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Twenty Great Reasons to Love the Berkeley Public Library



1 BOOKS

450,000+ books — check 'em out!

2 TOOLS

Need a lawn mower, ladder, or level? Borrow a tool to do it yourself.

3 LIBRARIANS

Librarians are awesome — always there to guide you and share their expertise.

4 TEENS

Teens have their own rooms at four library locations — soon, a fifth dynamic teen space will be created at Central.

5 SCIENCE

Science rocks! The library is launching new programs to boost science literacy for all ages.

6 MUSIC

Music lovers can see live performances or find CDs, sheet music, and a bodacious collection of vinyl.

7 ART

Artists visit regularly, sharing their work and nurturing creativity.

8 LAW

Need legal advice? Volunteer lawyers are on hand monthly at all branches.

9 TECH

Access to computers, tablets, and more puts the world of information at your fingertips.

10 FILM

Check out, stream, or attend screenings of thousands of films.

11 AUTHORS

Opportunities abound to meet a favorite author or discover a new one.

12 STORIES

Story times and countless other events delight the whole family — kids and their grown-ups.

13 GATHER

Meeting rooms and tech classrooms help nonprofits and businesses get their work done.

14 LANGUAGES

Newcomers can find books in many languages and resources for learning English.

15 HEALTH

Neighbors in need get help with food, housing, and health resources when the Berkeley Free Clinic visits.

16 ACCESS

Mobile access? The Library on Wheels pedals all around town, making library services available to all.

17 ONLINE

Prefer to stay in your slippers? Check out great books, magazines, music, and movies online from home.

18 NEWS

With the library's vast selection of reliable news sources, we can all bypass "fake news" and be better informed.

19 WORK

Looking for a job? Free workshops help make your résumé shine.

20 DISCOUNTS

Bay Area museums, zoos, and more offer free or discounted passes through the library.