

Berkeley Public Library

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OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS PUBLIC ART FOR SOUTH BRANCH AND WEST BRANCH PUBLIC LIBRARIES

PROPOSALS DUE BY 4:00 PM, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

The Berkeley Public Library in conjunction with the Berkeley Civic Arts Commission and the Bay Area Visual Arts Network ([BAYVAN](http://bayvan.org)) is pleased to announce the Call for Artists for public artworks for the planned new South Branch Library and West Branch Library buildings.

This opportunity is open to artists who live or work in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Artwork must be original and functional as part of the building structure or systems. Specific examples include custom glass panels, metalwork, terrazzo or ceramic tile finishes. Freestanding artworks that are not a functional, or structural component of the building, such as two dimensional art intended to be wall mounted, or three dimensional sculptures not integral to the building structure or systems, will not be considered. Application guidelines are available on at BAYVAN:

For the South Branch: <http://bayvan.org/berkeleysouth/>

For the West Branch: <http://bayvan.org/berkeleywest/>

Only one commission will be awarded to an artist or artist team, for either Branch.

Funding for these projects is provided by a local \$26 million Bond Measure FF, approved in November 2008. For additional information regarding the Berkeley community support for our libraries, see the following website: <http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org/branchimprovements>.

All Selection Panel, Committee, and Commission meetings are open to the public.

For further information about this public art project, please contact Mary Ann Merker, Berkeley Civic Arts Coordinator, at mmerker@ci.berkeley.ca.us or by phone at (510) 981-7533.