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**Celebrate Peace Day at the Berkeley Public Library:
Help Fold 1000 Paper Cranes**

Berkeley Public Library's Children's Services invites you to help us fold one thousand origami cranes, to commemorate the 67th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, on **Monday, August 6, from 3 – 6 p.m.** at the **Central Library, 2090 Kittredge (at Shattuck)**.

At 3 p.m., we'll show the video of Eleanor Coerr's book, *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*. Legend has it that if a sick person folds one thousand paper cranes, they will get well. Sadako Sasaki tried, but only made 644 before her death at age twelve from leukemia caused by the Hiroshima bombing. Her classmates worked to create a monument in Hiroshima's Peace Park that honors Sadako and all victims of the bombing, and to this day, people all over the world fold cranes and send them to Japan to hang under Sadako's statue. After the film, we'll demonstrate how to fold cranes, and invite you to fold cranes with us -- will we make one thousand? All the cranes we fold that day will be sent to Hiroshima.

The program will last until 6 p.m. Stay as long as you like, folding cranes with us and enjoying stories and Japanese music. This program is recommended for ages 6 and up, and those who know how to fold a crane and can show others are especially welcome!

For questions regarding this program, call 510-981-6223. This program is sponsored by Children's Services and the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library. For accessibility information, call **(510) 981-6107 TTY (510) 548-1240, <http://berkeleypubliclibrary.org>.**

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