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*what's happening here*  
Newsletter of the Berkeley Public Library



**Berkeley Public Library**  
presents:

*Asian  
Literature  
Seminars, Part II*

(In Mandarin only: no  
English translation will  
be provided.)

Join us as Professor Frederick Hsia presents *Japanese Modern Literature & Cinema*, **January 20, 2007, 1:45 ~ 4:30 pm**, the second in a series of **Asian Literature Seminars**. The first Seminar, *Chinese Contemporary Literature from Lu Xun to Gao Xingjian*, was held in November 2006 and was very successful, drawing almost 100 attendees and rave letters in response to the program sent to program organizer, Reference Librarian Amy Kuo. This program will take place in the Berkeley Central Library Community Meeting Room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor), 2090 Kittredge at Shattuck. For more information, call 510-981-6136.

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***Basic Computer Skills Class Continues***

The Central Library Reference staff offers classes for patrons who need to develop very basic computer skills: how to use a mouse, how to open and close windows, scrolling up and down a page, how to turn a computer on and off, and the like. These classes will be held Thursdays 10:00 am - 11:00 am in the Electronic Classroom on the 3rd floor at Central Library, 2090 Kittredge Street (at Shattuck Avenue) in downtown Berkeley. There will be no sign-ups; rather, first-come first-served. There are plans to offer additional classes soon on **E-mail** and **Basic Internet Skills**. Please note that these classes are for new or near-new computer users. Please watch out for flyers.

Questions? Phone 510-981-6148 or go to <http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org>

***Director of Library Services Appointed***

The Berkeley Board of Library Trustees voted December 6 to name **Donna Corbeil as the new Director of Library Services**. Ms. Corbeil, currently the Deputy Director of the Solano County Library in Fairfield, was Chief of Branches at the San Francisco Public Library for six years prior to her position at Solano. Donna begins work on January 8, 2007. Welcome, Donna!

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***Berkeley Public Central Library***

***Open More Hours***

Beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2007, the Central Library of the Berkeley Public Library will be open two more hours in the morning. Tuesday hours will now be 10 am to 8 pm. The Board of Library Trustees of the Berkeley Public Library announced its decision to offer these additional hours at their December 6, 2006, Board meeting. "This was one of our primary Board goals for the library this year, and we are pleased to be able to offer the extra hours to users of the Berkeley Public Library," said Board President Susan Kupfer.

According to Interim Director Roger Pearson, "Berkeley Public Library staff was able to determine that adding two extra hours Tuesday mornings would increase access to the library for class visits of children and teens, as well as offering more open hours to Seniors and others who tend to use the library more during the daytime." For more information please call 510-981-6100 or go to <http://berkeleypubliclibrary.org>

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Programs listed in this newsletter are supported by the **Friends of the Berkeley Public Library**. For info on the **Friends of the Berkeley Public Library** or to join them and/or for volunteer opportunities with them, phone **841-5604** or visit [berkeleypubliclibrary.org/support/friends.html](http://berkeleypubliclibrary.org/support/friends.html)

### ***Children's Program Series in January 2007***

The Central Children's Library looks forward to a month of celebration in honor of artist Elisa Kleven and the tapestry she has created with the support of the Max Delaware Neidorf-Weidenfeld gift fund. The tapestry, which will be hung in the Story Room on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor in early January, will be officially "unveiled" on Sunday, January 28. The Library will be celebrating the generosity of the Trust Fund and the excitement of this new art work in a number of ways. On Saturday, January 13, at 2:00 in the Story Room, the Berkeley Repertory Theater's StoryBuilders will be hosting a workshop through which children (ages 7-10) may act out the story of *Abuela* by Arthur Dorros, which is illustrated by Elisa Kleven. On Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, also at 2:00 in the Story Room, children may meet Ms. Kleven and listen to her account of her work on the Berkeley Public Library art; she will also demonstrate her drawing techniques. On Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, the Library will formally unveil the tapestry. Musician Juan Sanchez will present two family concerts, one at 2:15 and one at 3:15 on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor, and at 3:00, a brief ceremony will honor Ms. Kleven and others involved in this production. Bay Area children's authors whose work is referred to in the tapestry will be invited, and Giorgia Neidorf, whose generosity has brought so many children's books as well as the tapestry to the community, will be thanked.

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### ***LOOKING AT JAZZ: America's Art Form*** **Seniors are especially encouraged to attend!**

All are invited to this FREE film and discussion series about innovators and developments in jazz.

**DR. DEE SPENCER** moderates six Monday afternoon sessions starting **January 22, 2007** at the Berkeley Public Central Library's 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Community Room, screening rare footage in combination with more familiar images to illuminate the depths of jazz and draw participants into hearty discussion.

Session topics will cover: Origins; The Harlem Renaissance; Women in Jazz; The Swing Era; BeBop, Hard Bop and Cool; Latin Jazz. Made possible by grants awarded to the Berkeley Public Library with the Jazzschool as a partner, from the National Endowment for the Humanities, American Library Association, and Jazz at Lincoln Center, and by the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library. No experience or registration required!

#### **Calendar these dates:**

**Monday afternoons, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. on**

**January 22, February 26, March. 26, April 9, May 21 and June 25.** At the Central Library: 2090 Kittredge Street at Shattuck Avenue.

Information: Art & Music Room – 510-981-6241.

### ***Cinema Central - January 2007***

#### ***Drama at the Margins***

This month's films depict lives often hidden from public view or discussion.

*Friday, January 5*

No film this week due to staff training

*Friday, January 13*

**Dodes Ka-den** (1970) Akira Kurosawa wrote and directed this vision of Tokyo slum dwellers, including a father, his young son, and their imaginative and impoverished neighbors.

*Friday, January 20*

**Madame Brouette** (2002)

Director Moussa Sene Absa directed a cast of new and first-time actors in this story of a confident Senegalese widow working to keep her family whole in a beleaguered Dakar neighborhood.

*Friday, January 26*

No film this week due to staff training

All showings are free and begin promptly at 3:30 in the Central Library Community Meeting Room (3rd floor), 2090 Kittredge Street. For more info, please call 510-981-6139. Please arrive promptly. No food or beverages. Title substitutions may be unavoidable. Not all films are appropriate for all audiences.

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Programs listed in the newsletter are wheelchair accessible. To request a sign language interpreter, real-time captioning, materials in large print or Braille, or other accommodations for this event, call 510-981-6107 or 510-548-1240 (TTY). At least five working days will help ensure availability. Please do not wear perfumes or scents to public performances.

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*The Berkeley Public Library Foundation proudly presents*

#### ***The Fifth Annual Authors Dinner***

**When: Saturday, February 10, 2007**

**Where: Reading Room, Central Library**

Join honored guests, Khaled Hosseini, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Ben Fong-Torres, Mark Fainaru-Wada & Lance Williams, Peggy Knickerbocker, Nobelist George Smoot, and 22 other local authors as we celebrate Berkeley's commitment to the Berkeley Public Library. For a complete list of our Honored Authors and ticket information, go to <http://www.bplf.org/> or call 510-981-6115.

The Authors Dinner celebrates the Bay Area's uniquely vibrant literary community and raises funds which directly aid the Public Library.

Thank you for making this an annual Berkeley tradition!