



Calendar of Events



May 2012

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

For Adults

Saturday, May 12



The Sky's the Limit: People v. Newton

Join author and retired judge Lise Pearlman in a discussion about

her newly published book, *The Sky's the Limit: People v. Newton: The REAL Trial of the 20th Century?* Her book presents the thesis that if Huey Newton were celebrating his 70th birthday in prison—as was the most likely outcome of his 1968 murder trial—Barack Obama would very likely not be in the White House. She analyzes several other trials, including the Scopes Monkey, the Lindbergh kidnapping, and the OJ Simpson murder trials, with the conclusion that none are more significant than that of Newton's during the year that J. Edgar Hoover elevated the Panthers to the highest internal threat to American security.

📍 **Eastmont Branch, 3 pm**

Saturday, May 12



Meet the Author: Ayesha Mattu

Ayesha Mattu will discuss her book, *Love, InshAllah: The Secret Love Lives of American Muslim*

Women, a collection of 25 writers who share their search for love, relationships, identity, and other concerns in romance and dating. This book reflects the diversity of the American Muslim community. Book signing follows the presentation. This program is sponsored by the AAUW Oakland-Piedmont Chapter.

📍 **Rockridge Branch, 1:30 to 3 pm**

Saturday, May 12

The Ed N. STED Hour Presents The Vinyl Comback!!!

Ed N. Sted, owner of Funky Soul Stop, spins and talks about his favorite albums and other cool surprises. Funky Soul Stop is a store of vinyl records and other fun artifacts from the '50s and '60s and is on the cutting edge of the Vinyl Revival! Come with your questions and learn all about why your 45s and LPs are still COOL!!!



📍 **Lakeview Branch, 2 to 3:30 pm**

Saturday, May 12

Play Around with Shakespeare

Get ready for the summer Shakespeare festivals and have some fun! Delight in the sound and imagery of Shakespeare's language in a playful, participatory workshop led by Dimond librarian Jane Courant. Ms. Courant has 25 years of experience as a theater director, actor, and teacher. The workshop is open to adults and teens ages 13 and up. No theater background is necessary.

📍 **Dimond Branch, 2 to 4:30 pm**

Saturday, May 12

Impossible Dreams with Tim Pratt

Science fiction/fantasy writer Tim Pratt will host a showing of "Impossible Dreams," a short film based on his story of the same name, directed by Israeli filmmaker Shir Comay. Mr.



Pratt will also introduce his new book, *Venom in her Veins*, followed by a discussion of Oakland's thriving science fiction literary scene. The event begins Temescal Branch

Library's new irregular series of Saturday salons, known as Oakland: Now and Then, surveying the city's cultural environment.

📍 **Temescal Branch, 3 to 5 pm**

Thursday, May 17

Foreclosure Clinic for Tenants



Join Brendan Darrow from the East Bay Community Law Center for a seminar on what Oakland tenants can do to preserve their rights when a landlord loses property in foreclosure. Mr. Brendan will be available to answer general questions following the seminar. There will also be a presentation on e-government resources to help prevent against foreclosure.

📍 **Main Library, 6 to 7:30 pm**



Saturday, May 19

Argentine Tango: A Lecture and Demonstration

Please join us for a multimedia presentation on the history of the Argentine tango. Jurek Mazur, from the Academia de Tango Argentino, will discuss the roots and history of the tango with music and a special live performance. Argentine tango is not only a United Nations Intangible Cultural Heritage Treasure, it's a beautiful and sizzling dance form that has influenced fashion and arts (painting, film making, theater, dance, and music) worldwide.

📍 **Main Library, 2 to 4 pm**

Wednesday, May 23

Venice: City of Ideas



Lonely Planet travel writer Alison Bing returns to the Main Library to share tips and tales about travel to Venice, Italy. Learn about the history, culture, art, and architecture of this particularly unique city. A frequent visitor to Italy, Alison will also answer your questions and share photos from her trips.

