



**BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
510-981-6100  
[www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org](http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org)

September 2007

*what's happening here*

Newsletter of the Berkeley Public Library

***Berkeley Public Library's West Branch***

***Will Close for New Carpet, Paint,***

***and the Installation of a New Public Service Desk***

**Berkeley Public Library's West Branch will be closed beginning at 6:00 p.m. on September 8, 2007, to install a new carpet, receive an interior paint job, and have a new public service desk built. The Branch is tentatively planned to reopen on October 29, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. Until the Branch closes, please call West Branch Library at (510) 981-6270 with any questions. After September 10<sup>th</sup>, please phone (510) 981-6100 or go to [www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org](http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org)**

The Berkeley Public Library's Board of Library Trustees has authorized the closure and funding for this work. Special thanks to the generous fundraising of the **Berkeley Public Library Foundation** to pay for a new public service desk.

West Branch is also the home of Berkeley Public Library's Adult Literacy Program, Berkeley Reads -- [http://berkeleypubliclibrary.org/services\\_and\\_resources/literacy\\_program/index.php](http://berkeleypubliclibrary.org/services_and_resources/literacy_program/index.php). **While West Branch Library is closed, Berkeley Reads literacy services will continue. During the closure, Berkeley Reads staff can be contacted at their regular phone number, (510) 981-6299.**

West Branch Library was built as a Carnegie library in 1923 and was extensively remodeled and expanded in 1974. This is the first time since then that they have closed for extensive deferred maintenance. **Berkeley Public Library** is grateful to the **Berkeley Public Library Foundation** for their part in making West Branch more user-friendly. The much worn carpets will be replaced, badly-needed new paint will be applied, and a much more inviting and practical public service desk will be built to welcome patrons back to West Branch. While not a renovation, this refreshment will improve staff work areas, brighten up the teen area, and create a more welcoming feeling for visitors of all ages. A party to celebrate is planned for soon after West Branch re-opens: the party will celebrate the improvements, the newly configured Teen Area, and the launching of the **Early Literacy for Families (ELF) California State**

**Library Grant.** Parents, caregivers, and children will have access to interactive learning materials and toys, books designed for read-alouds, and much more.

\*\*\*

***Wild About Books!***

Join the Children's Librarians at the Central Library every Saturday morning at 10:30 for stories, crafts, and songs! The 1st Saturday of each month we have a special guest performer. On September 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 we will feature folksinger Chris Molla in our traditional Labor Day Kids Concert.



For kids ages 3-7 and their families: Central Library's 3rd floor Community Meeting Room.

\*\*\*

**AUTHOR CAROLYN LEHMAN**

**TO SPEAK AT BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**ON HEALING FROM SEXUAL ABUSE:**

***STRONG AT THE HEART:***

***How It Feels to Heal from Sexual Abuse***

Saturday, October 13th, 1-3 p.m.

Central Berkeley Public Library

2090 Kittredge Street

(at Shattuck in downtown Berkeley)

3<sup>rd</sup> floor Community Meeting Room

Lehman's book features survivors' strengths and the capacity to recover from assault. Arturo Carrillo, whose story is told in the book, will talk about his experience growing up in the Latino community in the Bay Area and how he tried to cope with being molested as a ten-year-old boy and the ways he found to heal as a man.

\*\*\*



***Free Wi-Fi now @ Central!***

Berkeley Public Library is happy to announce that free Wi-Fi access is now available for the public at the Central Library, 2090 Kittredge, on all five floors.

Wi-Fi will be installed in all the Branches soon!

Pick up a brochure on Wi-Fi Access at any Berkeley Public Library or see our [wireless](http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org/wireless/) page for more info: <http://berkeleypubliclibrary.org/wireless/>

**Berkeley Public Library Thanks  
Board of Library Trustee  
Laura Anderson  
For Her Eight Years of Dedication and  
Commitment**

Laura Anderson, who has served as a Board of Library Trustee for the **Berkeley Public Library** for eight years, will be stepping down after the September 19, 2007, Board of Library Trustees Meeting. Ms. Anderson has served the maximum two terms of four years each.

While Ms. Anderson served on the Board, the Central Library was renovated, the largest single project in the history of the Berkeley Public Library since Central Library was built in the early 1930s. Laura's personal commitment to literacy and her lifelong love of reading inspired her to encourage and support the adult new reader program, Berkeley Reads, and services to promote reading, especially among school-age children. "The growth and success of these programs and services, coupled with the renovated Central Public Library, serve as enduring testaments to Laura's tenure as a member of the Berkeley Public Library Board of Library Trustees," stated Director of Library Services Donna Corbeil. "Her strong connections to the Berkeley community and her passion for the library and its programs and services has made it a true pleasure to work for her and with her."

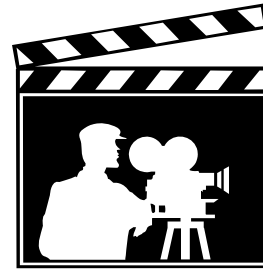
Ms. Anderson worked for the City of Berkeley beginning in the 1960s for over 30 years. She was the Family Planning Coordinator of the Comprehensive Family Planning Program beginning in the 1970s. She also oversaw daily operations of the City of Berkeley's public health clinic that included a number of programs serving the community, including the Maternal, Infant, and Childcare Program (MIC) and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Her former supervisor, Verdie Thompson, Director of Nurses for the City of Berkeley, remembers her as a kind and warm person and a tireless advocate for services for people who most needed them, especially during difficult budget times. She was also an advocate for the City's health workers, including her instrumental role in a program that hired community members and supported them in receiving education to become community health workers and nurse practitioners. Ms. Anderson was also a great support to the City's Black Infant Health Program, on whose Board she currently serves.

Teen Librarian Vi Dyas, who worked for the City's Health and Human Services Department before becoming a librarian with the Berkeley Public Library, worked alongside Ms. Anderson and remembers fondly how "she and her husband welcomed us City workers with great affection to her home during the holidays."

Laura Anderson will be missed from the Board of Library Trustees, and the Berkeley Public Library wishes her well in her next activities. "I'm

certain we will see her in a library branch soon," said Library Director Corbeil.

\*\*\*



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

*September 2007*

Seasonal Stories

Each of this month's films explores the theme of autumn.

Friday, September 7

*No program today,  
due to staff training.*

Friday, September 14

**Autumn Spring [Babí léto]** (2002)

When Fanda fakes his own death, his wife files for divorce. But then the couple decides that instead of worrying about old age, perhaps it's time to live each day to the fullest.

Friday, September 21

**Autumn Sonata [Hostsonaten]** (1978)

A concert pianist visits her grown daughter and the reunion turns into a shattering confrontation.

Friday, September 28

**Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter-and Spring** (2003)

Chronicles the life of a Buddhist monk from childhood to the end of his days.

All showings are free and begin promptly at 3:30, in the Central Library Community Meeting Room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor), 2090 Kittredge Street. For more information, please call 510-981-6100.

Please arrive promptly. No food or beverages. Title substitutions may be unavoidable.

Not all films are appropriate for all audiences.

Wheelchair accessible. To request a sign language interpreter, real-time captioning, materials in large print or Braille, or other accommodations for this event, please call (510) 981-6107 (voice) or (510) 548-1240 (TTY); at least five working days will ensure availability. Please refrain from wearing scented products to public meetings. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library.**

\*\*\*

### ***Introduction to Basic Computer Skills***

Berkeley Public Library presents a *free* class, ***Introduction to Basic Computer Skills*** every Thursday from 10 AM to 11 AM in the Electronic Classroom on the 3rd floor of the Central Library.