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BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROUDLY ANNOUNCES  
**READING IN COMMON: BUILDING BERKELEY, BOOK BY BOOK SELECTION**  
*THE KITE RUNNER*, BY KHALED HOSSEINI

This summer, the Berkeley Public Library, the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library, and the Berkeley Public Library Foundation invite everyone in Berkeley to read and talk about Khaled Hosseini's, *The Kite Runner*.

A story of friendship, betrayal, and redemption, *The Kite Runner* represents a compelling drama that unfolds in Afghanistan and California. *The Kite Runner* kicks-off the Berkeley Public Library's **Reading in Common: Building Berkeley, Book by Book** series.

**On Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, the Berkeley Public Library will be giving out free copies of *The Kite Runner* at Berkeley's Senior Centers starting at 11:30 am and at the Berkeley Public Library's Branches and Central Library, starting at 1:00 pm. Supplies are limited and offered on a first come, first served basis. *The Kite Runner* is also available in collections throughout the Berkeley Public Library and at many of Berkeley's bookstores.**

The Berkeley Public Library brings together Berkeley's diverse community to read and discuss one book through its Reading in Common series. With a generous donation from the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library, the Library gives out free copies of books at its branches and at Central as well as at Berkeley's senior centers.

Look out as well for programs related to *The Kite Runner* and **Reading in Common** series during July at both Berkeley Public Library and Berkeley's Senior Centers:

Saturday, July 21, 2:00 – 4:00pm  
 Kite-Making at Central Library 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Community Meeting Room

Tuesday, July 24 & Thursday, July 26, times to be determined  
 Community Book Discussions Central Library 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Community Meeting Room  
 and at the West Berkeley Senior Center

Saturday & Sunday, July 28 & 29, 11am-5pm  
 Annual Berkeley Kite Festival  
 Cesar Chavez Park -- [http://www.highlinekites.com/Berkeley Kite Festival/](http://www.highlinekites.com/Berkeley_Kite_Festival/)

For more information about the Library and its many programs and resources, including accessibility information, please refer to the Library's website, <http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org> or call 510.981.6100 or 510.548-1240 (TTY).

Contact the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library which sells used books at its two bookstores. All proceeds benefit the Berkeley Public Library and programs such as **Reading in Common!** 510.841.5604.

Together we can ensure that Berkeley's public libraries - the recently restored, landmark Central Library, and the four historic branches - reflect the pride and commitment of our community. Contact the Berkeley Public Library Foundation, [www.bplf.org](http://www.bplf.org), at 510.981.6115 or at [info@bplf.org](mailto:info@bplf.org) for more information.

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