📍 **Main Library, 6 to 7:30 pm**

On Exhibit

Lost Amusement Parks of the East Bay

The Oakland History Room presents another fine exhibit curated by the Emeryville Historical Society. *Lost Amusement Parks of the East Bay* chronicles the good times and demise of three popular fun spots: Shell Mound Park in Emeryville, (open from 1876 to 1924); Idora Park in Oakland (1904-1929); and Neptune Beach in Alameda (1917-1939). Historic photos, postcards, informative captions, newspaper clippings, and other items provide a fascinating glimpse of public life long ago.

📍 **Main Library, May 1 through June 30, 2012**

Tut's Mistress: Art and Stories of Paris and Egypt

Lakeview's Art Gallery features the unique *Art and Stories of Egypt* by Dr. Mia Morgan White, a local artist.

📍 **Lakeview Branch, May 2 through May 30, 2012**

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day

The Main Library will be closed for the holiday; branch libraries will be open.

Tuesday, May 29

Memorial Day

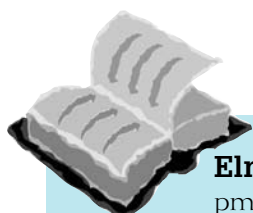
Branch libraries will be closed for the holiday; Main Library will be open.

Wednesday, May 30

The Basics of Medical Tourism

Ever thought of heading to another country for a medical procedure or medication? Librarian Barbara Bibel will share basic information on the growing medical tourism trend. She will discuss the necessary preparations, precautions to take in planning the trip, and the latest information from the Centers for Disease Control, the National Library of Medicine, and professional organizations.

📍 **Main Library, 6 to 7:30 pm**



Book Clubs

Elmhurst Urban Fiction Book Club 2nd Tuesday, 6 pm; call 615-5727 for title.

Dimond Book Discussion Group 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 to 7:30 pm; call 482-7844 for title.

Lakeview Book Club 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 to 7:30 pm; this month's book: *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf; call 238-7344 for more info.

Golden Gate Book Discussion Group 4th Tuesday, 6 to 7 pm; call 597-5023 for title.

Ongoing **Adult** Activities



Free Adult Literacy Tutoring

The library's Second Start Adult Literacy Program offers free tutoring, classes, and computer use to people ages 16 and older who read or write below the 8th grade level. Call 238-3432 for dates, times, and other information.

📍 125 14th Street, 2nd Floor

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Spanish Conversation Group

Practice your Spanish! Improve your Spanish-speaking skills and learn new vocabulary. Participants should be familiar with the basics.

📍 Dimond Branch, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

2nd Tuesday



Poetry Freewrite

This workshop is for poetry, memoir, fiction, and nonfiction writers who want to make

their writing sing! Drop in to see if this works for you and then come every month. Facilitated by Janell Moon, Poet Laureate of Emeryville.

📍 Golden Gate Branch, 6:15 to 7:45 pm

3rd Tuesday

Food Stamp Program

Staff from the Alameda County Food Bank will help you apply for stamps and connect you to food programs in your neighborhood. Call 238-3400 for more information.

📍 Asian Branch, 2:30 to 4:30 pm

糧食券登記工作坊

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Computer Help

Computer Basics in Spanish / Clase de computadoras para principiantes en español

Registración requerida, llame al 535-5620.

📍 Biblioteca César Chávez, Sábados, 10 - 11:30 am

Computer Basics in Cantonese and Mandarin

For Asian elderly and new Americans. Registration in person required. Call for schedule/times.

廣東話 / 普通話基本電腦班

亞洲圖書館主辦亞裔長者及新移民基本電腦班，逢星期三、四、六早上上課。報名者需本人親自前往登記。查詢詳情，請致電 (510) 238-3400。

📍 Asian Branch, Thursdays & Saturdays

3rd Saturday

California Writers Club Workshop

A monthly writing workshop open to all. Please contact Anne Fox at 420-8775 for more information.

📍 Rockridge Branch, 1 to 5 pm

4th Tuesday

Lakeview Writers

Jeanne Lupton guides you in creative writing exercises and sharing.

📍 Lakeview Branch, 6 to 8 pm

4th Saturday

African American Quilters

All are welcome to join the quilters for help and inspiration completing your quilting projects.

