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Author Ona Russell to Discuss Her New Novel at Central Library on July 20

SAN DIEGO – The City San Diego Public Library will host a book discussion and author appearance by Ona Russell on Wednesday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Room of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. This event is FREE to the public.

Russell will read from her “historical” mystery “O’Brien’s Desk.” If truth is stranger than fiction, then truth plus fiction equals a delightful literary page-turner in “O’Brien’s Desk,” a historical mystery based on real events in 1920s Ohio. Russell’s grandfather-in-law was a prominent judge in Toledo during that time. When she came upon his secret collection of scrapbooks and newspaper clippings, she unraveled the fascinating true story of political intrigue and personal secrets that would become her first novel.

Anne Perry, award-winning, bestselling author of the Thomas and Charlotte Pitt and William Monk mysteries says Russell’s book is “An intriguing and thoroughly researched story that gives us insight into the moral dilemmas of 20th century America. A well-told story that does not leave us with easy answers.” Ms. Russell holds a Ph.D. in literature from the University of California, San Diego. She has published scholarly articles and has taught in various colleges and universities in the San Diego area, and currently teaches at UCSD Extension.

Copies of “O’Brien’s Desk” will be available for purchase and signing by the author. For more information about the event, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the San Diego Public Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/> .

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