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**West Branch Re-opens after Improvements:
Join Us in Thanking Bayer and the Library Foundation for
Making this Wonderful Refreshment Possible!**

The Berkeley Public Library has completed a timely refreshment of its West Branch, 1125 University Avenue (near San Pablo). The NEW furniture, deferred maintenance and repair of the Berkeley Public Library's West Branch would not have been possible without:

The Berkeley Public Library Foundation for including in their annual plan a commitment to raise funds for branch maintenance and repair:

- ✓ As part of the **Berkeley Public Library Foundation's** fundraising effort and thanks to a generous donation of \$25,000 from **BAYER HEALTHCARE LLC**, the West Branch will replace all of the public area furniture for the first time in many years. **The new furniture is on order and will arrive in Winter 2008.**

Bayer is very proud of the role it has played in West Berkeley over the last century as employer, neighbor, and cutting-edge health research and manufacturing center. We're pleased to be able to contribute to improving the West Berkeley Branch Library, and look forward to other fruitful partnerships in the years to come.

Sreejit Mohan, Director of Public Policy and Communications for Bayer HealthCare LLC.

The Bayer HealthCare LLC has been a longtime and generous supporter of the Berkeley Public Library, and this generous gift to the West Branch takes their giving to a new level. **The Berkeley Public Library Foundation** is grateful to **Bayer HealthCare LLC** for helping renew the West Branch Library as an important community resource.

Linda Schacht Gage, President, Berkeley Public Library Foundation Board

- ✓ Thanks also to fundraising by the **Berkeley Public Library Foundation**, there will be a new service desk designed for increased efficiency and better public service, for ergonomic safety for staff, and for the installation of modern technology.

The Board of Library Trustees for including in their annual fiscal plan a commitment to branch library maintenance and repair, including funds for West Branch:

- ✓ New carpet has been installed in the Teen Area, the Children's Area, and throughout the main part of the library.
- ✓ The entire inside of the building has been cleaned and painted, and parts of the outside as well.

- ✓ West Branch will re-open with free wireless access to the Internet.

**COME TO THE GRAND RE-OPENING PARTY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 5-7 p.m.**

West Branch -- 1125 University Avenue (near San Pablo Avenue)

Refreshments and entertainment provided thanks to the

Friends of the Berkeley Public Library and the Berkeley Public Library Foundation

**For more information, please call 510-981-6278, 510-548-1240 (TTY) or go to
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