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PUBLIC LIBRARY  
FOUNDATION

**Celebrating  
20 Years of  
Community  
Generosity**

2018  
Progress  
Report



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# A Kaleidoscope of Change

Look at the Foundation's 20-year history and you'll see a kaleidoscope of change, a full-on transformation of Berkeley's treasured public libraries. And today, more of us turn to the library than ever.

**We look to the library to build literacy for every age and stage of life – in reading, to be sure, but also in science, technology, engineering, art, and math.**

We still want to find great books, but also easy access to a vast array of digital materials. Today's library must have comfortable places to read and explore, plus be a dynamic gathering place, a civic commons where we can meet and learn together. We look to the library for engaging experiences and programs, and we depend on expert librarians to connect us with resources to make our lives better.

The best libraries, like ours, continually adapt to meet these fast evolving public needs. **Thank you for being such excellent partners in this work.**



These pages highlight some of our recent accomplishments and shared history. Enjoy!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy".

Kathy Huff, Executive Director



# Our Story

In 1996, Berkeley citizens voted to reinvest in the public library. A multi-year effort was launched to renovate and rebuild all five library buildings, which were worn, overcrowded, inaccessible, and seismically unsafe.

A year later the **Berkeley Public Library Foundation** was formed to bridge the gap between what bond measures could provide and what was needed to outfit an evolving 21st-century library. Over the next 20 years, tax dollars plus community-wide support through the Foundation and the Friends of the Library have renewed and improved library buildings, programs, and services.

Today our shared work goes on. The Foundation continues to raise funds to expand literacy efforts, jump-start new projects, re-imagine library spaces, and enable innovation.

You help sustain this great public-private partnership, ensuring that Berkeley has a first-rate library to serve the diverse and changing needs of our community.



# Your Generosity At Work

## Current Projects

Raising a new generation of readers with the expansion of Berkeley Builds Readers to **20 classrooms in 8 neighborhood outreach sites** serving **439 children ages 2-4.**



Integrating **science literacy** with STEM fairs, storytimes, portable planetariums, Virtual Reality Fridays, and two take-home **Orion Starblast Telescopes.**

Celebrating the **Bay Area literary tradition** and the authors who enrich our community at the **Annual Authors Dinner.**





redesigned  
spaces

“The Commons” at Central features  
**40 new places to sit, read, and collaborate.**

innovation

“Building a Culture of Innovation”  
trains library staff and seeds funding for  
librarian-designed projects.

teen  
space

Construction begins  
for an awesome new  
**teen space** in the  
Spring of 2019.



New easy-to-use lending machines  
provide access to laptops.

laptops



new  
technology

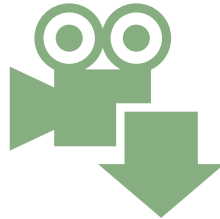
Life-size **interactive**  
**touch screens**  
make learning fun.



# Berkeley Public Library *By the Numbers*

**693,000**  
**downloadable**  
**movies**

offered through  
Hoopla and Kanopy



**477,328**  
**books and**  
**printed materials**

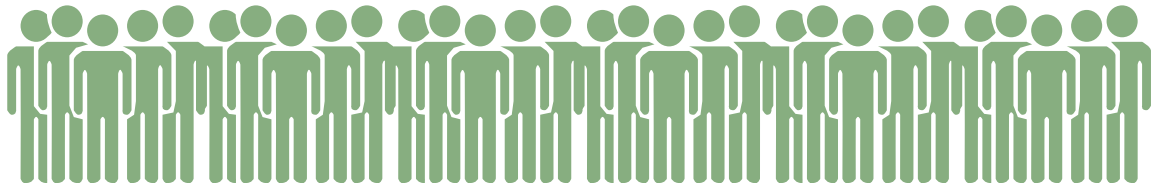
available to  
everyone



**132**  
**public computers**  
**accessed**  
**169,528**  
**times per year**



The “go-to library” for the East Bay, with  
**more than one million annual visits**





