



National Library Week 2008 News Release

For release National Library Week: *This is the 50th Anniversary of National Library Week!*

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Join the circle of knowledge @ your library: Celebrate National Library Week at the Berkeley Public Library, April 13-19

(BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA) – It's National Library Week, a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide - and the perfect time to discover how you can join the circle of knowledge @ your library.

The Berkeley Public Library is celebrating National Library Week by offering many wonderful programs and exhibits such as the **Cesar Chavez Reading program, Monday, April 14, 3:30-5:00 in Library Plaza in front of the Central Library** (it will be held in the 3rd floor Community Meeting Room at Central if it rains) and will feature Sal Murillo who worked with Chavez for many years. The whole community is invited to come and participate by reading the words of Cesar Chavez out loud. There will also be a **Cesar Chavez Commemoration Period Exhibit, April 14-27**, featuring posters, books, and photos about Chavez in the Kittredge Street Exhibit Cases at Central Library and in the flat cases in the 2nd floor Historic Lobby at Central.

Other National Library Week programs & exhibits include:

What a Card!

Berkeley Public Library will present an exhibit of library cards from across the United States and across time. Examples include a Brooklyn Public Library card from 1934 and the many different versions of the Berkeley Public Library card. Presented in the display case on the West side of the 2nd floor, Central Library, 2090 Kittredge Street, downtown Berkeley.

In the Children's Library

- **Tuesday, April 8, 3:00pm – Make Your Own Fantastic Journal, Part I.** Ages 8-13. Make a journal to bring with you to the Marissa Moss Creative Journaling program! **Central Library, Fourth Floor, Children's Department.**
- **Tuesday, April 15, 3:30pm – Meet Marissa Moss**, author of the *Amelia* books (and others!) and learn how to make your own cool, creative journals like *Amelia's!* (Make Your Own Fantastic Journal, Part II) If you decorated a journal with us last week,

bring it along! If not, that's okay. We'll have a blank journal for you to get started with. Ages 8-13. **Central Library, Fourth Floor, Children's Department.**

- **Sunday, April 13, 2:00-4:00pm. Jazz Art** - don't miss this chance to make art inspired by live jazz musicians. This is a fun and popular program every year! For families of all ages. Materials will be provided. **Central Library, Third Floor, Community Meeting Room.**

And for teens . . .

- Friday film retrospective for teens

3rd floor Meeting Community Room, Central Library

April 4: **Blazing saddles** (1974)

April 18: **Unforgiven** (1992)

April 25 is **Mad Hot Ballroom**,
in honor of National Dance Week

- Downtown Book Club

Monday, April 21, 4-5pm

Teen Room, Central Library

2090 Kittredge Street

A Piece of Cake: A Memoir
by **Cupcake Brown**

From our Berkeley READS Adult & Family Literacy Program

Berkeley READS is hosting the Scholastic Literacy Caravan visits at BAHIA Afterschool Program on Wednesday, April 16, 3-5pm, and at the West YMCA Headstart on Friday, April 18, 10-12am, which include free children's book and bookmarker distribution at these sites, only for the program's families.

Author Ellen Sussman Speaks at Berkeley's Central Library

Author Ellen Sussman will discuss *Finding Truth in Writing: Fiction or Non-Fiction* at the Berkeley Public Library on **Saturday, April 12th at 3:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room on the third floor of Berkeley's Central Library at 2090 Kittredge Street** (at Shattuck Avenue) in Downtown Berkeley.

"Everyday, libraries in big cities and small towns, colleges and universities, in schools and in businesses help transform their communities," says Berkeley Public Library Director of Library Services Donna Corbeil. "At our library, people of all backgrounds can come together for community meetings, lectures and programs, to do research with the assistance of a trained professional, to get a job or to find homework help, to see or check out a movie or to find a great CD."

This is the 50th Anniversary of National Library Week! First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

For more information, visit the Berkeley Public Library, call 510-981-6100 or see the library's Web site at www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org. Berkeley Public Library's hours are:

Central Library

Mon: 12-8

Tues: 10-8

Wed - Sat: 10-6

Sun: 1-5

Branch and Tool Libraries

Mon - Tue: 10-6

Wed - Thu: 12-8

Fri - Sat: 10-6

Sun: Closed

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