



THE FOPABL HOOT

ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO HOOT!



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The Campaign for a Permanent Home is Moving Forward

Plan to attend our next meeting at the library – Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 pm where we'll discuss a proposed campaign video and “go fund me” effort. Your input is needed.



Extended Hours for All Neighborhood Branches



The Oakland Public Library (OPL) is expanding hours at its 16 neighborhood branches, the Main Library, the African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO), and the Oakland Tool Lending Library starting Monday, April 1, 2019.

For Piedmont Avenue Branch, it means TWO evening hours per week – Tuesday and Wednesday it will be open until 8:00 pm, and open on Monday now. Thank you, voters!

This marks the first time OPL has increased its operating hours since 2004. The new hours are a result of the June 2018 passage of Measure D, which Oakland voters approved handily with 76.9-percent of the vote. In total, Oakland Public Library branches will be open a total of 228.5 additional hours per week. Piedmont Avenue Branch Library at 80 Echo Ave, new hours:

Monday: 10 am – 5:30 pm
Tuesday: 10 am – 8 pm
Wednesday: 10 am – 8 pm
Thursday: 10 am – 5:30 pm
Friday: 12 pm – 5:30 pm
Saturday: 10 am – 5:30 pm
Sunday: Closed

See you at our library.



Renewals Can Be Automatic Now

Worried about returning your library stuff on time? OPL has just started automatic renewals for most items! There are just a few exceptions. Tools from the Tool Lending Library and Link+ items from libraries outside of Oakland are not renewed automatically. But if nobody is waiting for your book, DVD, or other library treasure, the library will renew it for you, just automatically, without your worrying about it, up to three times. Isn't that wonderful?

The Friends on Social Media!

The Friends of the Piedmont Avenue Branch Library has recently increased its social media presence. In addition to our Facebook page ([facebook.com/fopabl](https://www.facebook.com/fopabl)) you can now find us on Instagram (@fopabloakland) and on Twitter (@fopabl).

We will be sharing event information, photos, and of course updates of our famous owl mascot. We would also like to include *your* photos of you at the library on our social media accounts. Please email them to us at contact@fopabl.org so that we can share them with all of our supporters. This can include photos of library events, you and your family, photos of your recently checked-out items, and even fun #bookface photos that we will post on Fridays. Please only submit original photos.

While it is exciting to have “likes” on social media, our social media presence has a greater goal in mind: to create awareness and support for our mission to find a permanent home for our branch library. Social media is an excellent tool to create awareness, but it only works if we engage with the accounts.

So please like, share, retweet, and comment to help us build support.

By Sabrina Bowerman, a neighbor who is in graduate school and loves visiting the library with her young daughter



A Savings Plan

Do you come to the library, deposit a book you're returning, go to the "held" section, find the one(s) you've ordered on line, check it out and leave? If so, you're missing a lot. There's something to be said for spending some time looking things over while you're there. It's amazing what's available on those shelves.

For instance, remember Get Smart, the TV series of the 60's and 70's? CDs of the series let you relive those episodes, shake your head and laugh once again at the ineptness of the detective with the shoe phone. Call the Midwife is there, too, and Bones. And you might find others.

Is music your thing? You can learn to tap dance and belly dance – not at the same time – from discs in the music section. And on the same shelf you can find rock and rap CDs, blue, and gospel to sing along with, as well as Broadway musicals.

Magazines! You've never seen so many magazines: cooking, cars, travel, news, politics, and home maintenance, all waiting for you and your children. Sunset, The New Yorker, Harper's, Newsweek all hit the shelves on a regular basis.

Teens have their own section with fiction, non-fiction, comics and a big collection of CDs that offer music, games, and stories. There are also study guides for older teens preparing for the SAT or GRE. No need to invest in books you'll use for only a short time that will take up your shelf space for years after.

