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**SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS ONE BOOK, ONE SAN DIEGO
AUTHOR TALK WITH ZOHREH GHAHREMANI**

Library Author Series Features Books by Local Writers and Thinkers

San Diego, CA...The Persian Cultural Center and the San Diego Public Library will host an author talk featuring local writer Zohreh Ghahremani, who will discuss her novel *Sky of Red Poppies* in conjunction with the 2011 *One Book, One San Diego* reading campaign. The event will be held at 6:30 pm, Wednesday, March 23, 2011 in the 3rd floor auditorium at the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is free and open to the public.

Set against the backdrop of a nation forced to mute its profound identity, *Sky of Red Poppies* is a novel about culture, politics and the redeeming power of friendships. It begins with a casual friendship between two girls, the daughter of a prominent family and her religious, fiercely independent classmate, as they come of age in politically charged 1960's Iran under the rule of the Shah. Together, they contend with becoming the women they want to be, and in doing so, make decisions that will cause their tragic undoing. The poetic and thought-provoking narrative is based on a true story. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event and online at www.zoegharemani.com.

The Persian Cultural Center provides an enriching and welcoming environment for all who seek to strengthen the bonds of community, culture and cross-cultural understanding. Learn more about the organization online at www.pccsd.org.

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. Still more One Book events have been scheduled at various San Diego Public Library locations and partner organization venues. Find the most current listing at www.sandiegolibrary.org or www.kpbs.org/onebook.

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