📍 West Oakland Branch, 12 to 3 pm

Lawyers in the Library



Free legal information and referral presented with the Alameda County Bar Association. Sessions are popular and sometimes subject to change. Please call in advance to confirm on the day of the session.

Main Library: 1st through 4th Thursdays, 6-8 pm; 2nd through 4th Wednesdays, 6-8 pm; lottery sign-up by 5:45 pm

César Chávez Branch: Bilingual Spanish/English; 2nd Thursday, 4:30-5:30 pm; lottery sign-up at 4:15 pm

Abogados en la Biblioteca: Sucursal César Chávez: Segundo jueves del mes, 4:30-5:30 pm; registraci3n por lotería a las 4:15 pm

Dimond Branch: 1st Tuesday, 6-8 pm; lottery sign-up at 5:45 pm

Eastmont Branch: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 5-7 pm; advance sign-up at 4:30 pm

Elmhurst Branch: 4th Saturday, 12-2 pm; first come, first served

Montclair Branch: 2nd Tuesday, 6-8 pm; lottery sign-up at 5:45 pm

Rockridge Branch: 1st Tuesday, 5-7 pm (volunteer lawyer leaves before 7 pm if no clients are present); sign-ups begin 4:45 pm

Temescal Branch: 1st Tuesday, 6-8 pm; lottery sign-up at 5:45 pm

West Oakland Branch: 1st Tuesday, 5-6:30 pm; advance sign-up at 4:30 pm

Bankruptcy Lawyer in the Main Library: 1st Wednesday, 6-8 pm; lottery sign-up by 5:45 pm

for patrons of all ages and levels to play chess with each other.

📍 César Chávez Branch, 11 am to 1 pm

Saturdays

Eastmont Chess Workshop

Children of all ages (K to 12) are welcome as are adult mentors.

📍 Eastmont Branch, 12 to 2 pm

3rd Saturday

Saturday Lakeview Chess Club

Join us for pick-up play and friendly competition.

📍 Lakeview Branch, 1 to 5 pm

For Families & All Ages

Saturday, May 5

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with ZUMBA / Ven a Celebrar Cinco De Mayo con ZUMBA!

Celebrate Cinco De Mayo with ZUMBA! This Latin dance inspired exercise will be led by certified instructor Paola Acosta.

Ven a celebrar el Cinco de Mayo con ZUMBA! Este es un ejercicio de baile Latino para todas las edades dirigido por instructora Paola Acosta. GRATIS!

📍 César Chávez Branch, 1 to 2 pm

Sábado, 12 de Mayo

¡Casca de bicicleta GRATIS para jóvenes y adultos!

Vengan aprender las reglas básicas de la carretera, como equipar la bicicleta, se adapte a su casco, evitar las colisiones y la comunicaci3n con los conductores de sus acciones y seales. No bicicleta requerida. Reciben casca gratis al fin de taller.

Clase solamente en Espaol. Presentado por East Bay Bicycling Coalition.

(Free bicycle helmets for teens and adults at end of Urban Biking Workshop—in Spanish.)

📍 César Chávez Branch, 3 - 5 pm

Tuesday, May 15

Terrarium Making

We'll teach you how to make your own miniature gardens in glass containers! Make one to take home, and learn the skills to make more. All supplies for one terrarium per person included.

📍 Elmhurst Branch, 5:30 to 6:45 pm

Saturday, May 26

Eritrean Independence Day

Guests from Oakland's Eritrean-American community will tell the story of the decades-long struggle against colonization and occupation that culminated on May 24, 1991 with the secession of Eritrea from Ethiopia, restoring self-determination to one of the world's first nation-states. The event is organized with the Eritrean Community Cultural Center of Oakland.

📍 Temescal Branch, 1 to 4:30 pm

Ongoing Family Activities

Yarn Crafts

Thursdays

All Knit

Join Lakeview's knitting group and learn how to knit or improve your skills. For adults and children ages 8 and up. Beginners through experts are welcome!

📍 Lakeview Branch, 3:30 to 5 pm

1st & 3rd Thursdays

Crochet Circle at Eastmont

Bring your own hook and yarn and ideas to share to the Crochet Circle.