357,062 electronic books, music, and magazines

639,000 materials circulated for children and teens

7 days a week  
free and open access  
to a lifetime of learning

3,000+  
programs per year



4,000  
tools available for  
check out used by  
10% of Berkeley  
residents

# Thank You, Donors! *You Make Good Things Possible*

## BUSINESSES, ORGANIZATIONS, FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNMENT

### \$25,000 & above

Bayer  
Friends of the Berkeley  
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The Saul Zaentz Charitable  
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### \$1,000 & above

The Alms for the Arts Fund  
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*"The library is a real treasure for Berkeley  
residents and their children."* – Erik Tarloff

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*"Without books, I'd feel lost."*  
– Saul Zaentz



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Amanda Susskind

## 20 YEARS of Funding Library Innovation



Library trustees  
declare buildings  
are overcrowded,  
seismically unsafe,  
and inaccessible  
to the disabled.

EARLY 1990s

1996

Rallied by a community-wide campaign, voters approve a \$30-million  
bond to expand and renovate downtown's Central Library.



Berkeley Public Library  
Foundation is established  
to raise funds needed for  
furnishings and technology  
not covered by the bond  
measure.

1997





**The Rosa Shattuck Circle recognizes individuals who give \$1,000 or more annually. RSC members are invited to an annual reception and receive other benefits during the year. Rosa Shattuck, a Berkeley pioneer who believed libraries transform lives and make a community strong, secured the funding and donated the land for Berkeley's first permanent public library in 1903.**

#### **\$2,500 & above**

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Karen & Warren Bird +  
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Toni Garrett +  
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Karen & Robert Holtermann +  
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Ed Vine & Ellen Singer-Vine +

Diane Davenport &  
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#### **\$1,000 & above**

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*"The library is a critical public space that fosters curiosity and helps people grow their lives." – Rachel Anderson*



**Central Library closes for renovation.**



**We Love the Library** campaign, with honorary chairs Alice Walker, Amy Tan, and Elizabeth Farnsworth, raises \$4 million.

Foundation commits funding for Berkeley READS adult literacy project.



**1998**



**2002**



**Central Library grand re-opening; at 100,000 sq. ft. its space has doubled.**

Jennifer Doeblér  
Kelly Duane de la Vega  
Lisa Esherick  
Charles & Elizabeth Farnsworth +  
Doris Fine  
Andrea & Bill Foley  
Kim Harley & Chris Fry  
Kate Gage  
Phyllis Gale  
Patience Hammond &  
Lawrence Goldman

Kathy Huff  
Elodie Keene  
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Phyllis & Richard Kluger  
Arthur Krantz  
Diane Halberg & Joshua Langenthal  
Linda & Stephen Lazzareschi  
Jessica Lee  
Tom & Carol Leonard +  
Raymond Lifchez



*“Keep innovating to keep Berkeley smart, fun,  
and engaged!” – Charlene*

Lori Droste & Carrie Gray  
Pamela & Elmer Grossman +  
John Eknoian & Joanne Hagopian  
Peter & Harriet Hanauer  
Allyson Page & Chip Harley  
Tim Hassler  
Joerg Heidrich  
Anne Marxer & Chris Heine  
Robert Herr  
Susan & David Hodges

Rhoda & Leon Litwack  
Karen Lou  
Liza & Bobby Lutzker +  
Robert & Ann Lynn +  
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Daniel McIntosh

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Sheila & Denis Ring  
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Susan Aaron & Steven Sherman  
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Barbara Silverberg +  
Sharon Simpson  
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Mike Smith  
Nancy Spaeth  
Elliot Warren & Jennifer Susskind  
James & Lisa Taylor

*“The BPL means  
peace of mind.  
Somewhere I can  
go to focus and relax.”*  
– Charlie



Nancy Jo & Mal Warwick +  
Nigel Blair-Johns &  
Elisabeth Watson +  
Jean Weininger +  
Reed Schmidt & Barbara Witte +

**\$100 & above**  
Anonymous (9)  
Jane & Christopher Adams  
Nicol M. Addison  
Tamar Todd & Ty Alper  
Bruce Baikie  
Robin Claire Barnes  
Joan Bieder  
Duncan Bilder  
Belle Huang & Ed Blumenstock +  
Edie Silber & Steve Bomse  
Margaret & Corwin Booth  
Betsy Biem & Ted Booth

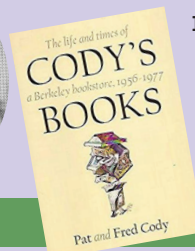


2003

Foundation hosts  
the first Authors  
Dinner gala which  
becomes a beloved  
annual tradition.



