



Oakland Public Library

ANNUAL REPORT
2013-2014



Director's Message

The Oakland Public Library (OPL) is proud to work in neighborhoods throughout Oakland. By listening to the community and working with partners, we strive to offer interesting and practical programs and services. In this report you will see examples of OPL staff's creative approaches to service and outreach with the goal of making the library relevant and accessible to all residents.

The 2013-2014 Annual Report guides the reader through OPL's four seasons, beginning with popular summer reading programs and National Night Out neighborhood parties. By the end of summer, over 8,500 lunches were served to young patrons through the Free Summer Lunch program, now in its fourth year. OPL partnered with the Oakland Unified School District on a back-to-school event staffed by volunteers who distributed free books to Oakland students at eight branches.

By fall, the Affordable Care Act was about to go into effect. The library offered information and resources to patrons trying to understand the new options, and many patrons relied on library computers and online access to enroll in the new health care plans. The Halloween parade was fun and educational for small children who were welcomed by costumed staff in the Children's Room as well as the Teen Zone, History Room, Computer Lab, and Administrative Office. At the end of December, for the first time in five years, all library locations were open during the week between the Christmas and New Year holidays. Annually, twelve days of service were restored when mandatory closure days due to citywide budget cuts ended.

One of winter's highlights was a series of stories told by library patrons and broadcast by KALW public radio. A partnership between KALW, Mills College, and OPL made these portraits possible. In spring, OPL convened a day-long workshop of library staff and representatives from OPL's partners, community-based organizations, and others working toward similar goals in Oakland. The activities served to reinforce current initiatives such as OPL's participation in Oakland Reads 2020 and identified new opportunities for collaboration.

This report offers record of the services our dedicated and experienced staff offer every day – in the library, outside the library, and online. I am grateful to the staff, members of the Library Advisory Commission, Friends groups, volunteers and partner organizations who are so committed to Oakland and its libraries. Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerry Garzón". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Gerry Garzón, Library Director



January 2014 LAC Meeting Front row (left-right): April Harper, Ain Bailey, David Bolaños, Jeanetta Mack; back row (left-right): Roy Chan, Shanthy Gonzales, Yael Franco, Susanne Perkins, Ruby Bernstein, Victoria Barbero, Andrew Racle, Noelle Tu Duong, Kathryn Sterbenc, Daniel Belay

Library Advisory Commission Message

Greetings from your Library Advisory Commission (LAC)! People sometimes think we are library administration or staff. Actually, we are volunteer advocates — Oaklanders who feel a deep appreciation for the public library’s power to strengthen communities and provide equal access for all.

We are committed to increasing community awareness of the Oakland Public Library’s role as a vibrant community center, education partner, and source of information and inspiration. In the past year we sponsored community gatherings to educate the public and offered speaker trainings to individuals interested in furthering our work. We also take seriously our mandated duty to advise the library staff, Mayor, and City Council on OPL policies, and we are vigilant in providing citizen oversight of Measure Q parcel tax expenditures.

The LAC is working on multiple fronts to safeguard the financial future of the library. We want to make sure that critical programs and services will continue to be available to all Oakland residents in every neighborhood, and we want to see an expansion of these services to better serve Oakland. Investment in the library – a full partner in building a stronger community and in increasing public safety – IS an investment in our city.

The public library bolsters economic security, supports children and parents, provides access to technology, and serves as a gateway from isolation to inclusion. We on the LAC are honored to carry that message. We will keep working hard to ensure that the public has a voice in decisions made concerning the future of Oakland’s public libraries. To add your voice, please contact us at OaklandLAC@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Kathryn S. Sterbenc, Chairperson

Andrew Racle, Vice Chairperson

Summer

As the Fiscal Year began in July 2013, the Golden Gate Branch kicked off its successful and popular Jazz on Sundays series, which ran weekly in July and August. At the Main Library, a vegetable garden was planted. Meanwhile, OPL was once again in the midst of its energetic Summer Reading Programs for children, teens, and adults.





As part of the **Growing Readers Gardening Workshops**, a vegetable garden was planted outside the Main Library's Children's Room, and once a week a representative from Acta Non Verba Youth Urban Farm Project came to instruct children about soil, seeds, bugs, and weeds.