📍 Eastmont Branch, 1 to 3 pm

1st & 3rd Saturdays

Off the Hook

At our get-together, you can learn to knit and crochet, get answers to your questions, or just join others to knit, crochet, and chat!

📍 Melrose Branch, 3 to 5 pm

Chess

Tuesdays

Lakeview Chess Club with Marvin Willis

Join chess facilitator Marvin Willis to learn the fundamentals of chess and meet new friends. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

📍 Lakeview Branch, 3:30 to 5 pm

Wednesdays

It's Your Move Chess Clinic

Chess coach Will Delaney offers a beginner and intermediate chess clinic for all ages, including parents. Please sign up for this free event.

📍 West Oakland Branch, 3 to 5 pm

Saturdays

Chess @ Chávez

Instruction for beginners and a place

For Teens

Ongoing Teen Activities

Wednesdays

Game and Craft Day

Teens 12 to 18 years are welcome to our friendly after school program. Do homework, chat with friends, play video, cards, and board games, and do arts and crafts.

✦ Asian Branch, 4 to 5 pm

Wednesdays

Teen GameZone @ Chávez

Join us for Guitar Hero, other video and board games, and snacks!

✦ César Chávez Branch, 3 to 5 pm

Wednesdays & Thursdays

New!

Tutoring in the TeenZone

Got homework? Come to the TeenZone for help in general subjects including physics, Spanish and algebra.

✦ Main Library-TeenZone, 6:30 to 7:30 pm



MAY 5 IS FREE COMIC BOOK DAY!

The first Saturday of every May is Free Comic Book Day. Many of our branch libraries will be giving away comics for all ages on May 5th—the 10th anniversary of this very popular event! Drop by any of the following branches from 10 am to 5:30 pm. Comics given until supplies run out. Thanks to Diamond Comics for the generous donation!

✦ Dimond Branch, César Chávez Branch, Brookfield Branch, 81st Ave Branch, Eastmont Branch, Elmhurst Branch, Golden Gate Branch, Lakeview Branch, Melrose Branch, Piedmont Ave. Branch, Temescal Branch, West Oakland Branch, Main Library



Thursdays

Teen GameZone @ Eastmont

Join us for GameCube, PS2, board games, and snacks!

✦ Eastmont Branch, 3 to 5 pm

1st Saturday

Rockridge Teen Advisory Board

Help advise the library how to better serve teens. Snacks provided. Get community service credit for school! (Meets 1st Saturday of month. Time change in May due to SAT testing the same day.)

✦ Rockridge Branch, 3 to 5 pm

2nd Tuesday

Rockridge Ninjas

Come watch anime with us!

✦ Rockridge Branch, 5 to 6:30 pm

3rd Thursday

Asian Branch Teen Advisory

Come tell the library what YOU think the library should be doing for you.

✦ Asian Branch, 4 pm, call 238-3400 for location

3rd Saturday

Youth Leadership Council

Join YLC and help Oakland improve its service to young people.

✦ Main Library-TeenZone, 11 am to 1 pm

Become Oakland's First Youth Poet Laureate!

Do you dream in poetry or write rhymes that move people? Do you know a young person whose talent jumps off the page? The cities of San Francisco and Oakland invite submissions from talented young writers to be considered for the title of **Youth Poet Laureate**.

Spearheaded by **Youth Speaks** with Oakland Public Library and a broad group of community partners, the winner (one in each city) will serve as an ambassador for literacy, arts, and youth expression. We are looking for young writers who represent the best of the Bay. The winning poet will earn a \$5,000 educational scholarship and embark on a year of leadership building and public appearances.

Eligibility:

- Must be between 13 to 18 years old
- Must be a current resident of San Francisco or Oakland
- Must remain a local resident for the full program year (September 2012-August 2013)

Applications are due May 15.

To learn more contact Amy, Teen Outreach Librarian, at asonnie@oaklandlibrary.org or 238-7233.

For Kids



Wednesday, May 2

Many Children, Many Cultures, Many Books

El día de los niños / El día de los libros

El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day) is a chance to honor our children. Two branches celebrate with Chiquy Boom!, a bilingual clown who provides entertainment for the entire family. Every child will go home with a book.

