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Newsletter of the Berkeley Public Library

***Teens! Pack reading into your summer plans
at the Berkeley Public Library***

and take part in a Dance Dance Revolution!

TEENS! Wherever this summer takes you—São Paulo, Brazil, or San Pablo, California, or even if you never leave Berkeley—please send Berkeley Public Library's Teen Service Department a postcard every time you finish reading a book. (This includes books, graphic novels and audiobooks.) The rules are simple.

Tell them what you've been reading and what you thought about it. One book per postcard and one postcard per book, please, but you can send in as many postcards as you have different books to report. Postcards are due by August 17, 2007, so start reading and writing us. Please mail your postcard(s) to:

Teen Services, Berkeley Public Library,
2090 Kittredge Street, Berkeley, CA 94704 USA
...or drop them off at the Reference Desk at any Berkeley Public Library.

Prizes will be distributed on Monday, August 20.

For questions regarding this program, please call 510-981-6135. For accessibility information, call 510-981-6107, TTY 510-548-1240.

DANCING IN THE LIBRARY

Libraries are for more than just reading, and the Berkeley Public Library's Teen Services Department proves it with its recent acquisition of a Play Station 2®, two dance pads and Dance Dance Revolution, or DDR®, as it is known by teens. DDR® is a video game that uses a Play Station 2 and a dance pad. The colorful pad has sensors in it that keep track of a player's footwork. It has arrows that mark directions, left, right, front and back and more. These panels are pressed using the player's feet, in response to arrows that appear on the screen in front of the player. The player tried to move their feet to the beat of the selected song and scores point depending on how well their feet follow the directions on the screen.

Teen Services has scheduled a DDR event for this summer. The DDR® event will be Tuesday August 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. This is after the

monthly Teen Advisory Group Meeting (TAG) which allows local teens to give feedback to the Library. So come for the TAG and stay for the DDR®. Dancers have the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library to thank for the equipment.

***Macbeth: A Graphic Perspective:
Berkeley High Student Art
at Berkeley Public Library***

Charlie Brown and Calvin & Hobbes quoting Macbeth? A Shakespeare tragedy in cartoon format? For a different take on Shakespeare's Macbeth visit the Teen Room on the second floor of the Berkeley Public Library. All of the work exhibited was created by tenth graders in Alan Miller's English class at Berkeley High School during the 2006-2007 school year. The exhibit was organized by Antonio López, one of the Teen Librarians.

Students reading Shakespeare's Macbeth were assigned to choose part of the play to "illuminate" and to illustrate with the purpose of clarifying its meaning. Their results were to be in cartoon form. Students had to use continuous text; in other words, they couldn't edit any words, or skip parts of the text. Also, their cartoons had to contain at least three perspectives: close-up, pan shot, head shot, shot from above or below, etc. They could hire an artist, create their own art, or use existing cartoons, but it had to be done with the purpose of shedding light on what is usually a dark text. How well did they succeed? See for yourself. The exhibit is on till July 31.

Also on display in the Teen Room are library materials on Macbeth, Shakespeare's other tragedies; as well as how-to books on cartooning and illustrating graphic novels. These are available to check out.

For questions regarding this program, please email kfinney@ci.berkeley.ca.us or call Kay Finney, Teen Services Librarian (510) 981-6121. For accessibility information, call 510-981-6107, TTY 510-548-1240.

July 2007 Cinema Central:

Making and Enjoying Movies

Friday, July 6

Cinema Paradiso (1988)

In a small Italian village, a boy learns about loving movies from the local projectionist.

Friday, July 13 **The Purple Rose of Cairo** (1985)

A waitress in Depression Era New Jersey loves the movies—and then a leading man steps off the screen into her life.

Friday, July 20

Hearts of Darkness (1991)

Eleanor Coppola made this documentary about the filming of *Apocalypse Now*.

Friday, July 27

Sunset Boulevard (1950)

A former actress and a broke screen writer meet, with tragic results.

All showings are free and begin promptly at 3:30, in the Central Library Community Meeting Room (3rd floor), 2090 Kittredge Street. For more info, please call 510-981-6139. No food or beverages. Title substitutions may be unavoidable. Not all films are appropriate for all audiences.

New Online Resource

Berkeley Public Library has a new online resource just in time for those who want to work on their homes and gardens this summer. ***Home Improvement Reference Center*** provides instant access to how-to-do-it books for building, decorating, gardening, and more. Just go to www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org and click on **Online Resources**.

BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROUDLY ANNOUNCES
**READING IN COMMON: BUILDING BERKELEY,
BOOK BY BOOK SELECTION
THE KITE RUNNER**, BY KHALED HOSSEINI



This summer, the Berkeley Public Library, the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library, and the Berkeley Public Library Foundation invite everyone in Berkeley to read and talk about Khaled Hosseini's, *The Kite Runner*.

A story of friendship, betrayal, and redemption, *The Kite Runner* represents a compelling drama that unfolds in Afghanistan and California. *The Kite Runner* kicks-off the Berkeley Public Library's **Reading in Common: Building Berkeley, Book by Book** series.