The kids' **2013 Summer Reading** program drew to a close with a festive party in the gardens at the Oakland Museum of California. For many, it was a well-deserved celebration. Of the more than 9,300 kids who signed up, some 6,100 met the summer reading challenge by reading more than eight hours. A variety of engaging Summer Reading events drew nearly 14,000 kids to the library.

The Main Library commemorated the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s **"I Have a Dream"** speech with a discussion led by author and columnist Gary Younge.

KALW's "Crosscurrents" program highlighted two innovative OPL programs. After hearing these stories on the radio, a listener donated \$1,000 to the library. You can hear the full piece online: oaklandlibrary.org/crosscurrents.

On August 13, Piedmont Avenue Branch patrons

were invited to taste and talk about artisanal cheeses. This **"cheese and chat"** session was led by representatives from Cowgirl Creamery.

Staff from the Oakland Public Library made a debut appearance at **Nerd Nite East Bay** at the New Parkway Theater in Oakland's Uptown District. Nerd Nite presents short talks on a variety of nerdy topics. OPL became a regular contributor by providing reading lists to go with each month's talks and issuing library cards on the spot for those who needed them.

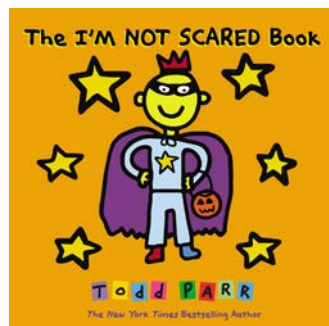


National Night Out

On August 6, the Union Point Ramblers (pictured) performed outside the Temescal Branch as part of National Night Out. Five OPL locations participated in the event, which helps build community spirit and unity.



OPL partnered with the Oakland Unified School District on a **book giveaway** and back-to-school event. On a single day in August, 18 volunteers distributed 6,000 books to Oakland youth at eight branch libraries.



Free Summer Lunch for Kids and Teens: 81st Avenue, Chávez, Dimond, Eastmont, Elmhurst, Golden Gate, Melrose, Temescal, West Oakland, the Main TeenZone, and the Main Children's Room provided space, programs, encouragement, and summer fun to help kids get fed and have a good time in the library. We got a lot of notice in the press, which prompted **local author Todd Parr** to generously offer his time as a volunteer story reader.

As part of the recruitment efforts for the Oakland Youth Poet Laureate program, the library offered a series of six **Laureate Lab Writing Workshops** reaching 21 youths at the Alameda County Juvenile Detention Facility. Four of the youth involved in those workshops, led by Peggy Simmons, Library Assistant at the Elmhurst Branch, earned honorable mentions for the Youth Poet Laureate program. See page 6 for more information about the Youth Poet Laureate Program.

Through a partnership with **Achieve Learning**, an Oakland nonprofit, students were able to take multiple SATs free of charge at multiple branch locations before registering to take the official test. The Center for Social Justice & Civic Engagement at Holy Names University also supported our teen patrons by offering college readiness workshops led by current Holy Names students.

On Park(ing) Day

(September 20), the library took over three metered parking spaces outside the Main Library

and established an inviting “parklet” for reading and socializing. The little curbside park had tables, chairs, turf, an umbrella, and even a plastic pink flamingo. All day long, passersby stopped to enjoy free coffee, to read in a comfortable patio chair, or to peruse the Bookmark Bookstore’s used book cart. It was a fun new way for the library to reach out and engage with the public.



Ready, Set, Connect!

Starting in August, 19 youth between the ages of 16 and 24 enrolled in our Ready, Set, Connect! program and received eight months of professional development targeted for careers in the technology sector. The program was developed through a partnership with San Francisco-based Community Technology Network. Each Ready, Set, Connect! participant received over 64 hours of training, as well as connections to individual mentors in tech companies Google, Zynga, and Bluewolf.

Concurrent with their training, the youth provided over 1,000 hours of one-on-one computer assistance at six library locations, serving over 1,700 patrons.

Oakland's Youth Poet Laureate Program

In early August, Obasi Davis was named Youth Poet Laureate (YPL), having won this competition organized by the library's Teen Services Department in partnership with Youth Speaks. Obasi earned a \$5,000 scholarship and the opportunity to officially represent the community through poetry, media, and public appearances. He became the city's second Youth Poet Laureate.

