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### **Lecture on Islam and Contemporary Muslim Societies** *One of Many Events Related to the "One Book, One San Diego" Campaign*

**SAN DIEGO** – The San Diego Public Library will host a lecture entitled "Understanding Islam & Contemporary Muslim Societies" in conjunction with the ongoing *One Book, One San Diego* reading campaign. Ghada Osman, Ph.D. will present the lecture at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 2 in the second floor meeting room of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is free to the public.

Islam is the religion of 1.2 billion people worldwide. For the fifth of the world's population who are Muslims, Islam is both a religion and a complete way of life. This lecture will provide a general overview of the religion of Islam as well as demonstrating the role of Islam in several Muslim societies today.

Ghada Osman, Ph.D. is an associate professor at San Diego State University, where she is the director of the Arabic Language program in addition to being the director of the university's Center for Islamic and Arabic Studies.

The *One Book, One San Diego* campaign, initiated by KPBS, is designed to encourage all San Diegans to read the same book at the same time, and to educate and enlighten on topics and themes of concern to the community; this year's selection is Greg Mortenson's *Three Cups of Tea*.

Throughout the yearlong campaign the San Diego Public Library and KPBS will present workshops, lectures, discussion groups and television and radio programming. For a calendar of community events visit the library catalog at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org) and click *One Book, One San Diego*.

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