2004



Foundation inaugurates the Cody  
Award, in honor of booksellers Pat  
and Fred Cody. Given to individuals  
and organizations that help shape,  
broaden, and illuminate Berkeley's  
literary and library landscape.



David & Eva Bradford  
Susan Brand  
Donald Brown +  
Janine Brown  
Cathleen & Jeffrey Brown  
Michele & Charles Brown  
Arlene Immerman & David Brown +  
Carl Brown  
Lisa Bruce  
Ralph Kaywin & Lisa Buchberg  
Michael K. & Waltraud Buckland  
Thomas & Louise Burns +  
Tim & Linda Campbell  
John Caner  
Tracy Johnston & Jon Carroll  
Maggie Cheng  
William A. Clemens  
Claudia Cohan +  
Deborah Robison & Dennis Cohen  
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Dian Duryea  
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Beverly & Richard Eigner  
Jane Ellis  
Eric Enderton +

William English  
Angel Entes +  
Zachary Epstein  
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Robin Eschner  
Lucee Rosemarie Fan  
Peri Danton & Ellen Felker  
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Mary Ellen Fine +  
Aria Filiani  
Joseph Floren &  
Leslie Carstensen Floren  
Patricia Tong & David Fong  
Colette Ford  
Cynthia Foreman  
Ariel Fortune  
Linda Foy  
Eve Franklin +  
Kelly & Tom Fratar  
Steven & Marion Fredman  
Julie Freedman  
Karen A. Friedman  
Bill & Judy Fujimoto  
Daniel & Kate Funk  
Leo & Jane Gaspardone  
Connie Gee  
Lisa & Jory Gessow

Joan & Roger Glassey  
Robert & Sally Goldman  
Marcia Goodman  
Richard Goodman  
Elisabeth & Lawrence Gordon  
Laura Gorjance  
Gretchen & Richard Grant +  
Pamela & Timothy Gray  
Roger & Marian Gray +  
Phil Greenberg  
Georgianna & George Greenwood

*"A liberate citizenry is  
democracy's best  
defense." – Adam*



*"The library remains central to the life of our  
community — and one of the jewels of Berkeley."*  
– Kimberly



Donald & Rebecca Grether +  
Lee & Patrick Hackett  
Ellen Hahn  
Robert Hall  
Lucy Hamai  
Pam & Gary Handman  
John Hannan  
L. John Harris



Berkeley voters pass Measure FF,  
approving a \$26-million bond to  
renovate, expand, and improve the  
four neighborhood branch libraries.

2008



THE NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARIES CAMPAIGN

The Foundation's *Neighborhood Libraries Campaign*  
raises \$3 million for furniture, fixtures, and  
technology for the four renewed branch libraries.



North Branch and  
Claremont Branch hold  
grand re-openings.

2012

*"Berkeley Builds Readers gives so much to so many. I give whatever I can to support their work in our community." – Nancy Park*



Stephen Harris, Ph.D  
Geoffrey & Marin-Shawn Haynes  
Karen & Richelieu Hemphill  
John Hirshleifer  
Carol Hirth +  
Steve McConnell Hofmann  
Minder Cheng & Wen Hsu  
Harriet Calverley & Nancy Ives  
Mary Murtagh & Fred Jacobson  
John Joseph +  
Judith Justice  
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Grita & Allen Kamin  
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Adib & Karin Kanafani +  
Jill Israel & Billy Karp  
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Stephen Kaus  
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James Manyika  
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*"Libraries are indispensable."*  
– Nina & Nat



Maile & Phillip Matier  
Sandra McCandless  
Laura McCrea  
Jan Pardoe & Cathy McIntosh  
Scott McKinney  
Marsha & Paul McLeod  
Ellen Meltzer  
Molly Mentzer  
Rosemary & John W. Merchant  
Mary Anne Merker +  
Julia Mertz  
Roger Lee Miller  
John Gordon & Janis Mitchell