In the ensuing months, as part of his duties as Youth Poet Laureate, Obasi attended the opening of the new Bay Bridge with California Poet Laureate, Juan Felipe Herrera, and advocated for net neutrality at a town hall meeting with FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler. Obasi also graduated from high school in June. His one-year term as Youth Poet Laureate

ended in August 2014, and he is now studying at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

OPL also gained a new partner in the YPL program: Chapter 510, a made-in-Oakland literacy and writing project. Chapter 510 hosted spring writing workshops for youth at several library locations in April 2014. The workshops, led by volunteers, including local poet Freddy Gutierrez, were tailored to reach specific teen and 'tween audiences. Coinciding with the launch of their **first-ever issue of the 510 Journal**, Chapter 510 also produced posters by Oakland illustrator Robert Trujillo that featured our laureates and finalists from the Youth Poet Laureate program.



This line ends at 107 and Mac
Where black and brown boys reach the end of the line
At the barrel of a Mac 11
Where they pave concrete over our wandering souls
Hardly a promised land
But ironically the land we were promised

from 57 by **Obasi Davis**, age 17
Oakland Youth Poet Laureate 2013



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you're carrying storms in your eyes and
cracks in the walls of your fortress, and
someone out there wants nothing more
than to kiss them away.

from a poem for everyone I have ever loved without meeting
by **Francesca Paris**, age 16
Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Finalist



you were a man. not a boy but a man
that reminded me of my father
who disappeared when i was a girl
like shadows melting into fog
and goosebumps.

from *Hands* by **Olivia Hoffman**, age 16
Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Finalist



We're gonna go on a picnic at some point.

Pack whatever I know how to make
and get lost in a forest where the trees look the same
because he follows the compass inlaid in the palm of his hand
that point to my wrists, marked like star charts

from *Til Death* by **Stephanie Yun**, age 18
Oakland Youth Poet Laureate 2012



Check out oaklandlibrary.org/510journal to read poetry by our talented youth poets and see more **portraits by Robert Trujillo**.

Fall

Fall is always an action-packed time at the Oakland Public Library. Adult programming shifts into high gear with author talks and educational events. As young people settle into their school routines, OPL Children's and Teens' Services departments initiate new afterschool programs and recurring tutoring sessions, along with creative and fun special events.





The **“Bike Library”** made its public debut at the Life is Living Festival in West Oakland’s DeFremery Park. The little bike trailer, with bookshelves to carry books and other library materials, is a resourceful addition to the library’s outreach efforts.

With the **Affordable Care Act** about to go into effect, the library played a vital role guiding people through the application process. Beginning in October, OPL offered regular programs to help patrons make decisions

about their health care options. Many patrons relied on library computers and online access to complete their registration. With advance preparation coordinated by Mana Tominaga, Supervising Librarian at the Main Library, and Barbara Bibbel, the library’s Consumer Health Information Specialist, OPL staff were ready to help them navigate through the process.

The Main Library hosted a **writers’ panel** featuring local authors Mary F. Burns, Yves Fey, Michael

Llewellyn, and Ciji Ware, who led an engaging discourse about the challenges inherent in capturing the vitality of the visual arts in writing.

In October, author-photographer **Opal Palmer Adisa** visited Lakeview Branch to share compelling tales from her 2012 trip to Haiti. Her photos from the trip were exhibited in the branch gallery all month.

Oakland Public Library celebrated **Teen Read Week** with special events

and programs aimed at encouraging teens to “Seek the Unknown” at their local library. Activities included a science fiction film festival, a scavenger hunt, and an after-hours party at the Main Library’s TeenZone.

On October 31, costumed children and staff marched through the Main Library for a raucous **Halloween Parade**. It was a first for the library!

Rickey Vincent, author of *Party Music: The Inside Story of the Black Panthers' Band* and *How Black Power Transformed Soul Music*, gave a stirring talk in the Main Library's Bradley Walters Community Room.

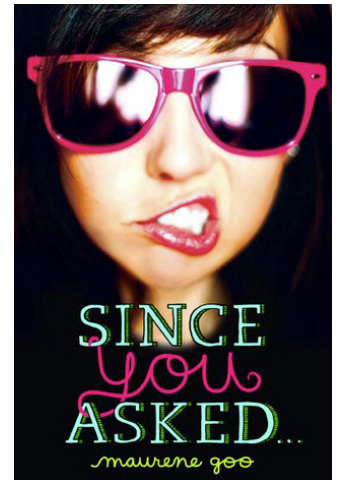
On November 7, Library Director Gerry Garzón and Library Advisory Commission Chair Kathryn Sterbenc were honored with **California Public Library Advocates Awards**.