El día de los niños/El día de los libros es un día para honrar a nuestros niños. OPL ha invitado a Chiquy boom, una payasa bilingüe, para ayudarnos a celebrar a cada uno de nuestros niños. Chiquy boom ofrece entretenimiento para toda la familia. Cada niño recibirá un libro.

✦ Asian Branch, 10:30 am

✦ Lakeview Branch, 3:00 pm

Build Legos with Play-Well TEKnologies

Have you ever dreamed of playing with endless Legos? Do you want to create your own Frankenstein monster? Here's your chance. Instructors from Play-Well TEKnologies will be here with tubs full of Legos and techniques for making wild and crazy things.

✦ Main Library-Children's Room, Thursday, May 3, 4 to 5:30 pm

✦ 81st Ave Branch, Saturday, May 5, 1 to 2:30 pm

✦ Elmhurst Branch, Wednesday, May 16, 3:30 to 4:30 pm

✦ Dimond Branch, Friday, May 18, 3:30 to 4:30 pm

✦ Rockridge Branch, Saturday, May 19, 3 to 4:30 pm

✦ Lakeview Branch, Wednesday, May 23, 3 to 4:30 pm

✦ Asian Branch, Thursday, May 31, 3 to 4:30 pm

Wednesday, May 9

Mother's Day Craft: Bouquet and Card Making

Mother's Day is coming up! Come make a bouquet of tissue paper flowers and design a unique card to give to your special someone. Program sponsored by The Friends of Lakeview Library

✦ Lakeview Branch, 3 to 4:30 pm

Thursday, May 10

Lego Mania

Come build, explore, and create with Legos in the Children's Room.

✦ Main Library-Children's Room, 3 to 5 pm

Saturday, May 19

Teddy Bear Photo Party

Come to the library with your favorite stuffed animal for a photo shoot and picture frame craft in celebration of National Photography Month!

✦ Montclair Branch, 11 am



Ongoing Kid Activities

Afterschool Art at the Library with MOCHA

Kids (grades K-8), come to MOCHA's FREE, weekly art workshops. No sign-up necessary. Just show up and paint, draw, build, glue, sew, collage, and play with clay.

✦ Main Library-Children's Room, Wednesdays, 2 to 4 pm

✦ Golden Gate Branch, Wednesdays, 3 to 5 pm

✦ Eastmont Branch, Wednesdays, 2 to 4 pm

✦ 81st Avenue Branch, Wednesdays, 2 to 4 pm

✦ César Chávez Branch, Thursdays, 3 to 5 pm

✦ Elmhurst Branch, Fridays, 3 to 5 pm

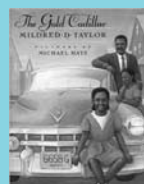
Wednesdays

Video Games

Play videogames at Elmhurst! For children and teens, ages 5 to 18.

✦ Elmhurst, 2:30 to 4:30 pm

Join the Historical Fiction Book Club at Rockridge Branch—Two Separate Groups!



For ages 7 to 9: The Historical Fiction Book Club for kids ages 7 to 9 will have a book discussion, followed by a craft—collage! Books to be read and discussed include *Ox-Cart Man*, *Mary and Her Little Lamb*, and *The Gold Cadillac*, among other choices. Historical snacks will be served.

✦ Saturday, May 5 & 19, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

For ages 10 to 13: The Historical Fiction Book Club for kids ages 10 to 13 will have a book discussion and historical refreshments. Books to be read and discussed include *By the Great Horn Spoon* and *The Gold Cadillac*.

✦ Saturday, May 5 & 19, 1:30 to 2:30 pm.

Reserve a spot by contacting Erica Siskind at 597-5017 or esiskind@oaklandlibrary.org.

Storytimes

Preschool Storytimes

Read-alouds, songs, and rhymes for ages 3 to 5. Groups, please call in advance.

