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Newsletter of the Berkeley Public Library

Another Great Reason

To Have a Berkeley Public Library Card!

Another great reason to have a Library Card: Berkeley Public Library card holders are now eligible for new membership discounts at the UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive!

Beginning June 21, all BPL library card holders will be entitled to a discount on new memberships to Berkeley's renowned destination for art and cinema. A special kickoff discount of 20% for the summer season will be available through Sept. 21st to anyone who presents a valid Berkeley Public Library card when applying for membership. After summer, the BAM/PFA is generously offering BPL card holders a continued discount of 10% on new memberships. Please note that this discount does not apply to renewed memberships.

The University of California, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive (BAM/PFA) is the visual arts center of the University of California, Berkeley. One of the largest university art museums in the United States in terms of attendance, BAM/PFA opened the doors of its distinctive Modernist building on the south side of the UC Berkeley campus in 1970. BAM/PFA's diverse exhibition programs and its collections of more than 15,000 objects and approximately 14,000 films and videos are characterized by themes of artistic innovation, intellectual exploration, and social commentary, and reflect the central role of education in BAM/PFA's mission.

Among the benefits available to museum members are:

- Free admission to the BAM galleries for 2
- Discounted PFA Theater tickets for 2
- 10% discount on most books and merchandise in the Museum Store
- 10% discount at Cafe Muse
- Invitations to exhibition previews and special events
- Free lectures, seminars, and discussions with artists
- Free access to the PFA Library and Film Study Center
- Free charge-by-phone service for PFA tickets
- BAM/PFA *Art & Film Notes* mailed to you 6 times a year
- Reciprocal membership privileges at over 30 university art museums

For more information, go to
<http://bampfa.berkeley.edu/join>
or call (510) 643-9632, TTY (510) 642-8734.

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Joins Foundation Center's National Network

Cooperating Collection Provides

Resources for Local Grantseekers

Berkeley, California, June 17, 2008 – Nonprofit organizations and other grantseekers in the East Bay Area looking for funding sources now have access to a valuable new collection of resources at Berkeley Public Library, which has become a Cooperating Collection of the Foundation Center of New York.

At locations throughout the country, Cooperating Collections offer free access to detailed information on grantmakers and how to apply for grants. *The Foundation Directory Online*, *Foundation Grants to Individuals Online*, print directories, and proposal writing guides are some of the titles. Cooperating Collections also hold training sessions on how to effectively use these resources and identify potential funders. Watch out later in the summer for training at the Berkeley Public Library.

Established in 1956, the Foundation Center is the nation's leading authority on organized philanthropy, serving grantseekers, grantmakers, researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public. Thousands of people visit the Center's website each day and are served in its five regional learning centers.

For more info about Foundation Center resources, visit foundationcenter.org. For more info on the Berkeley Public Library's participation in this program, phone 510-981-6100, 510-548-1240 (TTY) or go to www.BerkeleyPublicLibrary.org.

Harry Potter Public Reading

Thursday, July 31, 2008, 4:00-5:30 pm

Claremont Branch

2940 Benvenue Ave. at Ashby

Harry Potter Birthday Reading

→ Come celebrate J.K. Rowling's 43rd birthday, too!

Bring your favorite not-to-exceed two-page passage from any of the Harry Potter books and read aloud at Claremont Branch for the delight of all. See you there!

For questions regarding this program, call 510-981-6121. This program is sponsored by Teen Services and the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library. **Wheelchair accessible.** For accessibility info, call (510) 981-6107 TTY (510) 548-1240, or berkeleypubliclibrary.org.

Topical Teen Book Club

at Berkeley Public Library's Claremont Branch

Berkeley Public Library's Teen Services invites teens to join the Claremont Teen Book Club, where we'll talk about books previously read that relate to specific topics, such as: big fat summer reads and childhood favorites. The group meets on **Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:30** at the **Claremont Branch Library, 2940 Benvenue (at Ashby)**.