Golden Gate Branch held its annual **Diwali** (Deepavali) celebration, commemorating the Indian "festival of lights." Kalaikoil Dance & Arts of India performed.

The Main Library's annual **Native American Culture Day** presented food, dance performances, and some very serious films and discussions about an important topic: adoption and foster care for Native children in America.

A large crew of volunteers showed up at the Montclair Branch to begin a three-year project to create a garden in the large yard behind the building. Tools were provided by the Tool Lending Library.

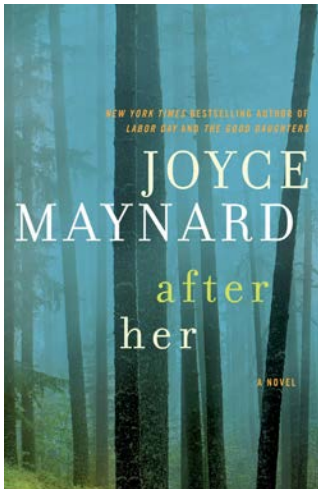
Local author **Maurene Goo** met with teens at the Asian Branch to discuss her teen-oriented novel *Since You Asked...*



Youth Mural Arts Battle

Teens at four library locations – 81st Avenue, Chávez, Eastmont, and the Main Library – installed five 8' x 12' graffiti murals created in the Youth Mural Arts Battle at the Life is Living Festival for a yearlong exhibit. OPL also offered a host of street-art-inspired programs with the help of local nonprofit arts organizations such as the Estria Foundation, Visual Element (part of EastSide Arts Alliance), and the Precita Eyes Muralists Association.

Bestselling author (and Montclair resident) **Joyce Maynard** met with library patrons at the Montclair Branch to talk about her new novel, *After Her*.



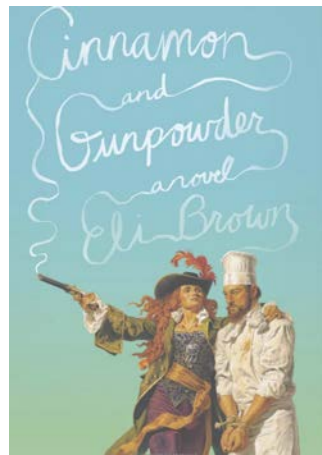
The library also organized a free book giveaway at Thanksgiving community dinners in Oakland. **The East Bay Children's Book Project** got on board, and donated books were delivered by library staff to two churches and a Salvation Army center.

Nancy Duranteau's documentary **photographs from Cuba** were featured in a month-long exhibit at Lakeview Branch.

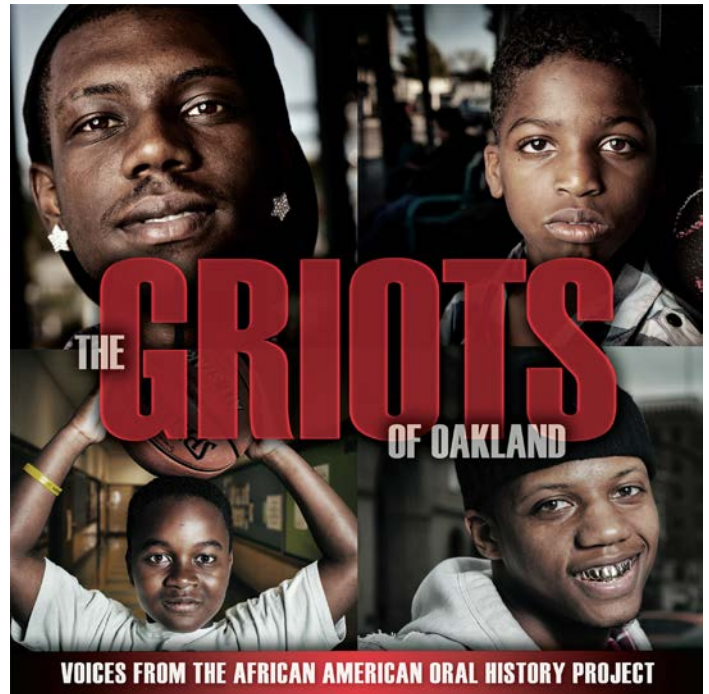
The Main Library presented a unique international literary event, billed as **"An Evening of Contemporary Russian Poetry,"** featuring Russian poet Tatyana Apraksina.

