

NORTH BRANCH LIBRARY

Your Neighborhood Library



Branch History

The North Branch Library is one of Berkeley's many civic buildings designed by noted Berkeley architect James W. Plachek, who also designed the Claremont Branch Library and Central Library. The 1936 structure was designated a City of Berkeley Landmark in 2001 — "The North Branch is significant because it is an outstanding example of a revival design evocative of the early Spanish influence in the State and Bay area. ... The library is [also] an important part of the neighborhood fabric simply because it was designed to serve the neighborhood and has done so for over 65 years." The original Branch Library was funded by the Works Progress Administration and proceeds from a special City of Berkeley tax for a total of roughly \$45,000.

Central Library

(510) 981-6100

2090 Kittredge

Mon: 12 - 8

Tues: 10 - 8

Wed - Sat: 10 - 6

Sun: 1 - 5

Claremont Branch

Reopening May 5, 2012!
(510) 981-6280

2940 Benvenue Ave.

Mon - Tues: 10 - 6

Wed - Thu: 12 - 8

Fri - Sat: 10 - 6

Sun: Closed

Tool Lending Library

(510) 981-6101

2525 Eighth St. (temporary location)

Tues: 10 - 5:30

Wed - Thu: 12 - 7:30

Fri: 1 - 5:30

Sat: 10 - 5:30

Sun - Mon: Closed

South and West Branches — temporarily closed for construction

Project Facts

Architects: Architectural Resources Group
with Tom Eliot Fisch

Civic Art Component: *A Patchwork of Trees*
by Marion Coleman

Project Cost: \$5.964 million
(construction \$4.76 million)

Scope: Improvement and Expansion

3,850 SF 2-story addition to an existing
5,500 sq. ft. building

The New North offers:

- Historically sensitive restoration of the original building
- Improved design and layout providing full ADA accessibility
- Seismic strengthening and improved fire protections
- Spacious multipurpose community room with state of the art audio-visual equipment
- 45% more public access internet computers
- Larger teen room with dedicated computers
- Energy efficient lighting indoors and out
- Automated materials handling for faster re-shelving of materials
- Attractive Bay Friendly landscaping
- Expanded bicycle parking

Welcome to Your Newly Renovated North Branch Library

Expanded and improved, North Branch is poised to serve future generations, with updated and state-of-the-art spaces that are inviting, efficient, and flexible. The renovation and improvements were completed as part of the Branch Library Improvement program that began in 2009 with the passage of Measure FF in November 2008. Funds from the \$26 million bond measure will bring all four branches up to current code standards. Thanks to Measure FF, renovated branches will meet current seismic requirements, be fully ADA accessible and provide environmentally sustainable “green” operations.

North Branch Staff are excited about the renovated branch, and are looking forward to bringing you:

- A wealth of materials in multiple formats — books, periodicals, audiobooks, DVDs, music, CDs, and downloadable e-books
- Access to the full Berkeley Public Library collection and, through Link+, to the collections of more than 50 partner institutions
- Storytimes for babies, toddlers and preschoolers
- Early Literacy playspace for very young children
- Regular programming for children, teens, and adults
- Self-service printing, copying, and scanning
- Summer Reading Programs for children and teens



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Fri, Sat: 10 – 6
Sun: Closed