

All library locations will be closed all day on February 17, 2025 for President's Day.

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About

The Berkeley Public Library has served the people of Berkeley since 1893, and looks forward to providing many more years of community service.

The Library is one of the most heavily used libraries in California, serving a local population of 118,950 and more from the surrounding area. ([US Census](#) estimate as of July 1, 2022)

The Central Library, located in downtown Berkeley, and four recently renovated branches ensure easy library access for residents in Berkeley's many and diverse neighborhoods.

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[Get a library card](#), visit one of our [locations](#), [attend a program](#), or [explore](#) our website for access to new material and featured events. We offer a variety of materials and services for all ages and interests from Storytimes to a Tool Lending Library. The Library's website gives 24/7 access to many services including:

- [downloading eBooks](#),
- [streaming movies and music](#),
- ordering books and other media through [Our Catalog](#), and [Link+](#)
- reading [magazines and newspapers online](#)

Board of Library Trustees

The Berkeley Public Library is administered by a Board of Library Trustees [BOLT], the only appointed administrative Board in the City

Locations & Hours

Please click through each individual branch for a weekly schedule and phone number to call to request outdoor services.