On December 7, Rockridge Branch hosted the annual PEN Oakland/Josephine Miles Literary Awards.

Mandatory closure days due to the citywide budget crisis ended, and the library was open during the week between Christmas and New Years' for the first time in five years.



Author and Alameda resident **Eli Brown** read from his swashbuckling novel *Cinnamon & Gunpowder* at Temescal Branch.



Oral History Exhibition

AAMLO hosted a major exhibit and book release for *The Griots of Oakland: Voices from the African American Oral History Project*. The groundbreaking exhibit ran to the end of February and presented photos and excerpts from an oral history project developed by Angela Zusman of StoryForAll, in which young black men in Oakland were interviewed by their peers. (Produced by the Alameda County Center for Healthy Schools and Communities and Cal Humanities.)

Winter

OPL brightened the darkest months with art, dance, and other interesting activities. While many patrons came to the library to get help with their taxes, a group of teens endeavored to transform the Main Library's trash receptacles – and trash itself – into art.



Meeting Teens Where They Are was a top priority in January, when OPL made programs for teens available at all branch locations – not just the six with special teen spaces. To help make it happen, the Teens Services librarians began offering interactive “pop-up” programs in branches throughout the system. Activities included crafts using recycled materials, ‘zine workshops, and more. These “pop-up teen zones” occur monthly at several library locations.



Recycled Art

The library got involved with the City of Oakland’s 2014 Re-Create Art Contest by hosting a series of two-hour art workshops in January and February. Artists from Pro Arts came to several branches to help students with their projects.



KALW’s Crosscurrents dedicated two consecutive shows to stories told by Oakland library patrons. The stories were recorded by **Mills College** students taking a radio journalism class taught by KALW News Director Holly Kernan. The OPL website has more information about the Mills series and a link to archival recordings: oaklandlibrary.org/millsblog. The programs are archived online: oaklandlibrary.org/millscollege.

As an educational program for children, Chabot Space & Science Center set up its mobile StarLab – a traveling planetarium – at five Oakland Public Library locations.

The Oakland History Room hosted a pair of events to commemorate the 100th Anniversary

of Oakland’s City Hall. Local historians, university professors, artists, and members of the public discussed local history, public art, and the century-old building that anchors Oakland’s Civic Center.

Tax Season kicked off with another **Tax Help** program at the library. Trained volunteers from AARP Foundation offered free tax-filing assistance at several branch libraries all the way up to tax day.

Ed N. Sted, owner of Funky Soul Stop in Oakland, brought his Soul Explosion dance party to Lakeview Branch to honor **African American History Month**.

In February and June



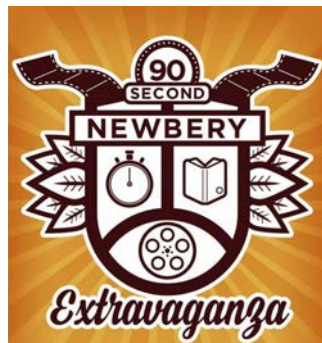
2014, **Youth Leadership Council** members spoke to City Council members about the importance of maintaining and increasing the library's budget, as well as the importance of providing safe spaces for youth, and providing programs for teens to gain leadership skills and experience.

At AAMLO, Glynn



Washington, host of NPR's "Snap Judgment," was joined by a panel of scholars, entrepreneurs, artists, and civic leaders to explore a heady theme: **"Oakland Reconstructed: Realizing Utopia."**

The **90-Second Newbery Film Festival** came to Rockridge Branch, featuring amateur films that relate the entire story of a Newbery Medal-winning children's book in a minute and a half.



The **African American Celebration through Poetry** took place for the 23rd year at the West Oakland Branch, encouraging poets of all ages to share their work.



Teen Art – In and Out of the Library!

In January 2014, OPL Teen Services held a design competition to beautify the Main Library's drab cement trash receptacles with mosaic tiles. Students from across Oakland were encouraged to participate and, in March 2014, four teens were notified that their designs had been chosen!

