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**THE SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS "O HEROI"**  
*Highly acclaimed Angolan film is part of the Refugee Voices II African film festival*

**San Diego, CA...**The San Diego Public Library will host a film screening of *O Heroi* (The Hero) as part of the Refugee Voices II film festival. The festival was conceived to answer some of the public's requests for information from and regarding various African nations. The free event begins at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 16, in the auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

*O Heroi* is the story of Angola, a nation attempting to reconstruct itself after 40 continual years of anti-colonial and civil warfare, as told through the lives of a veteran who has lost his leg, a prostitute who has lost a child, and an orphaned boy. The film was the Best Foreign Feature at the Sundance Film Festival in 2005.

The San Diego Public Library, in partnership with the Media Arts Center San Diego's Teen Producers Project, launched Refugee Voices II to document and preserve local East African stories--the ensuing visual materials are scheduled for public screening in June--and has the goal of inviting San Diego's Sub-Saharan population and others to explore the resources available at the Library.

Funding for the project comes from the California State Library's California Cultural Crossroads Initiative, which is supported in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 34 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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