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Over 100 people attended *Zen and Kung Fu, a Chinese/English bilingual workshop* with Shaolin Temple USA presented at Berkeley Public Library, June 13, 2009

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柏市總辦少林功夫講座



【本報訊】中文館藏豐富的柏克萊市立總圖書館將在6月13日（周六）下午3時到5時30分，舉辦「少林功夫禪示範講座」。主持該講座的圖書館亞洲部門主管郭惠美，不但歡迎市民參加這項免費的講座，認識少林功夫的奧妙，也鼓勵華裔民眾更進一步認識圖書館，充分利用館中豐富的資源。

少林功夫禪示範講座由少林寺文化中心延然法師主講，現場將示範八段錦、羅漢拳、鐵頭功、氣功、達摩劍、少林兵器拳等功夫。在位於2090 Kittredge St.的市立總圖書館三樓會議室舉行，免費入場。

在市立圖書館多年來熱愛社區活動，在同事間有「講座皇后」稱號的郭惠美曾辦過文學、電影、音樂、插花、風水等各種講座。她說：「許多華人以為圖書館只是借書還書的地方，不了解圖書館還有很多各種不同的資源。生活上有任何疑問都可以先到圖書館請教圖書館員。美國人連醫生病都打電話到圖書館詢問。」

柏克萊市立總圖書館位於市中心，從教授到學童都是圖書館的常客。

郭惠美表示，總圖書館有上萬冊中文書和上千張中文電影碟片可供借閱，包括移民、納稅、法律和醫療等問題都有豐富的資料可以查詢。該館有郭惠美這位華人圖書館員，只會說中文的民眾也可以享受館內的資源。

郭惠美舉例，許多華裔民眾有租房糾紛，辛辛苦苦買了房子當房東，卻被房客欺負蒙受損失，或者租房居住的房客遇到不公平待遇。郭惠美建議，有租房困擾的民眾先不要花錢請律師，可以到圖書館走一趟，請圖書館員幫忙解惑。

郭惠美辦講座，在優秀的華裔專家和喜愛求知的讀者之間搭橋。（郭惠美提供）

Explore Classical Music at Berkeley Public Library

Saturday, July 18, 2-3:30 p.m.: John Reager, professor of Music History, Voice, and Piano at Laney Community College, will be your guide in exploring classical music at **Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge at Shattuck, in the 3rd floor Community Meeting Room.** Whether you are new to Western Classical Music or have listened most of your life, now is an exciting time to explore this great cultural tradition. The changing role of Classical Music will be discussed along with new resources that let you listen to more music than ever before.

This **FREE event** is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For more information, please call 510-981-6241 or visit www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org. For accessibility information, call 510-981-6107, TTY 510-548-1240.

Friends of the Library give Berkeley Public Library over \$92000 in grants for the next fiscal year

The Friends of the Berkeley Public Library are nothing if not true to their name. At their most recent meeting the **Friends of the Berkeley Public Library Board of Directors** voted to approve \$92,122 in grant funding for a variety of programs, events, and services that the Library's staff will organize and produce during the course of the coming year. The Friends are a major support to Berkeley Public Library, offering assistance in many ways that are both quite tangible--such as the annual grant process--and intangible, as with the incalculable devotion of the scores of volunteer workers who every day donate much time and effort to the goals of the organization. So, many thanks are due to the Friends. Their hard work and dedication pays incredible dividends, in the inspiration and delight they bring to the Library and the community. **- Douglas Smith, Deputy Director**

**West Branch and Claremont Branch
Renovation Projects**

During Summer 2009 architectural design teams will be interviewed, selected and, approved for both West and Claremont Branch renovation and expansion projects. The Berkeley Public Library Board of Library Trustees (BOLT) will interview design team finalists for the **West Branch and Claremont Branch Renovation Projects** at special Board of Library Trustee meetings:

West Branch Interviews
Friday, July 17th 4:30 PM

Claremont Branch Interviews
Tuesday, July 21st 6:00 PM

Final Selections
Wednesday, July 22nd 6:00 PM

All meetings will take place in the Central Library Community Meeting Room, 2090 Kittredge Street.

Join us in our planning to renovate and expand Berkeley Public Library's neighborhood branch libraries to make them seismically safe and ADA-accessible. For more information about the **Branch Renovation Program**, please go to http://berkeleypubliclibrary.org/about_the_library/b-renovation.php or call Suzanne Olawski at 510-981-6195.

Berkeley Public Library Wishes You Happy July 4th!

Please Return Your Library Materials – Books, CDs, DVDs, cassettes, videos, etc.-- **after** Library Holidays

- Fines will not accrue, and you will get two days beyond the closure for free to read, listen, or watch. Excellent!
- It takes us longer to get materials back on the shelf if they are returned all at once. Help us by returning the day after. By avoiding a backlog, you'll also be helping us return materials to the shelf faster.
- For more information, call 510-981-6100 or 510-548-1240 (TTY).

Programs 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.

**Celebrate Peace Day with Origami Cranes
at the Berkeley Public Library**

August 6 is the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. It is also Peace Day, when people all over the world stop to remember the bombing, and do what they can to see that it never happens again.

Since 1995, the Berkeley Public Library has celebrated Peace Day with a reading of Eleanor Coerr's *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*. This year's program will take place in the 4th floor Story Room of the **Central Library, 2090 Kittredge (at Shattuck) on August 6, from 3-5:30 p.m.** Coerr's critically acclaimed children's book tells the story of Sadako Sasaki, a Hiroshima resident who was two years old when the bomb fell. Sadako died ten years later from leukemia caused by the radiation from the bomb. Before she died, she tried to fold 1000 paper cranes, as legend has it that doing so will make your wish come true. Sadako folded 644 cranes before her death. Today people everywhere fold cranes and send them to the statue of Sadako Sasaki which stands in Hiroshima's Peace Park.

Members of Berkeley Public Library's teen and adult Playreaders groups will read aloud the story, accompanied by original music composed for the occasion by celebrated koto players Shirley Kazuyo Muramoto and Brian Mitsuhiro Wong. After the presentation, audience members are invited to join in folding paper cranes. There will be plenty of help for those who have never folded a crane before, but persons who know how to fold cranes and can show others are especially welcome.

For questions, call 510-981-6236. Sponsored by the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library. **For accessibility information, call 510-981-6107, TTY (510) 528-1240, berkeleypubliclibrary.org.**

Holds Decreased and ILL Discontinued

Beginning July 1, 2009, the total number of holds that library patrons can have at one time will go down from 15 to 12 per patron, and go down from 15 to 8 per patron for all media items -- DVDs, CDs, etc. Patrons who have 15 holds at this time will not find any holds cancelled. This change will allow patrons to share more items more quickly.

Also, Interlibrary Loan (ILL) has been discontinued, primarily because of the fantastic success and increasing use of LINK+ which allows patrons to borrow from over 65 million books and government documents from throughout California and Nevada. ILL requests have decreased dramatically at Berkeley Public Library since LINK+ has been implemented.

For more information, contact Jay Dickinson at 510- 981-6174.