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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: LOVE & FORGIVENESS READING AND DISCUSSION GROUP AT THE SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Group Will Discuss Toni Morrison's "Jazz"

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Public Library continues its free five-part reading and discussion series called "Let's Talk About It: Love & Forgiveness," exploring the themes of love and forgiveness in everyday life through classic and contemporary literature. The San Diego Public Library is one of only 50 libraries nationwide receiving a grant to host the program, developed by the American Library Association and the Fetzer Institute's Campaign for Love and Forgiveness. Local support for the series is provided by KPBS. Following the theme of *Love and Forgiveness in the Light of Death*, the third program in the series focuses on Toni Morrison's novel, *Jazz*, at 6:30 p.m. April 13, 2009, with facilitator Camille F. Forbes, Ph.D. (History of American Civilization) in the Wangenheim Room at the San Diego Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

In the winter of 1926, when so many people everywhere were seeing nothing but good things ahead, Joe Trace, middle-aged door-to-door salesman of Cleopatra beauty products, shot his teenaged lover to death. At the funeral, Joe's wife, Violet, attacked the girl's corpse. *Jazz* is a passionate, profound story of love and obsession that brings us back and forth in time, as a narrative is assembled from the emotions, hopes, fears, and deep realities of black urban life.

Camille F. Forbes, Ph.D. (History of American Civilization) will facilitate the discussion. Dr. Forbes teaches at the University of California, San Diego.

"We are delighted to have been chosen to host this unique series that will allow patrons a chance to discuss the themes of love and forgiveness with fellow community members and with the help of an exceptionally qualified scholar," said Deborah Barrow, Library Director.

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Additional books will be discussed, one per month, at the Central Library, including:

- *The Death of Ivan Ilych*, by Leo Tolstoy, May 11, 2009, with facilitator Steven Cassedy, Ph.D. (Comparative Literature).
- *The Dead*, by James Joyce, June 8, 2009, with facilitator Donald Wesling, Ph.D. (English Literature).

To register, please visit or contact the Central Library’s Literature and Language section, 619-236-5800. There is a limited number of books available for registrants with a San Diego Public Library account to borrow.

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.

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