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Oakland Public Library to Examine its own Past in Three Upcoming Branch History Talks

Oakland, CA – Are you interested in local history? Do you have an enthusiastic appreciation and interest in your local branch library? Three Oakland Public Library branches – Montclair, Dimond, and Brookfield – are offering talks in March to examine and discuss the history of each respective branch.

Dates for each location are as follows:

- **Montclair Branch**, Tuesday, March 18, 6pm
- **Dimond Branch**, Tuesday, March 25, 7pm
- **Brookfield Branch**, Monday, March 31, 6pm

Dorothy Lazard and Kathleen DiGiovanni, librarians from the Oakland History Room, will present the talks. Ms. Lazard will cover Brookfield Branch history and Ms. DiGiovanni will give talks at Dimond and Montclair branches.

This is a rare opportunity to learn more about our neighborhood libraries and their rich history. Come learn more about your favorite branch, or join us for all three and earn a small prize!

These three branches (out of all 18 Oakland Public Library locations) were chosen for special history events because they are each scheduled to undergo some improvements over the next one to two years. Funded by private donations, the interior improvements are expected to make these locations more welcoming to the public. As the Library looks ahead to improving its facilities, it is appropriate to examine each location's past. We hope the community will appreciate the chance to learn more about the history – and perhaps a bit about the future – of each of these beloved neighborhood libraries.

For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org or call Sara DuBois, Grants & Volunteers Coordinator, at (510) 238-6572 or sdubois@oaklandlibrary.org.

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