

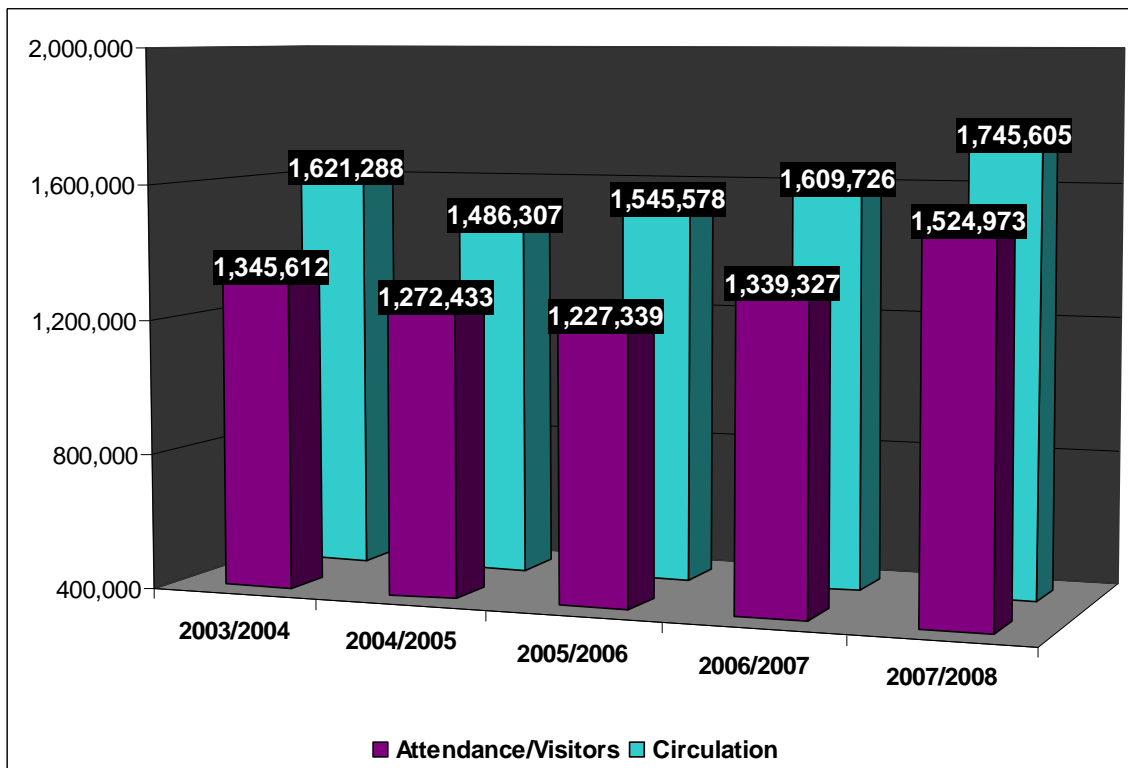


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*what's happening here*  
 Newsletter of the Berkeley Public Library

**Berkeley Public Library Cumulative Statistics, FY2003/2004-FY2007/2008**



***Berkeley Public Library Serves the Community!***  
 During the period FY2003/2004 - FY2007/2008 **6,709,684** people visited a Berkeley Public Library location. That is as if everyone in Berkeley visited a Berkeley Public Library location 64 times in that five-year period or almost 13 times per year.  
 During that same five-year period, **8,008,504** items were borrowed. That is equivalent to everyone in Berkeley borrowing over 76 items in the five-year period, or over 15 items per year.  
 Berkeley is truly a community that uses its public library, and Berkeley Public Library is a library that truly serves its community.

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***Berkeley Public Library Completes Branch Building Study and 3-year Service Plan***

The Branch Libraries Facilities Master Plan (BLFMP) project is a physical evaluation, overseen by Berkeley Public Library (BPL) staff and consultants Noll & Tam



Architects, of the four Berkeley Public Library branches and the Tool Lending Library to assess their feasibility to serve the community, both now and into the future. Join us to hear how your invaluable input was used to develop these two important plans, the **Branch Building Study and 3-year Service Plan**, for the future of Berkeley's public libraries.

- **North Branch** 1170 The Alameda at Hopkins  
 Wednesday, October 1 6:30-7:30pm
  - **South Branch** 1901 Russell at MLK Jr. Way  
 Thursday, October 2 6:30-7:30pm
- Meetings at Claremont and West occurred in September.

