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SAN DIEGO CENTRAL LIBRARY HOSTS AMY WALLEN, AUTHOR OF *MOONPIES AND MOVIE STARS*

A reading and talk in an intimate setting

San Diego, CA...The City of San Diego Public Library and San Diego Writers, Ink will host a book reading and talk by Amy Wallen, author of *MoonPies and Movie Stars* on Monday June 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Room of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. Ms. Wallen will read from her recently released novel which is described as a “funny, touching, and bittersweet ride in search of family.” This event is FREE to the public.

Ruby Kincaid has her hands full these days. In addition to taking over the bowling alley after the death of her husband, Rascal, she has the daunting task of caring for her two boisterous grandchildren, since her daughter Violet disappeared without a trace four years earlier. It's 1976 and Ruby and her nearest and dearest in Devine, Texas are watching their favorite soap opera when they see Violet in a Buttermaid commercial on TV. Thinking it will only take a little motherly guilt to rein in her wayward daughter, Ruby loads up the Winnebago and heads for Hollywood to bring Violet back to the Lone Star State. Ms. Wallen's bighearted confection *MoonPies and Movie Stars* “rounds itself out with a bittersweet zinger of a conclusion.”

Ms. Wallen, who is described as having a pitch perfect ear for comic dialogue and a fine sense of the absurd, will share some of her thoughts on the writer's craft itself.

Copies of Amy Wallen's book *MoonPies and Movie Stars* will be available for purchase on-site courtesy of Wahrenbrock's Book House.

For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the San Diego Public Library at www.sandiegolibrary.org or www.sandiegowriters.org.

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