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Celebrate Peace Day with Origami Cranes at the Berkeley Public Library

August 6 is the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. It is also Peace Day, when people all over the world stop to remember the bombing, and do what they can to see that it never happens again.

Since 1995, the Berkeley Public Library has celebrated Peace Day with a reading of Eleanor Coerr's *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*. This year's program will take place in the 4th floor Story Room of the **Central Library, 2090 Kittredge (at Shattuck) on August 6, from 2-5:30 p.m.** Coerr's critically acclaimed children's book tells the story of Sadako Sasaki, a Hiroshima resident who was two years old when the bomb fell. Sadako died ten years later from leukemia caused by the radiation from the bomb. Before she died, she tried to fold 1000 paper cranes, as legend has it that doing so will make your wish come true. Sadako folded 644 cranes before her death, and Coerr's eloquent story has been translated into many languages. Today people everywhere fold cranes and send them to the statue of Sadako Sasaki which stands in Hiroshima's Peace Park.

Following the reading by Berkeley Public Library's Teen Playreaders, audience members are invited to join in folding paper cranes. There will be plenty of help for those who have never folded a crane before, but persons who know how to fold cranes and can show others are especially welcome.

For questions regarding this program, call 510-981-6121. This program is sponsored by Teen Services, Children's Services and the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library.

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