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Planning on coming to the Time Capsule opening on May 18th? Be sure to sign up for Summer Reading while you're here!		1 Story Time 10:30 Pre-K Play 11:00 Chair Yoga 2:00	2	3	4
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13 Bingo 1:00	14 Homeschool 1:00	15 Story Time 10:30 Pre-K Play 11:00 Chair Yoga 2:00	16	17	18 100th Day Story Time 11:30-12:00
20 Bunco 1:00	21	22 Story Time 10:30 Pre-K Play 11:00 Chair Yoga 2:00	23	24 Teen Advisory 4:30	25 D & D 2:00
27 LIBRARY CLOSED	28	29 Story Time 10:30 Pre-K Play 11:00	30	31	

Library Information

Print & Fax Resources
The BPL provides access to self-service copying, scanning, faxing and remote printing!

Library Board of Trustees
Library Board of Trustee meetings are open to the public and typically held on the fourth Wednesday each month.

Download the free SWAN Libraries + app lets you store your library card, manage your account, and find books, movies, and more from your phone or tablet. If you had the previous version of the SWAN Libraries app, please delete, and download the new SWAN Libraries + app. The old app is no longer operational.



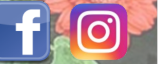
Message from the Director

As you're no doubt aware, 2024 marks an amazing 100 years for the Village of Berkeley. Did you know that the Berkeley Public Library has been an important part of the community for 78 of those years? Some may remember when the Library was a small storefront down the street, or in extra space upstairs in Village Hall before relocating to our current building. Our Taft Avenue building opened to the public in June of 1972, 52 years ago! There are dozens of people who have worked tirelessly to the benefit of this library and, in turn, impacted many lives over the decades. Library staff, elected officials, volunteers, and Friends- we have been blessed to have so many of these people step forward and ensure that there's a Berkeley Public Library for the betterment of all residents. As you're out and about celebrating the milestone, we hope that you'll stop in the library. You can see what's changed and we'd love to share our plans for the next 50 years!



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Spring 2024 Newsletter

Monday -Thursday: 9:30am - 8pm
Friday: 9:30am - 6pm
Saturday: 10am - 5pm
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Spring Book Sale and Raffle

Friends of the Berkeley Public Library will be holding their annual Spring Book Sale on Saturday, April 6, at 11:00AM – 3:00 PM. There will be home-made baked good items for sale and two spring-themed raffle prizes. Raffle tickets are \$1/each or 6/\$5. One of our favorite vendors, rzpaintandpapergifts, will be selling their handmade scented candles, paintings, and more! All proceeds from the sale go to the benefit of our small but mighty public library! Please come out and show your support.

Saturday, April 6 @ 11:00am-3:00pm

Eclipse Putt-Putt

Looking for an out-of-this-world way to spend time before the solar eclipse? Join us for Book Putt-Putt golf in the library's lower level during the annual spring book sale.

Sat, April 6 @ 12:00am-2:00pm

Reptile Event

Join us for a live and close-up presentation with reptiles and amphibians from around the world. Presented by Dave DiNaso, Traveling World of Reptiles.

Saturday, April 13 @ 1:00-2:30pm

100th Day Story Time

Join us in wishing Berkeley a 'Happy 100th Birthday!' with a special story time on the day our community celebrates by opening the library's time capsule!

Saturday, May 18 @ 11:30am-12:00pm

Eclipse Day

Join us at the library as we enjoy learning about solar eclipses and observe it happening right here in Berkeley. This will be the last full solar eclipse observable in the US until 2044, so you won't want to miss out. Eclipse glasses available to attendees.

Monday, April 8 @ 12:00-4:00pm

Butterfly Release

Come in for a butterfly themed story and craft; then join us as we release our library butterflies. Butterflies released at 12:30 AM on the south lawn.

Saturday, May 11 @ 12:30-1:30pm

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The BPL was named as a recipient of the NASA "My Library Bilingual Solar Kits" grant, which is providing us with loads of equipment, experiments, bilingual books, and plenty of solar eclipse glasses. Join us April 8th!				1	2 D & D 2:00
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Programs for Kids & Parents

Story Time & Preschool Play Cafe

This spring, Story Time and Preschool Play Cafe have limited meetings. Check our Facebook, website, or the newsletter for dates to make sure you don't miss out!



COMICS PLUS



Like reading comic books, graphic novels, and manga? Try ComicsPlus! Every title is available online with just your library card 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, on your computer, tablet or phone—no holds or wait lists required.

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Take-home Craft Kits

We are happy to continue to offer take-home craft kits for kids! Limited quantities, so stop by at the beginning of each month to make sure you get yours!

Story Time:

March : Dr Seuss
April : Months
May : Flowers

Youth:

March : St. Patrick's Day Slime
April : Rain
May : Seeds

Programs for Teens and Adults

Teen After Hours

The teens take over the library! Movies, gaming, karaoke, laser tag- you decide. Food will be provided. Limited space, so sign up today! Ages: 13-18. Registration required.
Friday, March 29 @ 4:00-8:30pm

Tween/ Teen Dungeons & Dragons

Always wanted to try Dungeons and Dragons? Or already know how to play, but looking for a group? Ages 10-18, Registration is required, limited seating.
Sat, Mar 2, 16, & 30; April 13 & 27; May 11 & 25 @ 2:00-4:30pm

Tea and Mystery Movie

Join us for a mystery movie from the past. See if you can figure out 'whodunnit' before the end of the movie. Tea and light refreshments will be served.
Friday, March 8, April 12, May 10 @ 1:00pm

Teen Advisory Board

Earn volunteer hours by sharing ideas about teen services at your library and how to support your local community! Registration recommended. Ages 13-18.
Friday, Mar 29, April 26, May 24 @ 4:30pm

Chair Yoga

Please join us for gentle chair yoga exercises with certified instructor Victoria Jackson.
Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 2:00pm

Adult Book Group

Join us on the second Wednesday of each month for a lively talk about the featured book. Copies available in advance in a variety of formats.
Wednesday, March 13, April 10, May 8 @ 6:30pm