

# Easton Branch Library History and Highlights

## May 2025

### First, a little Easton Library history...

- The **Easton Branch Library opened in 1942**, in the former clubhouse of the North Burlingame Women's Club. When it opened, there were 3,000 books in the library, and **today there are over 17,000 items**.
- The Easton Branch was a full-service library from the 1950's through the mid 1970's, but **in 1978, Proposition 13 nearly closed Easton**. Fortunately, a group of citizens (**including Kris Cannon!**) came to the rescue, and helped keep **Easton open with reduced hours**.
- In **2001**, the City Council agreed to a **renovation plan for Easton**, to improve the **condition** and **seismic safety** of the building, and to provide **accessibility** for disabled patrons.
- Easton closed for renovation in 2003 and **reopened in October 2004 as a completely new space**, highlighting **popular materials**, audio-visual items, and a **large children's collection**. Easton's **hours were also increased** to 30 hours per week: **Monday through Thursday 2-8 pm, and Friday & Saturday 2-5 pm**.

### And now, some recent activity and upcoming events:

- Easton is always a **popular spot after school**, since **four schools** -- Our Lady of Angels School (across the street), Lincoln School, Roosevelt School, and Hoover School -- are all **within walking distance**.
- We have **two Storytimes per week** at Easton -- **Toddler Storytime** on Tuesday mornings (about 80 patrons each week), and **Bedtime Storytime** on Wednesday evenings (about 40 patrons each week).
- Easton is a perfect location for **in-person class visits**, with **students from local schools** walking to Easton for a visit with a Children's Librarian. The Children's Librarians have regular class visits at Easton with students from **OLA, Lincoln, Roosevelt, and Hoover Schools**.
- The **major Children's Department programming** offered at the Main Library -- such as **Summer Learning**, **Winter Reading**, and **Poetry Month** for elementary school-age children -- are **all offered at Easton as well**.
- We just completed a **very successful Poetry Month** at Easton in April, with **237 children** bringing in an **original poem** that they had written, and choosing a **free book of poetry to keep**.
- And we're just starting our annual **Summer Reading Program**, which will run through August 15<sup>th</sup> at **both Main and Easton**. We'll be having an **Easton Summer Reading Kickoff Celebration** on Easton's front porch on **Monday, June 2 at 6:00 pm!**

### In summary...

The Easton Branch Library continues to be a **"treasured neighborhood library"** for **patrons of all ages**, and many patrons walk from their nearby homes to enjoy this **beautiful gem in north Burlingame!**

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