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**San Diego Public Library**

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**San Diego Public Library Presents the 5th Annual SAY IT LOUD Theatrical Production Benefit**

*A Celebration in Honor Black Music Month*

**SAN DIEGO** – On Friday, June 18, 2010 the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library and Performance Annex hosts the 5th Annual *Say It Loud* theatrical production. The event starts at 7:00 p.m. and is a fundraiser to benefit the City Height Library Performance Annex. All money raised will be used to fund various programs at the Annex. The suggested donation is \$5.00 to \$20.00.

*Say It Loud* takes the audience participant on a journey through the sights and sounds of Black Music history. Black music's rich history is told through the imaginary lens of Radio Station WBOOK. *Say It Loud* stars Jessica Dixon, Bobby Hearn, Phyllis Jackson, Norma Jones, Jimmy Lovett, Jr., Pete Miesner and Maria Reed.

June is Black music Month. Black Music Month was created in the mid 70's by legendary radio pioneer Jack "The Rapper" Gibson, Kenny Gamble, Ed White and other members of the Black Music Association to highlight the contributions of black musicians, as well as the importance of black radio. In 1979, President Jimmy Carter signed a bill declaring June Black Music Month. Music is the most widely acknowledged African American contribution to United States and throughout the world. Enslaved Africans blended their traditional musical styles with the influences and realities of their new environment to create even more innovative sounds. African American music genres include blues, jazz, gospel, rhythm and blues, and hip-hop, as well as their many variations are recognized and cherished the world over.

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For more information, please call (619) 641-6100. The City Heights Library Performing Annex is located at 3795 Fairmount Ave. The Library's hours of operation are Tuesday and Wednesday from 12:30pm-8:00pm, Thursday and Friday from 9:30am-5:30pm and Saturday from 9:30am-2:30pm

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 online catalog at [www.sandiego.gov/public-library](http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library)

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