Suppose you can't wait to read a book you saw reviewed in the Sunday Chronicle – head to the library. "But I don't have time to stop," you say. Chances are it's on the New Arrivals shelf. On your right as you enter, the first shelves you see as you come in the door are new arrivals – thirty seconds max to see what's new. And new is the correct term. They are replaced every few days.

If the book(s) you want isn't/aren't there, ask the librarian to put you on the waiting list. Then you'll be assured of having your turn at it when it does become available. This will save you money as well as shelf space at home when you don't have to buy one.

by Ruby Long, a neighbor whose work has appeared in local and national publications



The Book Worm Recommends

The Alice Network by Kate Quinn

What Happens to People Who have Been So Badly Hurt That They Cannot Recover?

This is a serious novel about three people who have lost their innocence due to experiences so unbearable that they find it difficult to continue living as others expect. The first is Charlie St. Clair, a 1947 Bennington College student who adopts promiscuous sex as a way of forgetting the suicide of a loved one damaged by World War II. She travels to France to find a beloved cousin, Rose, whom she hasn't heard from since the war began. There she meets Eve Gardner, a woman who can help. Eve is an angry, hard drinking veteran of World War I who has not been able to overcome her depression and guilt about what happened in 1914. Charlie and Eve are driven around France by Finn, a recently discharged soldier who is disturbed by what he has witnessed.

The power of the book is in learning what has happened to each of these people and in understanding why they have lost faith in living. An unlikely trio, they gain sympathy for each other and eventually find solace in companionship that demands little in the way of conventional social behavior.

The Alice Network of the title refers to an event that is emblematic of the British loss of innocence during their experience of the First World War. Thinking that the war would be short and have few losses, the British government agreed to use some young women as spies behind German lines. Alice Dubois, the pseudonym of a well-educated young Belgian woman, ran a successful Belgian resistance group. She was arrested, however, and died after three years of forced labor in a German camp.

by Ann. P. McCauley

Ann studied Anthropology at Cal and works in international health. She loves stories with sympathetic, wise characters who engage in humorous conversations and travel to exotic places.

What's Happening at the Library

Ongoing Events – every week

Wednesdays at 10:15 am – Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays at 11:00 am – Pre-School Storytime

Fridays at 3:30 pm – Build Fridays, Legos & More

Saturdays at 10:30 am – Baby Café

Saturdays at 2:30 pm – eBook Help



Events between March 15 – April 30, 2019

Tuesday March 26 at 6:30 pm – Meeting, Friends of the Piedmont Avenue Branch Library

Please join us with your ideas and energy in our campaign for a permanent home for our library.

Saturday March 30 at 3 pm – The Cowgirls give a Cheese talk

Sue Conley, one of the founders of the Cowgirl Creamery Cheese company, returns to tell us more about our favorite cheeses, the farmers who supply the milk, how the cheeses are made, and how they are served. With a tasting of artisan cheeses.

Saturday April 6 at 1 pm - Berkeley Rep Docent Talk: Home

Physical theater artist Geoff Sobelle and his ensemble of actors, dancers, and designers treat you to an enchanting visual and immersive spectacle in this Berkeley Rep play. Right before your eyes, a two-story house is conjured from the shadows. Residents past, present, and future rollick through its rooms in an impromptu dance that defies time and space, magically transforming our mundane everyday tasks into a glorious, intimate, and profound celebration.

A dreamlike infusion of illusion, live music, story, and ingenious engineering, this captivating show invites you to make its house your HOME.

Join us at the library for a discussion about the play with a Berkeley Rep docent.

Thursday April 11 at 3:30 pm - Teen Pop Up Program
Crafty with T-Shirt Tote Bags!

Join us for a crafty afternoon in the TeenZone! Celebrate Earth Day and practice sustainability as we make tote bags out of t-shirts. All materials provided. For youth ages 12 to 18.

Unless noted, all these activities and events take place at the [Piedmont Avenue Branch](#) 80 Echo Avenue, Oakland CA 94611

