



# THE FOPABL HOOT

ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO HOOT!



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## A Letter from our Librarian, Pat Toney



Dear Friends,

It is with bittersweetness I officially announce my resignation as your Branch Manager. It has been an absolute pleasure working with the Friends of PABL and those who share my affinity for owls. It was great being back in the neighborhood - when I moved back to Oakland after library school, I took up residence in a studio apartment a block off the avenue. It's been nice seeing my former neighbors and meeting new friends.

I am taking leave of this managerial position to follow my heart/professional passion as the children's outreach librarian for OPL. I will be working out of the Main Library and traveling the city sharing my love of reading with a focus on early literacy skill development for ages 0-5. Saturday, March 31 will be my last day at the branch.

Tuesday, April 3 your new branch manager Michelle Rosenthal (currently the branch manager at Lakeview) will take the helm.

Be well and give a HOOT, **Pat**

### Comings and Goings

After 18 years with the Oakland Public Library Director Gerry Garzon has retired. On March 6 the city council honored him with a resolution of thanks introduced by Vice Mayor Annie Campbell-Washington, and Councilmembers Kalb and Gibson-McElhaney

Among the topics covered: his 2002 Master Facilities Planning process, the successful completion of the 81st Avenue Library, the introduction of a new model of service that includes several initiatives based on the concept of "people over things", the elimination of fines for youth under 18 years or age, new partnerships with Nerd Night at the New Parkway Theater, the Scraper Bike movement and the Shed at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, OUSD, National Night Out, Oakland Pride and Pedafest, and the addition of social workers in the library. Not mentioned, but an item members of FOPABL are especially thankful for, was his assistance in maintaining a library in the Piedmont Avenue neighborhood.

Gerry and his wife will spend the next few years traveling throughout Western Europe. We wish him well and thank him for his service

Jamie Turbak, the new interim Director, is well known to members of the Piedmont Avenue neighborhood. Becoming the Children's Librarian at our branch was Jamie's first full time position with OPL. She then progressed to: Manager of our branch, Manager of the Golden Gate Branch, Supervising Librarian of Children's Services, Supervising Librarian, Administrative Librarian (all at the Main), and has been the Associate Director of OPL for the past three years. A little known fact – Jamie was manager of the Piedmont Avenue theater while attending grad school.

Currently Jamie is the "interim" director. Many of us hope she soon becomes the "permanent" director.

## **Did You Know? Technology In Our Library**

You can track your READING HISTORY online  
When you login in to your OPL **account** you can:

- request books, DVDs and other items
- renew items
- **see what you've already checked out** ( click **Save Reading History** to opt-in to this feature)
- manage your account settings
- <https://catalog.oaklandlibrary.org/iii/cas/login>

### **HOOPLA provides immediate access to online material – NO WAITING!**

You can stream or download music, eAudiobooks, ebooks, graphic novels, movies, TV shows, and documentaries. After you create a free account, and enter your library card number you can check out up to 4 items a month. You can stream content using the Hoopla Digital app (available for iOS or Android devices), or download content temporarily to you computer. All titles are available all the time, so you don't need to wait or place holds.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/>

The Oakland Public Library offers a variety of ebooks and downloadable audiobooks. Library cardholders can download digital content any time, to a computer or a mobile device. The Piedmont Avenue Branch offers one-on-one assistance by appointment Saturdays 2:30-4 pm

<http://oaklandlibrary.org/online-resources/e-books-and-digital-content>

### **OPL has a reading recommendation service called [Book Me!](#)**

Looking for something great to read? Get personalized reading advice via email from OPL librarians. This service is for readers of all ages. Fill out the form and get some great reading suggestions from one of our experts!

<http://oaklandlibrary.org/online-services/book-me>

## **\* June Ballot Measure Has A Name - D \***

As you all know, passing this measure is essential to preventing library closures, extending branch hours on evenings and weekends, and providing safe spaces for children and teens to do their homework and participate in after-school programs.

The campaign needs your help. We need volunteers and donations! Go to [protectoaklandlibraries.org](http://protectoaklandlibraries.org) (click the “Join the Campaign” selection) and let the campaign know what you can do to help pass this measure so vital to the continuation of the Oakland Public Library system. And while you’re at it, click on the red “Donate” button and donate!