The winning teens were: **Cruz Clavel**, from ARISE High School; **Curtavia Gill**, from Envision Academy of Arts & Technology; **Armando Macias**, from East Oakland Leadership Academy; and **Winnie Yao**, from Oakland Technical High School. A grant from Keep Oakland Beautiful paid for materials, and a group of adult volunteers, led by Roberto Costa, Karen Diffumolo, and Nancy Heroux, graciously did the tilesetting to help bring this project to completion.



Spring

The library hosted a number of exciting author talks in the spring, ramping things up in April for National Library Week and National Poetry Month. Kids attending storytime at the Dimond and Temescal branches were treated to surprise visits by two very popular, furry characters.



For **Teen Tech Week** in March, OPL held a Music Coding Workshop, a 3D printing demonstration, a “Create Your Own App” class, and an activity that involved creating technological bling – stuff you can wear that lights up.

Throughout March and April, Chávez Branch exhibited **Mayan Paintings and Blouses** in a showcase of the artistry and culture of Guatemalan weavers and painters.

A **Theater of the Oppressed Workshop** was offered at the Main Library to provide Oakland youth a chance to draw on personal experiences in a safe and creative environment. In the program, theater was a means to explore strategies to transform injustice

and violence and find ways towards achieving empowerment.

Temescal Branch and the Tool Lending Library co-hosted a well-attended “fix-it clinic” to help people get older machines and electronics up and running.

OPL began a series of **Wiki edit parties** to get the community together and contribute to the Oakland Wiki site.

For **National Poetry Month**, the Main Library posted colorful examples of concrete poems – poems in which the typography and design complement the meaning of the poem – as well as strips of poetry on its stair risers inside and outside the building.



Branch Histories

Three OPL branches (Montclair, Dimond, and Brookfield) offered a series of programs to examine the histories of each branch. Dorothy Lazard and Kathleen DiGiovanni, librarians from the Oakland History Room, gave fun and interesting presentations that were very popular.



Oakland Public Library was already participating in Día (Diversity in Action) when we noticed and became excited by the **#WeNeedDiverseBooks** national campaign (weneeddivebooks.tumblr.com) and decided we needed to participate by allowing our patrons to speak to the message.

We posted more than 80 photos over three days on Facebook, Twitter, and Flickr, and received over 1,200 retweets, 950 favorites, and more replies than we could count. We also saw our photos featured on BuzzFeed, Book Riot, Library Journal, and NPR.

In anticipation of **National Library Week**, in mid-April, the library produced a popular booklet filled with reading recommendations from some well-read contributors: OPL staff.





Lorena Feijóo, the San Francisco Ballet's Cuban-born principal dancer, and Toba Singer, author of *Fernando Alonso: The Father of Cuban Ballet*, performed and spoke at Golden Gate Branch.

On April 4, OPL organized a **Strategic Directions Workshop** to gain insight into the needs of the community and to ensure that the library's services continue to be responsive and innovative. More than 70 community leaders, including representatives from local and regional public agencies, non-profit organizations, City of Oakland departments and other stakeholders attended.

At Dimond Branch, local author Anthony Marra read from his bestselling debut novel, *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena*.



Earth Day Expo Outreach

Montclair Branch also celebrated **National Poetry Month** with a reading by local poets.

The **Tumbao Quartet** gave a special presentation of Cuban music at the Main Library.

Sonia Korn-Grimani, a Holocaust survivor who relates an inspirational story in her memoir, *Sonia's Song*, gave a talk hosted by the Piedmont Avenue Branch.

At six branches, free books were given away to teens as part of **World Book Night 2014** on April 23.

The Main Library was the scene of a "**sewing go-round**," an unusual performance by Barbara Obata and Nadja Eulee, involving two sewing machines and a single piece of cloth moving continuously between the two.

Many of the season's highlights were associated with **National Bike Month** in May, as the library got into the spirit of things with several fun and informative events. OPL also helped library users get the bike gear they need to keep safe – showing an OPL library card at participating

bike shops got patrons a discount.

Michael Woods, who road his bike across the United States and wrote a book about his experience, gave talks at Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch, Temescal Branch, and the Main Library.



For **Bike to Work Day**, OPL – along with five volunteers from Clif Bar – hosted an Energizer Station at BART's Lake Merritt Station as well as an information table at City Hall.

