

September 9, 2015

*Summertime Fun at the
Berkeley Public Library*



Central Library



↑ A different **West Edge Opera** program from the usual... the composer and the co-librettists told the story of their new (2014) opera, and the story behind it.



↑ **The Knitting Hour** is a multi-generational program.



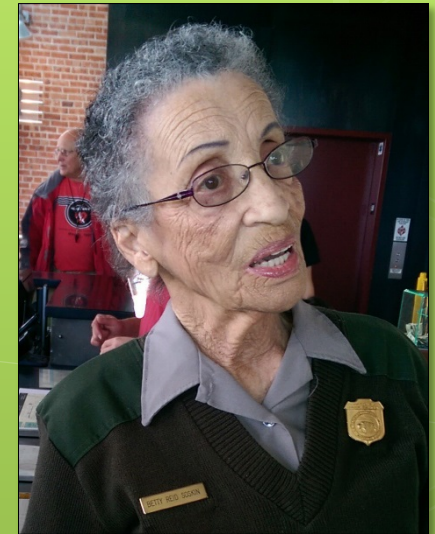
↑ The **Magical Moonshine Puppet Theatre** presented puppet theatre for adults.

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↑↑ Koto player **Shirley Kazuyo Muramoto Wong** presented her documentary *Hidden Legacy: Japanese Traditional Performing Arts in WWII Internment Camps*.

A 3-monitor video display at the Reference Desk with images and expert discussions of amazing photos and unexpected discoveries coming from the New Horizons probe as it made a flyby of Pluto. ↓↓



↑↑ **Betty Reid Soskin** recalled Richmond and the Bay Area during World War II.

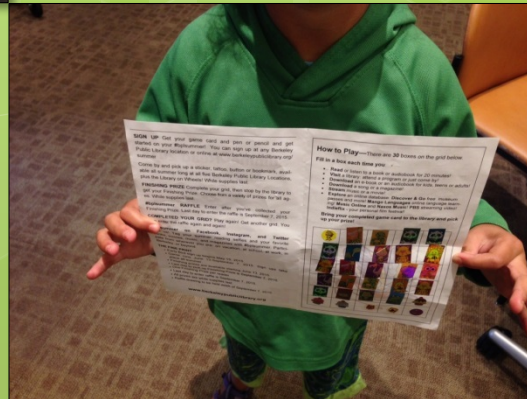
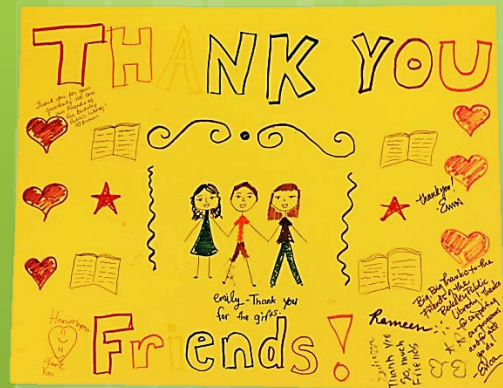
Central Children's



⇐ **Emma Coleman**
visits Willard Middle
School to promote
Summer Reading.



Participants ⇑⇒
fold origami
cranes at the
multi-generational
Peace Day event.



↑ A Summer Reading
finisher's decorated
reading log.

Library on Wheels

Library on Wheels brought the Library to Senior Centers and Farmers' Markets around town as well as special events such as the Berkeley World Music Festival, Third Thursdays and National Night Out.



Berkeley READS



↑ Awarded
the “Spirit of the
League” Award by
the League of
Women Voters of
Berkeley/Albany/
Emeryville.

Outreach table
at Black Infant
Health/Mother’s
Day event. ⇒



↑ “A Journey to Literacy: Adult Learners in
Conversation” an Adult Learner Panel
presentation at the Bay Area Book Festival
was coordinated by Berkeley READS.

Claremont



⇐ **Nikki Santiago** hosted a multigenerational maker program with a terrarium craft on **National Night Out**. The activity proved to be engaging for a range of participants, with toddlers to adults getting creative in the dirt.



Michael Kwende (a.k.a, Mr. Michael) has offered story time sessions at Bateman Mall Park. At each of the first two sessions, over two hundred children and caregivers gathered for stories, finger plays and sing-along. ⇒



↑ Local pianist and teacher **Brenda Becker** offered a series of 90-minute piano classes for seniors covering the basics.

North Branch

**Village Rhythms
Drumming** on
the lawn was well
attended by
enthusiastic
rhythm lovers. ⇓⇒



⇐↑ North Branch and the **Bone Room** collaborated to bring **The Body Appropriate's** Stephanie Stewart-Bailey to an after-hours event that celebrated Mary Shelley, *Frankenstein*, and a discussion and lecture on the science of reanimation.

South Branch



↑ **Circus of Smiles**
brought their upbeat
silliness to the
enjoyment of the
large audience in
attendance.

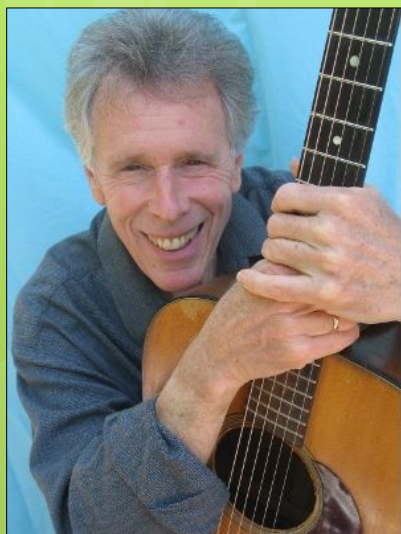
**Magical Moonshine
Puppet Theatre**
returned with a highly
participatory puppet
show that incorporated
Spanish language. ↓



String Figure Fun
brought in a small
audience to learn
traditional string
games and tricks. ↓↓

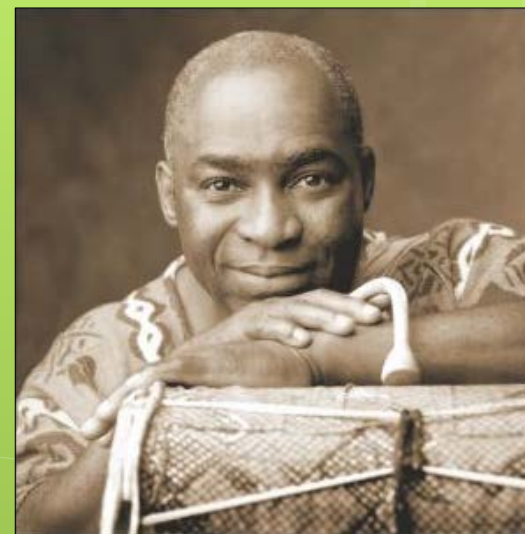


West Branch



↑↑ Award-winning local children's musician **Gary Lapow** shared songs and fun!

Professional goofballs from the **Mark & Dre Comedy (and Juggling Show)** provided lots of fun with hysterical banter, skillful juggling, stunts & carefully calculated chaos! ↓↓



↑↑ Percussionist **Onye Onyemaechi** provided a fun-filled, energetic, educational African drumming experience for the whole family!

All Ages Summer Reading!

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This year, we expanded our popular Summer Reading Program to include adult participants!

At summer's close, we had:

- 1756 child readers
- 175 teen readers
- 438 adult readers
- 317 groups and/or families

41% of our participants completed and returned their reading log.

**Thank you Library Staff and
Friends for celebrating our
community of readers!**