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what's happening here
 Newsletter of the Berkeley Public Library

***Berkeley Public Library
 Neighborhood Branches Bond Measure***

On Tuesday, June 24, the Berkeley City Council voted unanimously to approve putting a \$26 million dollar Bond Measure on the November 2008 ballot to renovate and upgrade Berkeley Public Library's four branch libraries and the Tool Lending Library. If you use a branch library, you're probably well-aware of the overcrowding and poor space use. More importantly, there are issues that aren't immediately obvious. Two of the branches of the Berkeley Public Library, South Branch and West Branch, have serious seismic safety issues from structural deficiencies, and all four branches need to be brought up to current building codes, including provisions for physically disabled access. Neighborhood library users need buildings that are safe, easier to access, and more welcoming. The buildings are overcrowded and need to be improved to help library staff give even better service and to allow users to accomplish their reading, research, and learning needs, and attend programs at their neighborhood branches. With community input, the library will also make building renovations that improve ease of use, with better lighting and acoustics. Green buildings are planned, and the library will keep the wonderful historic structures of their branch libraries while creating expanded, safe and inviting environments for their neighborhoods. For more info, call 981-6195 or go to berkeleypubliclibrary.org/ and click on [Our Organization](#)

WPA Public Reading

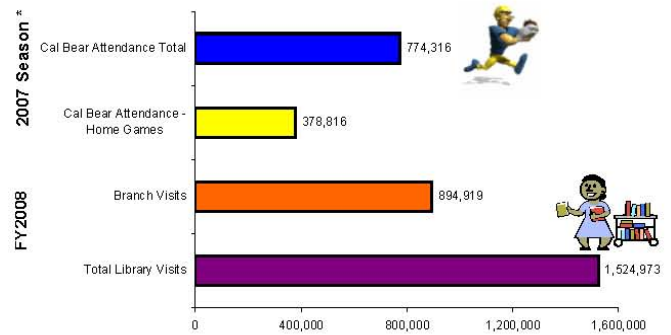
Monday, August 18, 2008, 3:30-5:00 pm
***Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the New Deal
 at Berkeley Public's Central Library***

Berkeley Public Library invites you to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the New Deal and the WPA, the Works Progress Administration. For more information, go to <http://livingnewdeal.berkeley.edu/>.

The reading will take place in **Library Plaza** in front of the **Central Library, 2090 Kittredge (at Shattuck)**. All are welcome to join in exploring a myriad of writers supported by this amazing social program. For questions regarding this program, call 510-981-6121. Sponsored by Teen Services and the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library. For accessibility info, call **(510) 981-6107 TTY (510) 548-1240**, <http://berkeleypubliclibrary.org>.

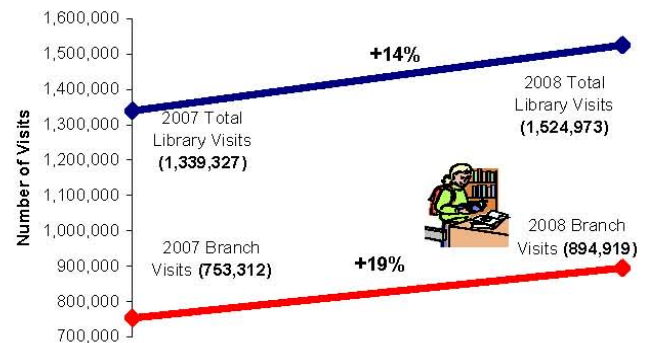
BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS

***Berkeley Loves Cal Bear Football...
 And Berkeley Loves the Berkeley Public Library***

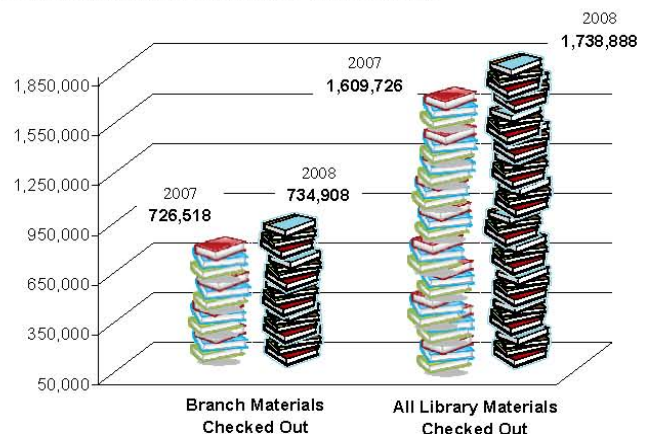


* http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007_California_Golden_Bears_football_team#cite_note-2

***Attendance Has Increased Over the Last Year,
 Especially at the Branch Libraries.***



Circulation Has Increased Over the Last Year



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. One-hour 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 13, 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 981-6107, TTY 548-1240, berkeleypubliclibrary.org.

New to fundraising? Come to a free workshop for nonprofit groups looking for grants from foundations. This 2½ hour class taught by Foundation Center staff will be held in the **3rd floor Community Meeting Room at Central Library, Tuesday, August 26, 5-7:30 pm.** The Foundation Center is the nation's leading authority on philanthropy; among its best-known products are *The Foundation Directory Online*, *Foundation Grants to Individuals Online*, print directories, and proposal writing guides. Learn to effectively use these resources and identify potential funders; the online directories are now available at the Central Library. Call 981-6148 for more information, and to register for the class.



Dance to the Junius Courtney Big Band in the **Historic Reading**

Room at the Central Library on Saturday night, August 23rd at 8pm. The Big Band includes drummer Nat Courtney, son of the late bandleader and trumpet player Junius Courtney, music director George "Jazzbeaux" Spencer, and features internationally acclaimed vocalist Denise Perrier. As part of the annual Downtown Berkeley Music Festival, the library invites you to swing in the stacks to the classic sounds of big band jazz. For more information, call 510-981-6241.

**COME MEET DORA SORELL
HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR AND AUTHOR
OF TELL THE CHILDREN AT NORTH BRANCH
1170 THE ALAMEDA – 981-6250
THURSDAY AUGUST 14TH -- 6:30PM**



Dora Apsan Sorell is an 86 year old retired physician (she will be 87 two weeks after the lecture!) who lives now in Berkeley. She is a survivor of the Holocaust, a lecturer and a writer.

She was born in Sighet, a small town in Northern Romania in a very traditional Jewish family. After she graduated high school in 1940, the war had begun and the occupying Hungarian fascist regime started to persecute the Jews. In 1944 the entire Jewish population of that town was deported to Auschwitz where she lost her parents, two brothers and most of the extended family. Tell the Children: Letters to Miriam is her book in the form of letters to her first granddaughter about her family, her experiences during the war, her losses during the Holocaust. The book is in the fifth printing, sold mainly in schools where she lectures. For more info, contact her at doricali@ix.netcom.com or on her website WWW.Letterstomygrandchildren.com.

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 2-5:30 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, and Coerr's eloquent story has been translated into many languages. Today people everywhere fold cranes and send them to the statue of Sadako Sasaki which stands in Hiroshima's Peace Park. Following the reading by Berkeley Public Library's Teen Playreaders, 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 regarding this program, call 510-981-6121. This program is sponsored by Teen Services, Children's Services and the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library. **For accessibility info, call 981-6107, TTY 528-1240, berkeleypubliclibrary.org.**

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The logo for 'Free2' is displayed in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The word 'free' is in a dark red color, and the number '2' is in a bright orange color. The letters are thick and have a slight shadow effect.