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**Teen Playreaders present "I Hate Hamlet"**

Berkeley Public Library's Teen Services invites you to the **Teen Playreaders** production of Paul Rudnick's comedy, "**I Hate Hamlet**". There will be two presentations: **Saturday, July 19, 8 p.m.** at the **Willard Middle School Metal Shop Theater, 2425 Stuart St. (at Telegraph)** and **Sunday, July 20, 6 p.m.** in front of the **Central Library, 2090 Kittredge St. (at Shattuck)**. During the school year, "Teen Playreaders" do exactly what the name says: teens gather weekly to read plays aloud, changing parts frequently so everyone gets a chance to be the hero/heroine/villain. There are no auditions; all teens are welcome to read, or just listen. In the summer, however, they become a real theater troupe, and produce student-run plays for the enjoyment of all.

"I Hate Hamlet" follows the misadventures of a Los Angeles television actor who, while portraying the title role in the Shakespeare in the Park's summer production of "Hamlet", rents the New York City apartment once owned by John Barrymore. There's a séance, swordplay, romance and the ghostly return of Barrymore himself. The performance is free for all, and recommended for ages nine and up.

For questions regarding this program, call 510-981-6121. This program is sponsored by Teen Services and the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library. **For accessibility information, call 510-981-6107, TTY (510) 528-1240, <http://berkeleypubliclibrary.org>.**

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