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Central Library to Screen “Children of Heaven” Film *One of Many Events Related to the “One Book, One San Diego” Campaign*

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will screen *Children of Heaven* in conjunction with the ongoing *One Book, One San Diego* reading campaign. The film will be shown at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 30 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.

In 1998, the film was the first Iranian film to be nominated for an Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. It was successfully shown at numerous film festivals and won awards at the Fajr Film Festival, the World Film Festival, the Newport International Film Festival, the Warsaw International Film Festival, and the Singapore International Film Festival. It was nominated for the Jury's Grand Prize at the American Film Institute's festival.

Children of Heaven follows the relationship between an impoverished brother and sister, Ali and Zahra, who are thrust into a difficult circumstance all revolving around a pair of sneakers. How they choose to solve their problem themselves, without telling their parents, is what makes the story so heart-warming and unique. What follows is a tender, moving tale of compassion, determination, and deep family love.

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*.

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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 and click *One Book, One San Diego*.

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