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San Diego Public Library to Screen Spanish International Film Masterpiece "Spirit of the Beehive"

Sensitive Child in Rural Spain is Traumatized after Viewing the Film "Frankenstein"

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will screen the film *Spirit of the Beehive* (*El Espíritu de la Colmena*) in conjunction with the ongoing *One Book, One San Diego* community reading campaign. The film will screen at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2011 in the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is free to the public.

Directed by Victor Erice, *Spirit of the Beehive* is widely regarded as a masterpiece of Spanish cinema. Set in a remote village in the 1940s, the story is an allegory of Spanish life after General Franco's victory in the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939). The film focuses on a young girl Ana and her fascination with the 1931 American horror film *Frankenstein*, as well as exploring her family life and schooling. It has been called a "bewitching portrait of a child's haunted inner life" and is considered as one of finest portrayals of the personal legacies of war.

The *One Book* campaign, sponsored with 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 *The Gangster We Are All Looking For* by native San Diegan Lê thi diem thúy. Throughout the year the San Diego Public Library will present various lectures, discussion groups and other programs related to themes in the book, and to educate and enlighten on topics and issues of concern to the community.

Learn about other events at the SDPL's Central Library and 35 branches, including an entire section for *One Book, One San Diego*, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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