We also invite you to visit our website to view the completed BLFMP documents, which include detailed analyses of each BPL branch library and suggestions for remedying the problems at each branch. Just go to [berkeleypubliclibrary.org](http://berkeleypubliclibrary.org) and click on **Branch Libraries Facilities Master Plan**. For more information, you may also phone 510-981-6195, 510-548-1240 (TTY).

***There's an important election coming: How will you vote? And why will you vote the way you do?***

It's about time we figured out how we are going to vote in the most important election in over 40 years. While we're at it, let's study why we vote the way we do. And do we have help? Yes, indeed, we do. George Lakoff, UC Berkeley Professor of Cognitive Science and expert in the area of framing our values, will be interviewed by topnotch KQED-TV talk show host and writer/performer Josh Kornbluth. Don't miss this once-before-an-election opportunity to really understand what's going on in the political world. To begin to understand how politics actually work, come to the

*Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley, on Friday, October 3, 2008, at 7:30 pm.*

This terrific FREE program is brought to you by the Berkeley Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library.

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***Free workshop on funding for the arts***

Free workshop on funding for the arts, October 23rd 3-4:30pm in Central Library's 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Community Meeting Room. Come to a class taught by the Foundation Center staff on finding funding for individuals in the arts. Topics include 1. identifying arts funders 2. exploring fiscal sponsorship and 3. creating a step-by-step plan. Class is free but registration is required. Register with the Foundation Center: (415) 397-0902 or <http://www.foundationcenter.org/sanfrancisco>.

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**Malvina Reynolds Movie: *Love It Like a Fool***  
***Love it Like a Fool, a film about Malvina Reynolds***, Berkeley songwriter, performer, political activist, and philosopher will be presented at Berkeley Public Central Library, Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm, in the Community Meeting Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. In addition, **filmmaker Susan Wengraf** will discuss the movie, and **Malvina's daughter, Nancy Schimmel** will offer extra stories and songs. The 30-minute biographical portrait conveys Malvina's exuberance and enthusiasm for life through conversations, segments of live performances, and recordings of her songs. Susan and Nancy will encourage the audience to participate in telling their stories about Malvina. For more info, call 981-6241.

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For a Berkeley Public Library program: to request sign language interpreter, real-time materials in large print or Braille, or other accommodations, call 510-981-6107 or 510-548-1240 (TTY) 5 days before the program. Please refrain from wearing scented products to public meetings.

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**STAFF ART SHOW**

They're at it again! Employees of the Berkeley Public Library show off their creativity in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Berkeley Public Library Staff Art Show. The show runs from September 30 through October 27, 2008 at the Central Library, 2090 Kittredge Street in downtown Berkeley. Original artwork and crafts will be on display in the Kittredge Street windows and on the first two floors. The show includes painting, collage, ceramics, quilting, knitting and other unique arts. For more info, call 510-981-6241 or visit [berkeleypubliclibrary.org](http://berkeleypubliclibrary.org). This **free** event is sponsored by the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library.

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**Knitting Hour at West Branch**

On Saturday, October 25, there will be a **Knitting Hour** at West Branch library from 3:30 to 5 pm. This is an adult program, although everyone is welcome; in other words, it should be listed on the adult side of the calendar but if a younger person shows up, he or she is welcome. If you have questions, please contact Lisa at West, 981-6270.

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**COMPUTER CLASS FOR BEGINNERS**

Thursdays, 10-11am  
Central Library, 2090 Kittredge at Shattuck, 3rd Floor, Electronic Classroom, Berkeley, CA 94704  
**COMPUTER CLASS FOR BEGINNERS**  
Free, Drop-In Classes - Relaxed Atmosphere - Self-Paced  
Learn how to use the mouse, use the keyboard, set up e-mail and search the internet.  
For more information call 510-981-6148.

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**BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS . . .**

**Post-WWII Japanese Films**

Literature and Cinema Seminar

with Prof. Frederick Hsia

**(bilingual in both Mandarin and English)**

**Saturday, October 25, 2008, 1:45--4:45pm**

3<sup>rd</sup> fl. Meeting Room, 2090 Kittredge at Shattuck (parking garages on Allston Way and Center St., or BART to Downtown Berkeley, both 5 minutes walk). Admission free, refreshments.

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