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News from: **Oakland Public Library**

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**See What Your Library has to Offer During National Library Week, April 10-16**

*Oakland, CA* – The Oakland City Council will declare the week of April 10 – 16 “National Library Week” in Oakland, the Oakland Public Library has announced. The Council will present a resolution to that effect on Tuesday, April 5.

The resolution encourages all residents to “explore and enjoy the free resources and services available at their local public library,” and cited free resources such as books, public computers and Internet access as “a foundation of the City's civic health.”

The announcement helps to underscore the Oakland Public Library's new mission statement: “Your Oakland Public Library empowers all people to explore, connect and grow.”

During National Library Week, OPL is offering an enticing range of events and programs. Come see what your library has to offer:

- Urban Cycling 101**, Lakeview Branch, 550 El Embarcadero, Tuesday, April 12
- Financial First Air**, West Oakland Branch, 1801 Adeline Street, Thursday, April 14
- Altered Book Workshop**, Melrose Branch, 4805 Foothill Boulevard, April 16
- Garden Program**, AAMLO, 659 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Saturday, April 16
- First Time Home Buyers** (in Spanish), César E. Chávez Branch, 3301 East 12th Street, Suite 271, Saturday, April 16
- Jingletown Poetry Reading and Open Mic**, César E. Chávez Branch, 3301 East 12th Street, Suite 271, Saturday, April 16
- Children's Clothing, Book and Toy Swap**, Dimond Branch, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue, Saturday, April 16

The Library will also have several exhibits presenting local history and culture. The Main Library's Oakland History Room, 125 14<sup>th</sup> Street, is featuring “**Oakland's Golden Gate District: Evolution of a Neighborhood**,” presented by the Emeryville Historical Society. **Black Panther memorabilia** will be on exhibit at both the 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue Branch, 1021 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue, and the César E. Chávez Branch, 3301 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 271. The Golden Gate Branch, 5606 San Pablo Avenue, is displaying “**Portraits of the Beatles**” by local artist Abi Mustapha, and the Lakeview Branch, 550 El Embarcadero, is featuring “**Elementals: the Art of Ashley West**.”

The Library is also offering a host of services, including the recently introduced **Book Me!** service, in which patrons can request personalized reading suggestions via email from OPL librarians (see <http://oaklandlibrary.org/book-me>); the free **Lawyers in the Library** advice program, available at several library locations (see <http://oaklandlibrary.org/services/lawyers-library>); and the 2016 **Tax Assistance** program, which is offered by trained AARP volunteers at several library locations

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through April 18 (see <http://oaklandlibrary.org/services/tax-assistance-program>). The library also offers **storytimes** for babies, toddlers and preschoolers, and **free snacks and meals for kids and teens** at various locations and times. OPL's online services continue to expand with the recent addition of **Pronunciator**, an online language learning program.

Look for OPL out in the community as well. On Wednesday, April 6, librarians will be at EarthEXPO, an environmental fair hosted by Oakland Public Works in downtown Oakland. On Saturday, April 23, librarians will be at a Children's Book Festival at Fairyland.

You can become a library supporter or volunteer. The Friends of the Oakland Public Library's Spring book sale, at the Bookmark (721 Washington Street), ends Sunday, April 10. All purchases benefit the Oakland Public Library.

The Library will also host two Volunteer Information Sessions, on Tuesday, April 19, 6-7 p.m. at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch, 6833 International Boulevard, and on Sunday, April 24, 2-3:30 p.m. at the Main Library, 125 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

For more information, please visit [www.oaklandlibrary.org](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org) or contact Winifred Walters, Community Relations Manager, at [wwalters@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:wwalters@oaklandlibrary.org) or 510-238-6932. For a complete copy of the proposed resolution, please visit <http://bit.ly/1pItwuV>.

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