David Montes  
Kazuko Moriama  
Sharon Morrison  
Whitney Moss  
Mari Loria & Alden Mudge +  
Eddie Muller  
Linda Naugle  
Joe & Carol Neil  
Anthony Nero +  
Audre & Roger Newman +  
Kalen Meyer & Jay Nitschke  
Bradford Thomas & Mark Niu  
Carolyn North  
Dorty Nowak  
Wayne A. Christopher &  
Virginia Ogle  
Shanna O'Hare  
Sean O'Shea  
Shelley Klop & Robin Packel  
Suzanne Pan +  
Anne Pardee

*"This library saved my life!"*  
– Cliff



New South Branch and new West Branch hold grand re-openings. West is the first Net Zero Energy public library in California.



Foundation funds the *Library on Wheels*, which becomes a fixture at Berkeley community events.





Linda Perkins +  
Barbara Peterson  
Lucille & Arthur Poskanzer  
Barry Posner  
Frederick & Susan Pownall  
Ginny Preston  
Vanessa Hua & Marc Puich  
John & Judith Ratcliff  
Jayne Walker & David Reid +  
Hillary & Jonathan Reinis  
Mark & Erin Rhoades  
Ina Chun & Jefferson Rice  
Suzanne Riess +  
Michael Roberts +  
Adam Rochmes

*"I LOVE the library. As a parent, a teacher,  
and a reader..." – Carrie*



Seth Rosenfeld  
Polly Rosenthal  
Sandy & Victor Rotenberg  
Robert Bock & Elizabeth Rothrauff  
David & Marilynn Rowland  
Eugenie Scott & Thomas Sager +

Lisa Salomon  
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Roxanne & Bob Schwartz  
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Richard Friedman &  
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Kathleen Silber

Karen Glasser & Paul Silberstein  
Marjorie Randell-Silver & Eric Silver  
Jacqueline Simon  
Bruce Simon  
Julie Sinai  
Ron & Joan Sipherd

*"Our library exceeds the expectations of all  
of us who live here. Can we think of another  
library institution to match this?"*

– Carol & Tom Leonard

Nancy Skinner  
Linda Skory +  
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Greenberg-Smith  
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Randolph & Frances Starn  
Nancy Steele +  
Lynne Stevens  
Romer & John Stevenson  
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Molly Sullivan  
Monica & John Sullivan  
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Carol Rothman & Scott Ullman  
Takato Umeda +  
Janet Suddell & Lynn Voorhees +  
Raynor & Michael Voorhies



With needs identified in its strategic plan, the Library holds public meetings to help map out critical improvements at the Central Library. Architects Noll & Tam, experts in library design, hired to lead the project.



Foundation launches *It's Time for Central* to raise \$616,000 toward a new teen space, technology, and improvements at Central.

Fundraiser *Tall Tales and Local Ales* held at Central Library, featuring local storytellers and tasty brews.

Dorothy Walker  
Elizabeth Walker  
Victoria Eisen & David Wampler  
John & Jane Weil  
Donna & Stewart Weinberg +  
Nehama Weininger  
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Lauren Rachel Weiss  
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Diane C. Smith &  
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Roy & Carolyn West

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Jasmine Payne &  
David Willhoite  
Dorothy H. Witt  
Suzanne Wolfe  
Otis & Teresa Wong  
Theresa Wong  
Amy & Tom Worth  
Allison & Darrin Wren  
Mary & Lawrence Yabroff  
Margo Hackett &  
Robert Ken Yagura  
Kenneth Young

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

### In memory of ...

Gene Angell  
Dorothy Bryant  
Nancy Caldwell  
Cassandra Coates  
Betty Cohen  
Jerome H. Debs  
Arthur Freyer  
Sue Grafton  
Marge Hirth  
Al Huff  
Jan Wilson Kaufman  
Pauline Lou  
Isabelle Maynard  
Melanie  
Nicole Milner  
Blanche D. Rochmes  
Charles & Teresa Susskind  
Shirley B. Thorner  
Morley Walker  
David J. Williamson

