library Staff, Board of Library members, and others will make brief presentations on some of the current research, proposals, and possibilities in South Berkeley, including the invitation from the Ed Roberts Campus partners to locate South Branch in the new Ed Roberts Campus building that will break ground in 2008. The presentations will be followed by input from the public and general discussion.

We look forward to hearing from the public as we forge future plans for branch library service, not only in South Berkeley, but throughout all of Berkeley. The Mission Statement of the Berkeley Public Library reads, in part: "The Central Library and four neighborhood Branch Libraries are committed to developing collections, resources, and services that meet the cultural, informational, recreational, and educational needs of Berkeley's diverse, multi-cultural community." See you on June 9<sup>th</sup>!

For more information on the forum, please call (510) 981-6195, or see the Berkeley Public Library's website, <http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org>. Wheelchair accessible. Please refrain from wearing scented products to public meetings. To request a sign language interpreter, real-time captioning, materials in large print or Braille, or other accommodations, call 510-981-6107 or 510-548-1240 (TTY) one week before the program.

**This is a Special Meeting of the  
Berkeley Public Library Board of Library Trustees**

**Vacancy on Berkeley Public Library's  
Board of Library Trustees:  
June 19<sup>th</sup> Open House at West Branch to Hear  
More About the Position and Library Services**

Berkeley Public Library's Board of Library Trustees will have a vacancy beginning in October 2007. Laura Anderson, who has served the maximum of two terms on the Board, will be stepping down from the Board of Library Trustees in October 2007. The Berkeley Public Library thanks Ms. Anderson for all her volunteered time and her support of the library over these past eight years.

The Trustee position offers a wonderful opportunity for a resident of Berkeley to learn more about the library's programs and services while giving the library support and guidance. This volunteer position has a term of four years with a possible second term. Any interested resident should try to attend a **Reception in the meeting room at West Branch, 1125 University Avenue (near San Pablo), on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at 6:30 pm.** Members of the current Board of Library Trustees and library staff will be present to answer questions. Attendees will also hear more about library services and programs at Central Library as well as at the Branch Libraries, including the Berkeley READS Literacy Program at West Branch. And more! Refreshments will be served.

**Application and Supplemental Questionnaire for the position reside on the City of Berkeley's City Clerk website at**  
<http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/commissions/library/default.htm>.

Interested applicants can also contact the City Clerk's Office by phone at (510) 981-6900. The recruitment will close on July 1, 2007, with interviews held later in July 2007. The Board of Library Trustee's recommendation will be sent to the City Council for approval prior to October 1, 2007. If interested Berkeley residents have questions about the position or process or want more information about the Berkeley Public Library, they should call 981-6195, or go to the **new Berkeley Public Library website, <http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org>.**

## Berkeley Public Library's Newly Redesigned Website Went Live on Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>

Berkeley Public Library's newly redesigned website went live on Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the Berkeley Public Library Web Team who has worked with design consultants and Library staff, we are offering an entirely redesigned website with improved access and new features including:

- A quick catalog search option to make getting started with finding books, movies and music faster;
- Easier access to Online Resources, Homework Help, and your Library Account;
- An online calendar that allows users to get e-mail reminders of upcoming events, add events to their own electronic calendars, and more;
- An "RSS" Library Newsfeed (RSS stands for Really Simple Syndication) so users can subscribe to our news updates without visiting the Web page to find out what is new;
- An entirely new "Reading Suggestions" section where library users can get personalized reading recommendations directly from librarians at the Berkeley Public Library;
- A Google powered Web site search engine to make finding information on the Library's Web site easier;
- And much more!

Usability testing was completed by randomly chosen members of the public and the Center For Accessible Technology (CforAT) in Berkeley to give us feedback on the accessibility of the website. We are also conducting a public user survey as part of the launch of the new site. The link to the survey can be found on the Library's home page. Feedback will be compiled and reviewed on an ongoing basis over the next several weeks to address any significant issues identified by members of the public. Please help us by taking this survey!

For more information, please call (510) 981-6100, or visit us at our **new Berkeley Public Library website**, <http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org>.

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### ***Berkeley Public Library's Cinema Central***

June's features are Japanese animation for adults. Please check our website [berkeleypubliclibrary.org](http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org) or go to any Library info desk to ask for titles.

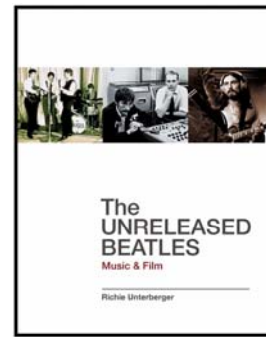
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### ***Cafe Teen!***

When: Thursday, May 24, 2007, 4 – 5:30 pm  
Where: Claremont Branch Library  
2940 Benvenue Avenue at Ashby Avenue  
Are you 13-18? Drop by Claremont Branch Library on Thursdays starting on April 26 from 4-5:30 pm. We will chat, sip, read, watch, eat, listen and more.

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Our programs are **sponsored by the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library**—call 510-841-5604 or go to [www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org](http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org) for more info on the **Friends of the Berkeley Public Library**.



### ***“Unreleased Beatles: Music and Film”***

with rock historian Richie Unterberger

**Tuesday, June 5, 2007**

**6:30 PM**

3<sup>rd</sup> floor Community Meeting Room, Central Library

***See film clips and hear***

***unreleased Beatles recordings!***

**Richie Unterberger** has been writing about little-known and well-known rock and popular music of all kinds for more than 20 years. Backbeat Books has just published his seventh book, *The Unreleased Beatles: Music and Film*, a mammoth guide to the incredible wealth of music the Beatles recorded that they did not release, as well as musical footage of the group that hasn't been made commercially available. His previous books include a two-volume history of the 1960s folk-rock movement, *Turn! Turn! Turn! : The '60s Folk-Rock Revolution* (Backbeat, 2002) and *Eight Miles High: Folk-Rock's Flight from Haight-Ashbury to Woodstock* (Backbeat, 2003); *Unknown Legends of Rock'n'Roll* (Backbeat, 1998), which profiled 60 underappreciated cult rock artists of all styles and eras; and its sequel, *Urban Spacemen & Wayfaring Strangers: Overlooked Innovators and Eccentric Visionaries of '60s Rock* (Backbeat, 2000). All of these volumes draw extensively upon first-hand interviews with the musicians profiled, as well as interviews with many of their close associates.

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***Your Are Invited to Make Fun and Beautiful Origami Earrings with Nga Trinh – Lucky Star Origami Earring Workshop with Nga Trinh on Saturday, June 23, 3-4 PM in the Art and Music Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Central Library.***

Folding papers, beads, and wires will be provided.

If you are good with your hands and are interested in making fun origami star-shaped earrings, this workshop is designed just for you. From two long and thin strips of paper, you will learn how to fold tiny stars and make them into beautiful earrings. You will go home with your creation and a big sense of accomplishment. Nga Trinh came to the United States in 1975 from Viet Nam. She graduated from UC Berkeley, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree. She is an active member of the Berkeley Art Center in Berkeley and works at the Berkeley Public Library. She learned origami from books when she was ten and often uses it in her artwork. **Pick up a flyer at the library bring it to the workshop.**