



**For Teens:
Become Oakland's First
Youth Poet Laureate!**

Do you dream in poetry or write rhymes that move people? Do you know a young person whose talent jumps off the page? The city of Oakland invites submissions from talented young writers to be considered for the title of Oakland's first **Youth Poet Laureate**.

Spearheaded by Youth Speaks, along with the Oakland Public Library and a broad group of community partners, the winner will serve as an ambassador for literacy, arts, and youth expression throughout the city. We are looking for young writers who represent the best of the Bay. The winning poet will earn a \$5,000 educational scholarship and embark on a year of leadership building and public appearances. A similar but separate competition will also be held for youth residents of San Francisco.

Eligibility:

- Must be between 13 - 18 years old
- A current resident of either San Francisco or Oakland
- Must remain a local resident for the full program year (September 2012-August 2013)

Applications are due May 15.

To learn more contact Amy, Teen Outreach Librarian, 510-238-7233

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Giving

FOPL is grateful for donations recognizing special people and events. Listed below are gifts so far in 2012:

In memory of **Donald G. Miller** from Carl Alexander
In memory of **Katherine Schaffer** from Elizabeth Hook
On behalf of **Mimi Jean's** awesome readers!

Thank you to **Just Desserts** for treats for the 81st Avenue Library's First Birthday celebration on January 28, 2012 and to **Peet's Coffee and Tea** (Piedmont Avenue) for coffee service for the Piedmont Avenue Branch Library's 80th Anniversary celebration on March 10, 2012.

FOPL in the Community

FOPL volunteers will be at **Fentons Creamery** on several weekends in May. For one month, 25% of the proceeds from the sale of Fentons' Special Sundae will be donated to FOPL. On April 1st, FOPL was at the **Jack London Square Farmers' Market** promoting the semi-annual book sale at The Bookmark.

Watch for updates about FOPL's participation in these and other events on our blog at:

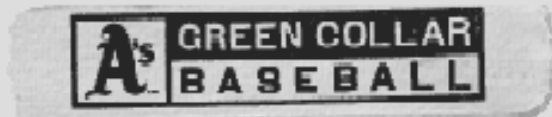
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FOPL Out and About: See you at Cal Day

At the invitation of the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Education, FOPL volunteers will be at Cal Day on April 21st with information for the public about membership and The Bookmark Bookstore. The **16th Celebration of Children's Literature and Literacy** features local children's authors reading and signing their books, music and more. Stop by Tolman Hall on the UC Berkeley campus between 10 AM and 2 PM to say hello!



Join FOPL & the Oakland A's



Last year, more than 30 FOPL supporters enjoyed the game, and supported the library at the same time.

The Oakland A's and FOPL are teaming up to raise funds for the library. Join us at the July 8th game between the A's and the Mariners. We have 50 Field Level seats for \$26 each, of which HALF goes directly to benefit the library.

Game time is currently scheduled for 1:05 p.m. and the first 10,000 fans will receive a 1955 Oakland Oaks Hat - presented by Cache Creek.

Make checks payable to: "FOPL", and write "Oakland A's" on the memo line.

Mail checks to: FOPL – A's
721 Washington St.
Oakland, CA 94607

For more information and to reserve your tickets, contact Winifred at (510) 238-6932.

At Income Tax Time...

If you require a tax receipt for your membership donation, please don't hesitate to ask. Here is our routine:

We automatically mail a tax receipt for donations of \$250 or more.

We mail a membership card to acknowledge all membership donations — the IRS allows donors to use a cancelled check or bank statement to substantiate charitable donations that are less than \$250.

If you have questions or need a receipt, please contact info@fopl.org or leave a message at the Bookmark Bookstore (510) 444-0473.



Bookmark Spring Book Sale

Mark Your Calendar for the Spring 2012 Friends of the Oakland Public Library Book Sale, April 5-8, 2011.

50% OFF for members only on "Members' First Choice" Sale Day Thursday, April 5th (non-members can join FOPL that day).

And for all book lovers:

30% OFF – Friday, April 6

40% OFF – Saturday, April 7

50% OFF – Sunday, April 8



Most of the store's 17,000 books are \$2-\$6.

Hours: 10:30 am – 5:30 pm each day during the sale.

The Bookmark Bookstore, 721 Washington St. in Old Oakland, is operated by the Friends of the Oakland Public Library.

FOPL Grants in Action: E-books

Author: Ajoke Kokodoko, Acting Collection Management Librarian, OPL

Thanks to a generous \$35,000 FOPL grant, the Oakland Public Library is expanding its popular collection of OverDrive audio and eBooks. OverDrive is a leading distributor of more than 65,000 digital fiction and non-fiction titles. Adding to the list of best-sellers, new releases and must-reads, you can now enjoy your favorite urban fiction authors, such as Wahida Clark, Zane, Terri Woods, Nikki Turner and many more. Another exciting feature is the new Spanish language collection of classic literature, fiction, romance, drama and non-fiction. OverDrive eContent is available to download to a computer, Kindle, iPad, Sony Reader and other compatible mobile devices. Simply access the library's website at:

<http://overdrive.oaklandlibrary.org>



This is where you can browse, check-out and download the entire e-collection. Be sure to have your library card and an Internet connection.

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PLEASE RENEW NOW!

More ways to support the Friends...

- Share this newsletter. Ask a friend to join a growing organization - 800 members strong, dedicated to supporting the Oakland Public Library.
- Donate your gently-used books, CDs and DVDs to the Bookmark Bookstore. Call (510) 444-0473 for more information.
- Do you have a few hours per month? Call (510) 444-0473 or visit us online at www.fopl.org to learn more about our volunteer opportunities.
- Donate items needed to improve Bookmark Bookstore operations:
 - ➔ Sturdy work table, approximately 3 by 5 feet (up to 4 X 6)
 - ➔ Sidewalk sign "Bookmark Bookstore"

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Yes, I want to show my support for the Friends of the Oakland Public Library!

Enclosed is my check payable to FOPL for \$ _____

____ New (1 year membership) ____ Renewal (1 year membership)

____ Donation (\$ _____ in addition to my membership dues)

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 ____ \$500 Bibliophile _____
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 ____ \$50 Book Friend Gift in Honor/Memory of _____

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 ____ \$25 Individual
 ____ \$15 Senior (65+)/Student

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