Meet BPLF Board Member
Suzanne Calpestri

After graduating from the University of California, Berkeley, Suzanne Calpestri spent four decades as a librarian at UC Berkeley including positions in The Bancroft Library, and as Director of the George and Mary Foster Anthropology Library where she held the John H. Rowe Endowed Chair. At the North Branch she served on the Committee of the Neighborhood Library Campaign which helped raise over $3 million.

Thoughts on the library...I am particularly drawn to the library for its part in promoting civic engagement and an informed citizenry. It is a pleasure to see the broad spectrum of community members who actively use the libraries -- 1.3 million visitors and almost 110,000 new library cards issued just last year. When I visit the library I feel a buzz amid the quiet and it is very energizing.

A library favorite...Berkeley Reads for providing evidence that the library can change lives in meaningful ways.

Serving on the Board...The work of the Foundation is meaningful to me because Berkeley citizens value their libraries and they show it through their use and support. I am excited by the Foundation's new series of AfterWORDS and the unique opportunities to learn more about writers, filmmakers and thinkers in our community.