Asian Branch

Stories in English and Mandarin
英語及普通話故事
Wednesdays, 10:30 am

Brookfield Branch

Wednesdays, 10:30 am

César Chávez Branch

Bilingual Spanish/English
Horas de cuentos bilingües
Wednesdays, 10:30 am

Dimond Branch

Saturdays, 11 am

Eastmont Branch

Wednesdays, 10:30 am

Elmhurst Branch

Wednesdays, 10:30 am

Golden Gate Branch

Wednesdays, 10:30 am

Main-Children's Room

Mondays, 10:30 am

Piedmont Ave. Branch

Wednesdays, 11 am

Rockridge Branch

Thursdays, 10:30 am

West Oakland Branch

Wednesdays, 10 am

Baby Bounce

Play, sing, and rhyme one-on-one with your baby from birth to 18 months.

Dimond Branch

Wednesdays, 10:15 am (followed by playtime)

Golden Gate Branch

Saturdays, 11 am (followed by playtime)

Montclair Branch

Thursdays, 11:30 am (followed by playtime)

Main-Children's Room

Tuesdays, 10:15 am (followed by playtime)

Toddler Storytimes

Songs, active rhymes, and stories, especially for ages 18 months to 3 years.

81st Avenue Branch

Saturdays, 11 am (followed by playtime)

César Chávez Branch

Bilingual Spanish/English
Horas de cuentos bilingües
Wednesdays, 11:10 am (followed by playtime)

Dimond Branch

Wednesdays, 11 am (followed by playtime)

Elmhurst Branch

Thursdays, 10:30 am (followed by playtime)

Lakeview Branch

Wednesdays, 10:30 am

Main-Children's Room

Saturdays, 10:30 am (followed by playtime)

Melrose Branch

Saturdays, 10:30 am

Montclair Branch

Thursdays, 10:15 am (followed by playtime)

Piedmont Ave. Branch

Wednesdays, 10:15 am

Rockridge Branch

Thursdays, 10:30 am

Temescal Branch

Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:30 am

Family Storytimes

Stories, songs, and rhymes for all ages.

Asian Branch

Stories in English and Mandarin
英語及普通話故事
Saturdays, 11 am

Dimond Branch

Tuesdays, 7 pm

Elmhurst Branch

Saturdays, 3 pm

Lakeview Branch

Saturdays, 10:30 am

Montclair Branch

Saturdays, 10:15 am (followed by playtime)

Rockridge Branch

Saturdays, 10:30 am

Oakland Public Library *locations*



Main Library

125 14th Street
(510) 238-3134

Children's Room

125 14th Street
(510) 238-3615

81st Avenue East Oakland Community Library

1021 81st Avenue
(510) 615-5812

African American Museum & Library at Oakland (AAMLO)

659 14th Street
(510) 637-0200

Asian Branch

388 9th Street, Suite 190
(510) 238-3400

Brookfield Branch

9255 Edes Avenue
(510) 615-5725

César E. Chávez Branch

3301 East 12th Street, Suite 271
(510) 535-5620

Dimond Branch

3565 Fruitvale Avenue
(510) 482-7844

Eastmont Branch

Eastmont Town Center
7200 Bancroft Avenue, Suite 211
(510) 615-5726

Elmhurst Branch

1427 88th Avenue
(510) 615-5727

Golden Gate Branch

5606 San Pablo Avenue
(510) 597-5023

Lakeview Branch

550 El Embarcadero
(510) 238-7344

Martin L. King, Jr. Branch

6833 International Blvd.
(510) 615-5728
(closed for renovations,
reopening July 2012)

Melrose Branch

4805 Foothill Blvd.
(510) 535-5623

Montclair Branch

1687 Mountain Blvd.
(510) 482-7810

Piedmont Avenue Branch

160 41st Street
(510) 597-5011

Rockridge Branch

5366 College Avenue
(510) 597-5017

Second Start Adult Literacy

125 14th Street, 2nd Floor
(510) 238-3432

Temescal Branch

5205 Telegraph Avenue
(510) 597-5049

Tool Lending Library

(510) 597-5089

West Oakland Branch

1801 Adeline Street
(510) 238-7352



Support *Your*
Library... *Volunteer!*

Openings for adult volunteers

Library-sponsored programs

- Adult literacy tutors

Friends of the Library volunteer opportunities

- The Bookmark Bookstore

Public Works Adopt-a-Spot opportunities

- Clean and maintain library grounds

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