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Libraries connect us. They build community, expand our world, change lives.

A vibrant library is at the heart of vibrant community. Invest in our community today with a gift to the library!

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Ours brings us into the future together, with innovations funded by gifts to the Foundation:

- Four beautiful NEW BRANCH LIBRARIES, outfitted with $3 million from the Foundation
- The popular “LIBRARY ON WHEELS,” popping up with library services all around town
- Laptops to give homeless teens NEW-FOUND ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY
- Berkeley Builds Readers, AN EARLY START ON LITERACY for preschoolers in underserved areas
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- The annual AUTHORS DINNER, AfterWORDS series, and other events spotlighting authors, artists, and thinkers.

Berkeley pioneer Rosa Shattuck believed in the power of libraries to change lives. In 1903 she donated the land and secured the funding to build Berkeley Public Library’s first permanent home. She supported the public library all her life.

Members of the Rosa Shattuck Circle make annual gifts of $1,000 or more to the Foundation to help provide critical resources for library excellence and innovation. Circle donors enjoy special events and benefits throughout the year.

Fresh ideas and creative planning maximize the impact of Berkeley’s libraries. Today, the It’s Time for Central campaign is bringing new improvements to the historic downtown library. The upgrades offer something for everyone:

- A re-imagined, FLEXIBLE REFERENCE ROOM that easily converts for community events and library programs
- A lively, high-use TEEN ROOM, imagined by and for Berkeley’s teens
- Easy-to-access library services inside a more GRACEFUL, EFFICIENT ENTRYWAY
- Vastly improved LIGHTING AND ACOUSTICS
- DISPLAY CASES FOR ART, exhibits, and artifacts from the library’s collections.