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The library is open from 9 a. m. until 8 p. m.; Saturdays from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m; Sundays, 2 to 5 p. m.; Holidays from 1 p. m. until 6 p. m.; for reference only on Sunday.

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Provision has been made for filing and indexing for reference all pamphlets, leaflets and printed papers of local interest, also programmes of public occasions and other documents and contributions to current history of the City of Oakland as may be of use in forming the basis of a local historical collection, and citizens having such papers, programmes and documents are requested to donate the same to the library.

The Central Reading Room, 64-66 San Pablo avenue, has on file all the principal newspapers published on the Pacific Coast, together with the most prominent journals and magazines of the East, also standard English magazines and periodicals. Open from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. Sundays, 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.

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