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IS HELL OTHER PEOPLE? EXISTENTIALISM AND EVERYDAY LIFE *San Diego Public Library Launches “Philosophical Talk” Series*

San Diego, CA. The San Diego Public Library will launch an occasional series entitled PHILOSOPHY TALK focusing on issues of philosophy and their relevance to life in the 21st century on Wednesday, August 26 at 6:30 pm in the Wangenheim Room of the Central Library located at 820 E Street. The series is designed as a fun opportunity to connect the richness of philosophical thought to everyday life. August’s installment is: *Is Hell Other People? Existentialism and Everyday Life*. This free event is open to the public.

The statement “Hell is Other People” is widely taken to be reflective of the supposed dourness of existentialism. Are existentialists anti-social? Is the existentialist outlook on life bereft of values and hope? The answers to these questions might surprise you. Join librarian, Dr. Phil Gunderson, Ph.D., in a discussion of Jean-Paul Sartre’s essay “Existentialism is a Humanism” at the Library. We will talk about Sartre’s particular brand of existentialism and see if it provides concepts that we can use to guide and enrich our day-to-day lives. The full 19-page text of the essay can be found at www.marxists.org/reference/archive/sartre/works/exist/sartre.htm.

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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