On **June 19**, we talked about **big fat summer reads**. On **June 26**, author **Peter Beagle** visited and read to us! **July 3** will be devoted to **childhood favorites**. **July 24** is reserved for **magazines**, with special attention to quizzes. On **July 31**, we'll celebrate **Harry Potter's birthday (see below)**. Participants are urged to bring book titles they want to share, and read aloud from them to prove their points. All teens are welcome, and teens who attend these meetings will have a chance to select topics and titles for the next round of book club discussions. Each program stands alone, and no registration is required. For questions regarding this program, call 510-981-6121. This program is sponsored by Teen Services and the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library. For accessibility information, call **(510) 981-6107 TTY (510) 548-1240**, berkeleypubliclibrary.org.

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We'd love to hear what you're Free2Do thanks to your local library, the Berkeley Public Library! Please take a minute to share your Free2Story, and, while you're at it, feel Free2 to sign up to receive news and alerts from Free2 or your local library. And take a look at what Berkeley Public Library patrons are saying about their library. Visit the web site <http://www.wearefree2.org/>

Free Small Business Counseling at Central Library

Are you thinking of starting your own business, already have a business you'd like to see grow, or facing one of those impossible small-business problems? The Central Library, in cooperation with the Service Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE), now offers free one-on-one small-business counseling. SCORE counselors offer a wealth of knowledge and real-world experience in small-business planning, marketing, manufacturing, distribution, finance, accounting, human resources, and e-commerce. You can schedule your private one-on-one counseling appointment by calling the library at 510-981-6148. Appointments are scheduled Monday evenings between the hours of 4 and 8pm.



*Bill Soto-Castellanos
Presents His Book
16th & Bryant : My Life
and Education with the
San Francisco Seals*

Please visit the Berkeley Public Central Library to view a wonderful exhibit of local baseball paraphernalia **in the exhibit cases facing Kittredge Street and in**

the flat cases on the 2nd floor, July 22-August 4, 2008.

Also, Bill Soto-Castellanos will present a program about the Pacific Coast League, including the San Francisco Seals and the Oakland Oaks on Saturday, **August 2, 2-4pm in the Central Library's 3rd floor Community Meeting Room**. See you there! For more information, please call Alan Bern at 510-981-6107, 510-548-1240 (TTY), <http://berkeleypubliclibrary.org>.

Saturday, July 12, 2008 | 11am – 12pm Central Library, 2090 Kittredge at Shattuck, 2nd Floor - Berkeley History Room, Berkeley, CA 94704

Berkeley Public Library Events Calendar *:Housing Counselors From the Berkeley Rent Board

[Housing Counselors from the Berkeley Rent Board](#) will offer free, one-on-one counseling sessions in the Berkeley History Room on the second floor of Berkeley's Central Library, 2090 Kittredge Street (at Shattuck Avenue). On the second Saturday of each month from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. counselors will assist both tenants and landlords by answering questions and making referrals on housing related topics--including security deposits, rent control, evictions, unpaid rent and other difficult issues. This free service will last a total of one hour on the second Saturday, with individual counseling sessions lasting approximately 20 minutes each. Patrons interested in participating are asked to arrive at the 2nd floor Reference Desk between 10:30 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. — a lottery held at 10:55 a.m. will determine the order participants are seen. For more information about the program, please contact Nick Traylor of the Berkeley Rent Board at 510-981-4901.

Programs listed in this newsletter are supported by the **Friends of the Berkeley Public Library**. For information on the **Friends of the Berkeley Public Library** or to join them and/or for volunteer opportunities with them, phone **510-841-5604** or visit http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org/about_the_library/support_the_library.php

For a Berkeley Public Library program: to request sign language interpreter, real-time materials in large print or Braille, or other accommodations, call 510-981-6107 or 510-548-1240 (TTY) 5 days before the program. Please refrain from wearing scented products to public meetings.