On Wednesday, June 20th, the Berkeley Public Library gave out free copies of *The Kite Runner* at Berkeley's Senior Centers and at the Berkeley Public Library's Branches and Central Library on a first come, first served basis. *The Kite Runner* is also available in collections throughout the Berkeley Public Library and at many of Berkeley's bookstores.

The Berkeley Public Library brings together Berkeley's diverse community to read and discuss one book through its Reading in Common series.

With a generous donation from the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library, the Library gives out free copies of books at its branches and at Central as well as at Berkeley's senior centers.

Look out as well for programs related to *The Kite Runner* and **Reading in Common** series during July at both Berkeley Public Library and Berkeley's Senior Centers:

Kite-Making with Tom McAlister, Berkeley Kite Festival Chair & Founder, at Central Library 3rd floor Community Meeting Room, **July 21, 11am-12:30pm**
Community Book Discussions at Central Library's 3rd floor Community Meeting Room – **Tuesday, July 24, 7 to 8:30 pm.**

Blog – Post your comments about *The Kite Runner* to Berkeley Public Library's blog

Saturday & Sunday, July 28 & 29, 11am-5pm

Annual Berkeley Kite Festival

Cesar Chavez Park --

http://www.highlinekites.com/Berkeley_Kite_Festival/

For more info about the Library and its many programs and resources, including accessibility information, please go to berkeleypubliclibrary.org or call 510.981.6100 or 510.548-1240 (TTY).

Contact the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library which sells used books at its two bookstores. All proceeds benefit the Berkeley Public Library and programs such as **Reading in Common!** 510.841.5604.

Together we can ensure that Berkeley's public libraries - the recently restored, landmark Central Library, and the four historic branches - reflect the pride and commitment of our community. Contact the Berkeley Public Library Foundation, www.bplf.org, at 510.981.6115 or at info@bplf.org for more information.

Summer Program in Central Children's Library

Join us in the Central Children's Library for a special summer program, **Family Sing-Along**. It happens Monday evenings @ 6:45 p.m. July 2 – August for families with children ages 5 and up. Get ready to sing old favorites and learn new songs. This is a time for the whole family to join voices and make music! For more information, call 510-981-6223.

Sing More Songs

Photojournalist Misako Akimoto presents an exhibition of photographs documenting the power of music with participants of Maya's Music Therapy Fund in Richmond. In conjunction with the exhibition Akimoto and guest Titia Martin, music therapist, will speak about their collaboration. Maya's Music Therapy Fund is a unique music therapy which offers people with disabilities an opportunity to express themselves through music. Photo Exhibition June 2 – July 31, at the Central Library downtown in the First Floor Catalog Lobby. Artist's Talk on Sunday July 8 at 2:00 PM in the Third Floor Community Meeting Room. For more information, call 510-981-6241 or go to berkeleypubliclibrary.org.

Berkeley Public Library Launches
Pay Your Fines Online

For the convenience of patrons, Berkeley Public Library is implementing a new safe and secure service, ***Pay Your Fines Online***. This service, available from the library's website, www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org, can be used from any computer that can access the internet, both inside and outside the library, and is available 24/7. There is no minimum charge and both Visa and MasterCard credit cards are accepted. Payments are recorded on the account immediately after payment; for example, if patrons have fees or fines that are blocking their record, they can pay with a credit card and then immediately be able to check out materials.

Pay Your Fines Online can be used to pay both library fines and fees and will be so helpful in those cases where a patron has been temporarily blocked from checking out materials. If patrons need help with this new service, they should go to any check-out desk at any library location.

For more info, please call 981-6100, 548-1240 (TTY), or go to www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org.

Berkeley Grant Successful!

Berkeley Will Be Participating

THE BIG READ BECOMES THE LARGEST
FEDERAL LITERATURE PROGRAM
SINCE THE W.P.A.

National Endowment for the Arts closes in on 200 cities reading great literature with latest round of more than \$1.5 million in grants

Institute of Museum and Library Services partnership helps program continue to grow

June 25, 2007 - Washington, DC - The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) today more than doubled the number of communities taking part in its nationwide reading program, the Big Read. One hundred seventeen cities were awarded grants to produce celebrations of American literature from September through December 2007. The Big Read, launched nationally in October 2006 by the NEA, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and Arts Midwest, encourages literary reading by asking communities to come together to read and discuss one book. Mrs. Laura Bush is the honorary chair of the Big Read.

"By joining the Big Read, these cities and towns are showing that reading is necessary to the cultural, civic, even economic fabric of their communities. They understand the benefit of having people from different generations and walks of life reading and discussing a great book," said NEA Chairman Dana Gioia. "Yes, this is about reading, but it's also about getting people to leave their homes and offices, unplug themselves for a few hours, and enjoy the pleasures of literature with their neighbors."

For the entire release, please visit <http://www.arts.gov/news/news07/bigreadCycle2.htm>. See also www.neabigread.org.



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.

