

Additional Services

Public Computers—Computers with Internet and World Wide Web access are among our most popular library services, so plan to call ahead to make a reservation. You can also reserve a computer online through our Web site.

Services to Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities—We offer Extended Services for Persons with Disabilities, as well as many kinds of adaptive technologies at the Main Library and selected branches. Our library catalog is now audible for the blind. A complete description of services is available on our Web site or by calling 238-4974.

Mobile Services—Our Bookmobile makes regular stops in local neighborhoods and at childcare and senior centers. It also delivers library materials to convalescent hospitals and nursing homes.

Meeting Rooms—Meeting rooms are available at the Main Library and many of our other facilities. For a list of available meeting rooms and rental fees, see our Web site or call your local library.

Community Programs—Our libraries offer hundreds of free events, classes, exhibits, book clubs and storytimes of interest to you and your family. Free legal assistance and seasonal tax aid are also available.



How YOU Can Help

The Friends of the Library provide support through advocacy and fund-raising efforts. Membership forms are available at all Oakland libraries (www.fopl.org).

The Library Advisory Commission reports and makes recommendations to the Oakland City Council on library policies. The public is invited to attend the Commission's meetings. For more information, call 238-3281.

Library Volunteers assist staff in many ways, serving as adult literacy tutors, computer docents, storyreaders, etc. For more information, call your nearest library.

The **Bookmark Bookstore**, operated by the Friends of the Oakland Public Library, sells gently used titles ranging from bestsellers to rare editions. Profits help support the library. The store is located at 721 Washington Street, 444-0473.



Locations

Main Library	Area code (510)
125 14th Street	238-3134
TTY	834-7446
African American Museum and Library at Oakland	637-0200
659 14th Street	
Second Start Adult Literacy	238-3432
1801 Adeline Street	
Temescal Tool Lending Library	597-5089
5205 Telegraph Avenue	
BRANCHES:	
Asian Branch Library	238-3400
388 9th Street, Suite 190	
Brookfield Branch Library	615-5725
9255 Edes Avenue	
César E. Chávez Branch Library	535-5620
3301 E. 12th Street, Suite 271	
Dimond Branch Library	482-7844
3565 Fruitvale Avenue	
Eastmont Branch Library	615-5726
Eastmont Town Center, Ste. 211	
7200 Bancroft Avenue	
Elmhurst Branch Library	615-5727
1427 88th Avenue	
Golden Gate Branch Library	597-5023
5606 San Pablo Avenue	
Lakeview Branch Library	238-7344
550 El Embarcadero	
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Library	
6833 International Blvd.	615-5728
Melrose Branch Library	535-5623
4805 Foothill Blvd.	
Montclair Branch Library	482-7810
1687 Mountain Blvd.	
Piedmont Ave. Branch Library	597-5011
160 41st Street	
Rockridge Branch Library	597-5017
5366 College Avenue	
Temescal Branch Library	597-5049
5205 Telegraph Avenue	
West Oakland Branch Library	238-7352
1801 Adeline Street	
Bookmobile	238-6718



Welcome

Oakland Public Library

www.oaklandlibrary.org



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Everyone is welcome at the Oakland Public Library, where we have 16 libraries, an African American Museum and Library, a Second Start Adult Literacy Program, a roving bookmobile, and 2 million books, magazines, newspapers, CDs, videos, DVDs and other materials to serve any interest. Our libraries provide Internet access computers and copy machines. Many facilities also have meeting rooms available for public use. Best of all, we have friendly, helpful staff here to serve you!

Check Us Out

We provide collections and services in 15 different languages designed to meet the needs of our diverse communities. Items range from bestsellers to historical documents to the latest multi-media. Here are some **highlights:**

Main Library—One of the largest public libraries in the Bay

Area. Popular reading, business resources, government publications, videos/DVDs, maps, sheet music and more!

African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO)—Special exhibits, programs, a reference library and archives focus on the African American experience in Northern California.

American Indian Collection, Dimond Branch—Materials by and about Native Americans.

Asian Branch Library—Collections in Cambodian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, Vietnamese, Laotian and English.

César E. Chávez Branch Library—Major Spanish-language collection; also offers materials in English and Vietnamese.

Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Collection, Piedmont Ave. Branch—Materials by and about Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people.

Oakland History Room, Main Library—One-of-a-kind books, clippings, photographs and other materials let you explore the rich history of Oakland and California.

Second Start Adult Literacy Program—Provides individual tutoring for English-speaking adults over the age of sixteen, a computer learning center and small classes.

Temescal Tool Lending Library—Over 2,000 tools for gardening, home repairs and other projects.

Get Answers

Now it's easier, faster, more convenient to find answers to your questions. Librarians are available in person, by phone, via e-mail and live chat to assist you. With e-mail and live chat options, the reference desk is open 24/7 to respond to you from your office, school or home. Just go to our Web site, **www.oaklandlibrary.org**, and select "Ask Us A Question."



Just For Kids



Kids can expand their horizons by exploring our Children's collections designed to appeal to youngsters of all ages. Children's librarians present story hours, special events and educational programs to inspire a lifelong love of reading. We also help kids succeed by providing free homework help and after-school activities at selected libraries (238-3848). Computers are available and "Kids' World" on our Web site is full of fun and educational resources.

TEEN Connection

TeenZone, on the second floor of the Main Library, focuses on the ever-evolving interests of teenagers. Teen-specific collections featuring the latest music, videos, DVDs and literature are provided at most branch libraries. Special and ongoing programs for teens are sponsored throughout the year. Drop-in homework assistance is also available at a number of libraries (238-7332). Teens interested in volunteering can find out about our Youth Leadership Council and teen advisory groups by calling 238-7613.



OPL Online - OPEN 24/7

Thanks to the Internet, you can search the Library's catalog and growing list of databases from anywhere, 24 hours a day via our Web site, **www.oaklandlibrary.org**. Here you can place reserves, renew your books, and check your borrowing record. You can also ask a reference question by e-mail or live chat, find resources for kids and teens, search for library events, e-books and articles in hundreds of news, business, health and academic sources.



Getting Started

A **free library card** is a great way to get started and allows you access to all of our collections and online resources. Anyone who lives or works in California can apply for a card, good at any Oakland Public Library. Simply show us two pieces of identification and any document that verifies your current address. Children can obtain a library card by returning an application form with a parent's or guardian's signature. The **standard loan period** for most items is three weeks, and one renewal is allowed. Videotapes and DVDs circulate for seven days.