### **A testimonial to libraries, a series by our patrons**

#### **A Story of Recovery**

For several years I volunteered at the Friends of the Oakland Public Library book store, the Bookmark. I enjoyed every aspect of the job and was continually amazed at the range of topics the books covered – from palmistry to cooking to war. Every day I was there I’d leave with a brown grocery bag filled with books. My bookcases overflowed, and there were stacks on the floor. Not until I moved did I realize how many books I had – shelves and boxes and bags of them. I had become a book junkie.

In my new place I unpacked only reference books and books I used frequently. The others got returned to the Bookmark or sold to used book dealers. That made breathing room for those remaining on the shelves. Still hooked, but treasuring an uncluttered look, I began using my neighborhood library.

Now I can check online at home whether my branch has a book I want. If not, I can usually order it from another branch or even another system. The librarians at the Piedmont Ave. branch have been amazingly resourceful and helpful to me in several of my quests.

I confess. I’m still an addict. But thanks to my local library, no longer a junkie. And I am so happy to have book cases that are not overflowing!

~ Ruby Long



## The Book Worm Recommends

### *The Quantum Spy*

By David Ignatius

#### **Intrigue in the U.S.- Chinese Race for Cyber Domination**

In his Washington Post international affairs column, David Ignatius claims he can only give a few facts and a single conclusion about complex topic such as Saudi rivalries or Russian politics and so he enjoys writing novels about such situations as they really exist- full of ambiguity, contradictions, uncertainties, and complex human motives.

*The Quantum Spy* explores multiple layers of ambiguity in current American-Chinese affairs. In a world where controlling the newest technology means controlling world power, the CIA and the Chinese government insist that scientists who are developing new computer capabilities go “dark” and not share their ideas and discoveries with other scientists. But the scientists themselves prefer the stimulation of discussing approaches with colleagues in Europe and elsewhere and they are frustrated by the isolating restrictions. So, what happens when a Chinese scientist and a CIA technical officer decide to secretly exchange information because they believe in advancing human knowledge independently of government control? This situation becomes even more complicated when the CIA officer assigned to find the leak is an American of Chinese descent whom the Chinese tried to reconnect to his grandfather who was treated unfairly by U.S. authorities long ago.

The novel connects the best of old spy novels - the double agent, the complex tradecraft of message drops and secret meetings, exotic travel, conflicting loyalties, cynicism - with contemporary issues - technological competition, professional women, Chinese-American identity, and U.S.-Chinese technological rivalry. This is the author’s strength in all ten of his novels. He combines good spy novel narratives with decades of international reporting to move his readers beyond the headlines and into a deeper understanding of complex international situations.

## What's Happening at the Library

### **Ongoing:**

**Wednesdays: 10:15am – Toddler Storytime**

**Wednesdays: 11:00am – Pre-School Storytime**

**Fridays: 3:30pm – Lego Mania is now Build Fridays**

**Saturdays: 10:30am – Baby Café**  
**Saturdays: 2:30pm – eBook Help**

**Saturday March 24th 1 pm: Five Fabulous Women Artists, an art talk** Local artist Marlene Aron presents slides of the inspiring art of Mary Cassatt, Berth Morisot, Marie Bracquemond, Eva Gonzales, and Camille Claudel. Take a journey through the artistry and lives of the movers and shakers of the Impressionist movement.

**Saturday April 14th 2 pm: Credit Reports and Credit Scores**  
Financial Education Workshops sponsored by Habitat for Humanity.

**Saturday April 21st 1 pm: Henna For Adults.** Sign up required.

**Tuesday April 24th 6 pm: Will Drafting Workshop**  
Financial Education Workshops sponsored by Habitat for Humanity.

**Saturday April 28th 1 pm: Berkeley Rep Docent Talk, *Angels in America* Part 1**  
Tony Kushner's Pulitzer Prize - and Tony Award-winning masterpiece. First staged 26 years ago, and originally commissioned by the Eureka Theatre in San Francisco. This fierce and astounding two-part drama is at once an epic exploration of American politics, gay identity, and mythology, and a personal story of love and loyalty. In today's sociopolitical climate, Kushner's universal message of compassion and inclusion makes *Angels in America* as timely as ever.

**All events unless noted take place at the [Piedmont Avenue Branch](#)  
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