Elly Blue, author of *Everyday Bicycling*, shared cycling tips, then led a community ride from César E. Chávez Branch along the Bay Trail to the 81st Avenue Branch, where she opened a discussion about organizing group rides.

A certified instructor from **Bike East Bay** came to 81st Avenue Branch to give a one-hour workshop on bike mechanics.

A bike drive was held at the Main Library, which collected bikes in need of repair for the nonprofit Cycles of Change.



At the end of May, kids attending storytime at the Dimond and Temescal branches got a big thrill when Sesame Street's **Grover and Elmo** made a surprise visit.

Actor **Kelsey Grammer**, known for his hit show "Frasier," spent the day at the Oakland History Room, along with a crew from the TV show "Who Do You Think You Are?" Turns out that Grammer has some intriguing family history in Oakland that the show's producers wanted to uncover. You can view the program here: oaklandlibrary.org/kelseygrammer

Yuji Morales, an award-winning author and illustrator of children's books, met with fans young and old at César Chávez Branch.

Proverb Jacobs, Jr., former Raiders lineman and coach at Laney College, discussed his newly published book, *Autobiography of an Unknown Football Player*, before a capacity crowd at the Main Library.

Novella Carpenter, known for her Ghost Town Farm in West Oakland, launched her new memoir with a talk at Temescal Branch.

The Teen Summer Passport Program and the Children's Summer Reading Game kicked off with the Main Library's **3rd Annual Culture Fest**, organized by the library's Youth Leadership Council.



Temescal Branch hosted a book launch for **Oakland Tales: Lost Secrets of the Town**, Summer Brenner's novel about two Oakland youngsters from different backgrounds who time-travel to their community's past and into the city's future.

Photographer Robert Dawson presented a slideshow and talk at the Main Library. He introduced his new book of images of public libraries from across the US, including photos he took of some of the OPL's more historic locations. Oakland History Room Librarian Dorothy Lazard contributed one of the book's essays.

In June, soccer fans came to the 81st Avenue Branch to watch World Cup games together.



Volunteers

The projects and programs below are just a few examples of how hundreds of generous library boosters donate their time, skills, and enthusiasm to make OPL such a special resource for the community.

The Oakland Public Library is extremely grateful to all its volunteers. To find out how you can get involved, please visit the library's website at www.oaklandlibrary.org/volunteer or call 510-238-6572.

Summer

The library's Summer Reading Programs wrapped up in August, and more than 9,300 children had been registered and oriented to the program. Critical help from dozens of dedicated teen volunteers throughout Oakland made this huge project possible.

Volunteers served more than 8,500 lunches at 11 OPL locations, in partnership with the Alameda County Community Food Bank and the City's Department of Human Services, keeping Oakland youth healthy and engaged over the summer!

Fall

As the school year got underway, 60+ trained volunteers with the library's Books for Wider Horizons program visited childcare centers throughout Oakland to share the joy of reading. These volunteers spent 30-60 minutes each week in their respective classrooms, reading books, singing songs, and performing finger plays for more than 1,300 preschoolers each week.

Ready, Set, Connect! began its 30-week program with 19 Oakland youth who were trained and placed as volunteer tutors in the library's computer labs. These youth, along with other tech-savvy volunteers of all ages, provided support to patrons as they worked on library computers.

Winter

In the beginning of the New Year, many people cleared off their bookshelves to make room for new books. This process was made easier thanks to the 50+ volunteers

at the Bookmark Bookstore in Old Oakland. These dedicated library boosters receive, process, and sell donated books year round to raise money for OPL.

Our "Lawyers in the Library" program was in great demand once again, providing free legal services to patrons throughout the year thanks to dedicated volunteer attorneys and the Alameda County Bar Association.

Spring

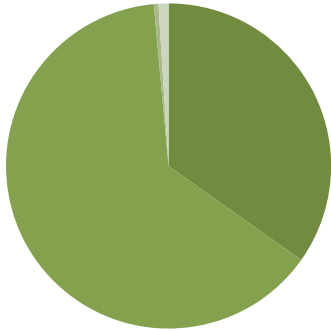
As urban gardeners dreamt of fresh veggies, volunteers at the César Chávez Branch Seed Library prepared envelopes of free seeds

for patrons to "borrow" for their gardens.

Tax time! The AARP Foundation sent its trained volunteers to help patrons at five OPL locations with filing their taxes. This didn't just benefit individual families, but our entire community, as these skilled volunteers made sure everyone maximized their deductions and kept these dollars in Oakland.

