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Black History Month Book Discussion Features James McBride's Novel "Song Yet Sung"

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library is proud to announce the continuation of the annual Black History Month book discussion, *Unwilling Immigrants, Exiles and Refugees: An American Book Discussion*. The second meeting will focus on the James McBride novel, *Song Yet Sung*. Professor Camille F. Forbes, Ph.D., an African American literature and culture expert from UCSD, will facilitate the discussions, which take place at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 15, in the Wangenheim Room on the third floor of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

Escaped slaves, free blacks, slave-catchers and plantation owners weave a tangled web of intrigue and adventure in best-selling memoirist (The Color of Water) McBride's intricately constructed second novel. Set in pre-Civil War Maryland, *Song Yet Sung* offers a thoughtful meditation on the nature of freedom and while presenting sharp social commentary on contemporary America.

Unwilling Immigrants, Exiles and Refugees is just the first installment of *An American Book* discussion series, allowing a brief exploration of literary works that demonstrate our shared experiences; the importance of such works is evident. Look for a continuation of the series, which will also include literature about and by American Indians, Asians and Pacific Islanders, women and, still, others who have created this history of America, throughout the year.

Read the books and take advantage of this unique opportunity to discuss the works with a scholar. Copies are available throughout the San Diego Public Library system; card-holders may visit any of our facilities or place "holds" on the titles online with their library account and PIN to have them sent to any San Diego Public Library location.

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