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### **AUGUST WILSON'S "TWO TRAINS RUNNING" PRESENTED AT CENTRAL LIBRARY BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT**

*The uncertain future promised by the civil rights movement plays out in a soon to be demolished diner*

**SAN DIEGO** – The San Diego Public Library and Cygnet Theatre, in collaboration with the San Diego Black Ensemble, will host a staged reading of August Wilson's *Two Trains Running*. The play was nominated for a 1992 Tony Award and won the American Theatre Critic's award Best Play." The performance is sponsored by The San Diego Foundation. The reading will take place on Monday, February 11, at 6:30 PM in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is FREE to the public.

The place and time is America in the 1960s. *Two Trains*, Wilson's first post civil rights play, interweaves the lives and hopes of people in a small diner nesting their dreams. Set against the symbolic backdrop of trains that brought Southerners North in pursuit of the American dream, events unfold in gripping fashion and the forlorn cry of a homeless man, "I want my ham!" foreshadows retribution and 'chickens coming home to roost.'" The San Diego Black Ensemble and Cygnet Reader's Theater production at Central Library of Wilson's play shows the complexity of social change and how people who challenge fate, capitalism, and even history, take destiny into their own hands.

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This powerful drama outlines the state of Black America in 1969 as frustration and shattered expectations eventually erupt into riots and marches demanding change. *Two Trains Running* delivers a vivid look into folks passionately determined to keep their pride in a world of inequity.

*The New York Times* has called Wilson “One of the most important voices in the American theater”. August Wilson wrote a cycle of 10 plays chronicling the African American experience, each set in a different decade of the 20th century. Crafted over nearly 25 years, these works garnered Wilson myriad accolades, including a Tony Award and two Pulitzer Prizes.

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](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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