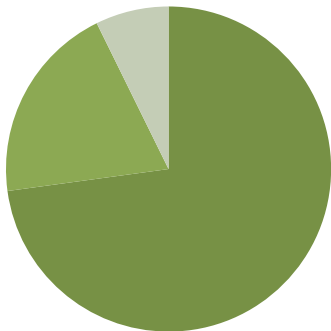


Financial Summary FY 2013-14



EXPENDITURES BY FUND SOURCE

General Purpose Fund*	\$9,075,365	34.8%
Measure Q	\$16,614,988	63.7%
Local/State/Federal Grants	\$119,140	0.5%
Trust Fund & Other	\$259,553	1.0%
TOTAL	\$26,069,046	100.0%



EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

Personnel	\$18,989,024	72.8%
Operations and Maintenance	\$5,180,835	19.9%
Books and Other Materials	\$1,899,187	7.3%
TOTAL	\$26,069,046	100.0%

AVERAGE COST PER CAPITA: \$61.21**

*Includes Library Services fees paid by Piedmont (\$350,471) and Emeryville (\$120,000)

**Average cost per capita based on a population of 425,869

STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Use

Registered Borrowers: 290,630

Service Area Population: 425,869

Percent of service area population who are registered: 58%

Collections

Total Circulation: 2,722,974

Circulation of Children's Materials: 1,105,756

Circulation of e-books and Electronic Materials: 188,296

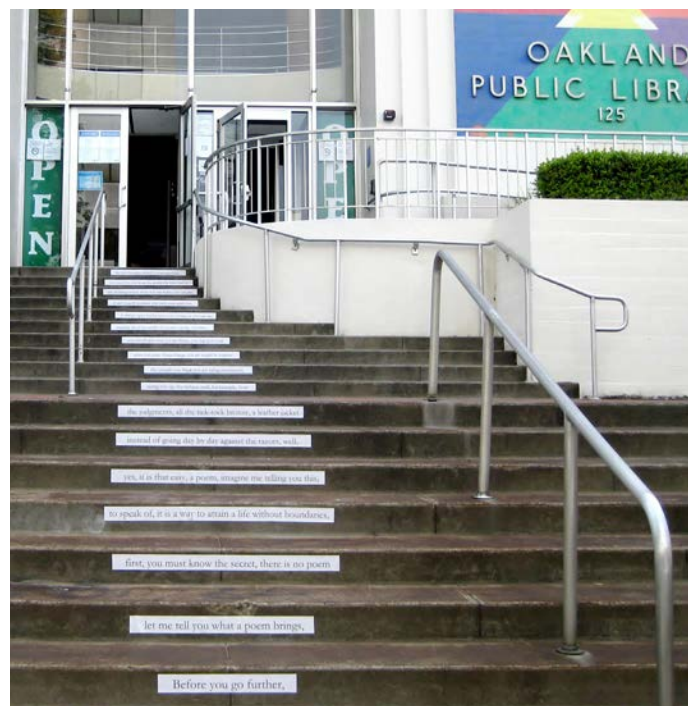
Circulation of Non-English Materials: 485,452

Personnel

Total Number of Staff: 371

Full Time Equivalent Staff: 215.37

Annual Volunteer Hours: 25,113



Supporters 2013-14

The Oakland Public Library thanks and acknowledges the following supporters who made donations to the library between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014. We also appreciate the hundreds of donors who support the library through the Friends groups listed below.

Individuals

Anonymous (3)
 Leslie Brott
 Ellen Fenichel
 Michele M. Ferris & David L. Brown
 Jeffrey and Judy Greenhouse
 Maxine Heiliger
 Deborah Kahane Rego
 Peter & Bonnie Sherwood



Tributes

In memory of Larry Baczeski from Suzanne Ficara

In memory of Luella Edmond from Marilyn Cleveland
 D.M. Jackson
 Judy Martin
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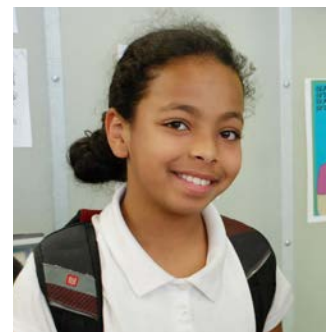
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