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**Award-winning author Gene Yang speaks at Berkeley Public Library**

Berkeley Public Library's Teen Services is proud to present Printz award winner **Gene Yang**, author of *American Born Chinese* at the **Central Library, 2090 Kittredge (at Shattuck)**, on **Tuesday, May 20, at 5 p.m.**

The Printz award is given annually by the American Library Association's Young Adult Library Services Association for the best book written for teens. *American Born Chinese* is the first graphic novel (a.k.a. comic book) to win this coveted award. The novel combines the Chinese legend of the Stone Monkey of Heaven with the experience of growing up Chinese-American. Complex, entertaining and thought-provoking, *American Born Chinese* is both critically acclaimed and popular with young readers. This program is recommended for grades six and up.

For questions regarding this program, call 510-981-6121. This program is sponsored by Children's Services, Teen Services and the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library. For accessibility information, call **(510) 981-6107 TTY (510) 548-1240**,

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