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## **Oakland Police Activities League (PAL) kicks off PAL Summer Programs with the Grand Opening of the Oakland PAL Reading Center.**

- WHAT:** Grand Opening of the Oakland PAL Reading Center
- DATE:** Tuesday, July 8, 2003
- TIME:** 10:00 AM
- LOCATION:** St. Louis Bertrand School  
1410 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- WHO:** Oakland Police Chief Richard L. Word  
Representatives from the Oakland Police Activities League (PAL)  
Oakland Police Department Volunteers

(Oakland, CA) On Tuesday, July 8, 2003 the Oakland Police Activities League will proudly announce the kick-off to the Oakland PAL summer programs with the grand opening of the Oakland PAL Reading Center! Thanks to the generosity of several sponsors, including the State Street Foundation of Alameda who donated \$9500 and 12 computers, the reading center will be open to children in grades K-3 every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. The reading center creates an opportunity to make reading fun for young children and to build strong bonds between the police and youth.

Additional Oakland PAL summer programs include reading labs with 14 early childhood development centers, camping, fishing, dance, basketball, flag football, horse education, modeling & etiquette classes for girls, track & field, soccer, and the Building Strong Minds Mentor Program. All programs are FREE of charge! The Oakland Police Department is currently seeking volunteers to assist with any of these programs.

For additional information regarding the PAL summer programs or reading center, please contact Officer Margaret Dixon at (510) 706-9808.

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