## TRIBUTE GIFTS

### In honor of ...

Evan & Gian Achen  
Alice & Chloe Beittel  
Suzanne & Italo Calpestri  
Fredrica Drotos  
Amy Roth & Bob Epstein  
Linda Schacht Gage  
Trish Hawthorne  
Annabel Jay  
Arlo Jay  
Phil Kamlarz  
Cecelia Katz  
Noah Klein-Markman  
Sarah Ladipo Manyika  
Malcolm Margolin  
Andrea Mullarkey  
Christina Paige Paul  
Edith Jackson & Tom Richardson  
Gideon Lev Simonowitz  
Naomi Voorhies  
Sarah Weiss  
Hazel Winter

### + DONOR OF FIVE YEARS OR MORE

We hope you enjoy this report. We try our best for accuracy to acknowledge our 2017-2018 donors, but if we have erred, please let us know. Thank you, again for your support.

Foundation donors provide funding to pilot *Berkeley Builds Readers*, a now thriving early-childhood literacy program.



CORNERSTONES  
STEM @ Berkeley Public Library

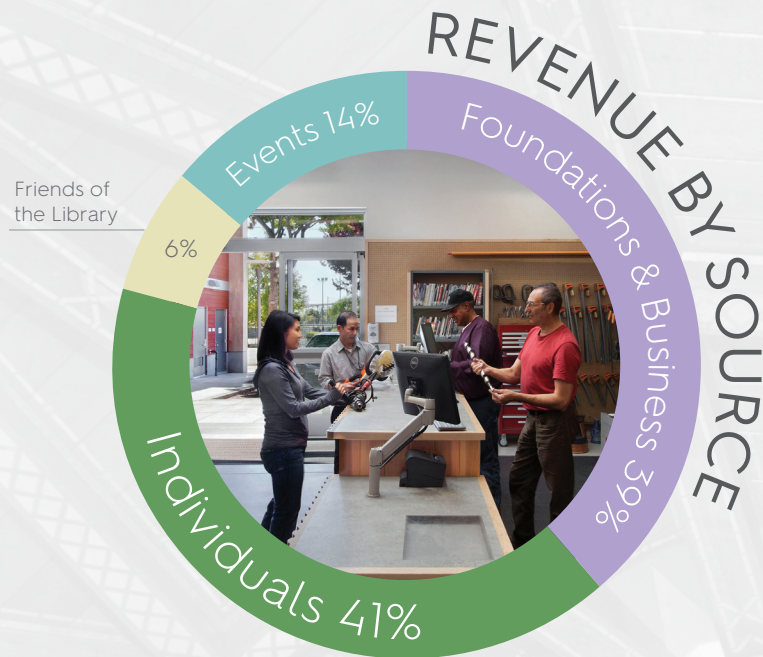
With support from Stephen M. Silberstein, the Foundation and Library partner with *Cornerstones of Science*, launching the first science literacy program of its kind at a West Coast library.

Foundation creates *The Generation Fund*, aimed at increasing financial readiness for future significant projects.



Library champion  
Linda Schacht  
Gage receives  
the Cody Award for  
her leadership and  
unwavering advocacy for  
the Berkeley Public Library.





Foundation commits \$58,000 for technology enhancements, staff training, and librarian-identified innovations.



Berkeley celebrates naming of Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch, honoring the civil rights and community activist.



With \$75,000 in Foundation support, Library installs a laptop lending kiosk and inaugurates "The Commons," a flexible open space at Central.

Following the 17th Annual Authors Dinner in February, construction to begin on the new teen space and other renovations at Central.



2018

2019

15

### You guessed it!

The Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch has these glass mosaics by Gina Dominguez. Be sure to visit "Vertical Garden" and "Canopy of Circles."



# Join Us!

## Invest in the Library's Future

Your support strengthens the library's capacity to innovate and adapt to the present and future needs of our community.

Here are some ways you can help:

**Check out our website [bplf.org](http://bplf.org) for more information and opportunities.**

**Offices:**  
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Berkeley CA 94704  
**Call us @ 510.981.6115**



Support literacy projects and community outreach



Donate to *It's Time for Central* to renew and update the popular downtown library



Sponsor our annual Authors Dinner



Ensure resources for large multi-year projects with a gift to the Generation Fund



At age 70+ consider donating directly from your IRA for a tax-exempt withdrawal



Make a lasting gift in your will or estate plan



Join the Rosa Shattuck Circle with a sustaining gift of \$1,000+