Two Berkeley Public Library

Board of Library Trustee Meetings in July 2007

At their July 18th meeting at 7pm and their July 25th meeting at 5pm, both at South Branch Library, 1901 Russell at MLK, Jr., Way Berkeley Public Library's Board of Library Trustees will interview for a vacancy beginning in October 2007. The interviews will be open to the public, and there will be a regular Board Meeting, including Public Comment as well. The recruitment for the vacancy closed on July 1, 2007. The Board of Library Trustee's recommendation will be sent to the City Council for approval prior to October 1, 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 will offer 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.

Over a dozen interested residents attended a reception in the meeting room at West Branch, 1125 University Avenue (near San Pablo), on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, to meet with members of

the current Board of Library Trustees and library staff who were present to answer questions. Attendees enjoyed refreshments and also heard 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.

If patrons have questions about the position or process or want more information about the Berkeley Public Library, they should call 981-6195, 510-548-1240 (TTY), or go to **Berkeley Public Library's website**, berkeleypubliclibrary.org.

The Board of Library Trustees of the Berkeley Public Library will hold a special meeting on July 25th beginning at 5pm at South Branch Library, 1901 Russell at MLK, Jr., Way, to announce their decision to fill a vacancy on the Board beginning October 2007. The agenda will include public comment and there will also be a presentation by Noll & Tam Architects of Berkeley, who were hired by the Berkeley Public Library to investigate possible spaces for a branch library at the Ed Roberts Campus (ERC); **Noll & Tam** will present three space options and a kiosk for consideration so that the Board of Library Trustees can evaluate the possibilities of a move of South Branch Library to the ERC. It is important to note that although no decision has yet been made, the Board of Library Trustees has determined that it was necessary to get more information on what spaces were available and how they might work for a branch library. Ground will be broken for the Ed Roberts Campus project, to be located at the Ashby BART Station sometime in 2008. More information and a map are available on their website at www.edrobertscampus.org.

Berkeley Public Library has continued to investigate the library needs of South and Southwest Berkeley since the completion of a needs assessment by Hatchuel Tabernik & Associates (HTA), the **"South Berkeley Community Assessment of Library Needs."** This assessment pointed to severe programmatic limitations at the South Branch, built in 1961, in terms of space for library materials (books, DVDs, and etc.), computers, meeting space, an area for teens, and seating all of which were mentioned as priorities by respondents, and none of which would be easy to accommodate in the present location. Furthermore, respondents would prefer that the Tool Library remain at its present location and be allocated additional space. If a move is made of the South Branch Library to the ERC, the building could possibly be used for other services such as Families for Literacy, computer training, and increased space for tools and related training.

A 1996 report, **Berkeley Branch Libraries Feasibility Study**, found the South Branch, "overcrowded and difficult for patrons to use. The circulation and staff areas are inadequate in terms of both configuration and area." The report recommends an increase in floor area, seismic upgrade, ADA and

accessibility upgrade, mechanical, electrical and telecommunications upgrade and new sprinkler system. The 1996 report calls for increasing the floor area from 3,395 square feet to 8,468 square feet. No major physical upgrades have been made to the building since this report was completed; the focus has been on maintenance.

At their October 18, 2006, meeting the Board of Library Trustees appointed two Trustees, members Ying Lee and Terry Powell, to continue to study, along with staff, the library needs of South Berkeley and the issues associated with the possibility of Berkeley Public Library's participation in the Ed Roberts Campus. Director of Library Services Donna Corbeil recently formed a Berkeley Public Library Staff Committee with representatives from a wide variety of departments to aid with the inquiry and participate in two projects: the space planning analysis by Noll & Tam Architects of possible sites in the Ed Roberts Campus if the South Branch is moved; and the assessment of library needs of the Southwest Berkeley Community. The consulting firm HTA will begin a community assessment of library needs in the Southwest Berkeley community beginning in July 2007.

On Saturday, June 9, 2007, the Berkeley Public Library held a community forum at St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church (A.M.E.), 2024 Ashby Avenue, Berkeley, to discuss the possibility of moving South Branch Library operations to ERC as a way of addressing unmet library needs in South Berkeley. Berkeley Public Library staff, Board of Library Trustee members, and others made presentations on current research, proposals, and possibilities. The presentations were followed by input from the public and general discussion. Suggestions and comments generated at this and future meetings will be included in the Board's assessment.

Community feedback and involvement is critical in fulfilling our mission to meet the needs of the community. Additional information about HTA's 2006 *South Berkeley Community Assessment of Library Needs* is available on the library's website (www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org). Board of Library Trustees Meeting minutes and agendas are posted online and at all library locations. Interested community members can send the library emails at director@berkeleypubliclibrary.org or by mail to Berkeley Public Library, Board of Library Trustees, 2090 Kittredge Street, Berkeley, California 94704.

On July 24, 2007, at 7pm, there will be a community meeting to begin to get public input for our **Southwest Berkeley Community Library Needs Assessment study:**

**LifeLong Medical Care -- Parking on the street
3260 Sacramento St. (& Alcatraz) Berkeley
Upstairs Conference Room - 2nd floor**

For more info, call 981-6195, 548-1240 (TTY), or go to <http://berkeleypubliclibrary.org/weblog/>.