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*Berkeley Public Library Completes  
Branch Building Study and 3-year Service Plan*

The Branch Libraries Facilities Master Plan (BLFMP) project is a physical evaluation, overseen by Berkeley Public Library (BPL) staff and consultants Noll & Tam Architects, of the four Berkeley Public Library branches and the Tool Lending Library to assess their feasibility to serve the community, both now and into the future. The goal of the project is to develop pertinent facility information and knowledge that will ensure the vitality of library services in Berkeley's neighborhoods; to assist the Board of Library Trustees (BOLT) in strategic decision-making regarding facility expenditures; and to set a course for the future.

Findings from the recently completed process indicate that the four branches of the Berkeley Public Library (BPL) are overcrowded, suffer from structural and infrastructure impairment, and are not ADA-accessible.

Following community input and BOLT approval, the final plans will be made available and discussed with the community at these four community meetings. Join us to hear how your invaluable input was used to develop these two important plans, the **Branch Building Study and 3-year Service Plan**, for the future of Berkeley's public libraries.

Thursday, September 18	6:30-7:30pm	Claremont Branch	2940 Benvenue at Ashby
Thursday, September 25	6:30-7:30pm	West Branch	1125 University at San Pablo
Wednesday, October 1	6:30-7:30pm	North Branch	1170 The Alameda at Hopkins
Thursday, October 2	6:30-7:30pm	South Branch	1901 Russell at MLK Jr. Way

We also invite you to visit our website to view the completed BLFMP documents, which include detailed analyses of each BPL branch library and suggestions for remedying the problems at each branch. Just go to [www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org](http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org) and click on **Branch Libraries Facilities Master Plan**. For more information, you may also phone 510-981-6195, 510-548-1240 (TTY).

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