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Berkeley Public Library Launches Community Survey of Unmet Library Needs In Southwest Berkeley

Berkeley Public Library has launched a **Community Survey of Unmet Library Needs in Southwest Berkeley** beginning this week. The survey will be available in both Spanish and English online at www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org as well as at all library locations in written paper format. The Berkeley Public Library will also engage in Community Outreach in the Southwest Berkeley area.

What

A community assessment that defines the unmet library needs and provides recommendations for library services in underserved areas of Southwest Berkeley.

Why

To gather detailed information on existing library services and the types of services people would like to have access to in their community.

To develop multiple recommendations on how the Berkeley Public Library can meet the library needs of the Southwest Berkeley community.



When

The assessment will take begin in late Fall 2007, with a final report of the assessment process and recommendations available to the public in Spring 2008.

How & Who

The assessment will be completed in two phases.

Phase One will develop a detailed picture of the library needs of the areas of Southwest Berkeley with little library usage. This will include community surveys (phone, paper and online), focus groups and maps of current library resources. This data will be used to develop recommendations to meet the identified needs.



Phase Two will take the recommendations back out to the community for feedback and suggestions. This will include a community meeting, focus groups, and interviews of key community leaders.

A final report will summarize the community feedback and suggestions, and make multiple recommendations for Berkeley Public Library to consider.

For questions regarding this survey, call 510-981-6107. **For accessibility**

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