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45th ANNUAL LOCAL AUTHORS EXHIBIT ACHIEVES RECORD-BREAKING YEAR *San Diego Public Library Showcases, Nurtures, Strongly Supports Local Writing*

SAN DIEGO – The 45th year of the Local Authors Exhibit produced the largest turnout ever, with 266 authors and 83 co-authors furnishing 320 titles reflecting the diversity of San Diego’s population and equally diverse scope of interest. The online Local Authors Exhibition, available to the public for the first time at <http://sandiego.communityguides.com/localauthors>, features the entries of more than 200 participants and offers additional information about the authors and, in some cases, the opportunity to interact with them or purchase copies of their books. The subjects range from biography, business, fiction, poetry, immigrant stories, foreign language works, and San Diego history. All 320 books will remain on display through February 28 in the lobby of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

Included in the display are works such as:

- Best-selling author Joseph Wambaugh’s “*Hollywood Hills*”, a raucous and dangerous roller-coaster ride that showcases the ‘master of the modern police novel’.
- Laura Corona’s “*Penelope’s Daughter*”, the story of Homer's Odyssey from the point of view of the women, narrated by a daughter born after Odysseus leaves for Troy.
- T. Jefferson’s Parker’s “*Iron River*”, the third novel of the thrilling and critically-acclaimed Charlie Hood series, takes on the real-life, dangerous world of gunrunners along the California-Mexico border.
- Deepak Chopra’s “teaching novel”, “*Muhammad*”, tells the story of the Prophet of Islam.
- Blake Eaton, the 16 year old writing prodigy, submitted “*The Great Hunt*”, and is currently writing its “Elite Chronicles” trilogy sequel.
- Justin Pearson, acclaimed lead singer of San Diego area rock group “The Locust” , authored “*From the Graveyard of the Arousal Industry*”.

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- San Diego based comic book company IDW Publishing, submitted “*Classics Mutilated: A Genre Mashup Anthology*”, “*Weekly World News: The World's Only Reliable News*”, “*Zombies vs Robots Adventure*”.
- “*Lama Bear - In Search of a Healthy Planet (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)*”, written by the exhibition’s youngest participant, seven year old Amal Shah, with his mom, Yasmin.

A preview reception, held at the Central Library on the evening of January 28, 2011, marked the beginning of the Library’s 45th Annual Local Authors Exhibit, honoring San Diego writers who published books in 2010. Library Director Deborah Barrow welcomed more than 320 guests to the reception. Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Rae Armantrout was presented with the Local Author Literary Achievement Award at the reception, as well.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library’s Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library’s catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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