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**Berkeley Rent Board will offer free counseling  
at the Berkeley Public Library**

Beginning December 8, 2007, **Housing Counselors** from the **Berkeley Rent Board** will offer free, one-on-one counseling sessions in the **Berkeley History Room** on the second floor of **Berkeley's Central Library, 2090 Kittredge Street (at Shattuck Avenue)**. On the **second Saturday of each month from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** counselors will assist both tenants and landlords by answering questions and making referrals on housing related topics-- including security deposits, rent control, evictions, unpaid rent and other difficult issues.

This free service will last a total of one hour on the second Saturday, with individual counseling sessions lasting approximately 10 minutes each. Patrons interested in participating are asked to arrive at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Reference Desk between 10:30 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. — a lottery held at 10:55 a.m. will determine the order participants are seen.

**For more information about the program, please contact Nick Traylor of the Berkeley Rent Board at 510-644-6128 (ext. 116).**

The Central Library is open Monday, noon-8p.m., Tuesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., and Sunday afternoons from 1 p.m. till 5 p.m. For questions and accessibility information, call 510-981-6107, TDD 510-548-1240,

<http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org>.

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