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San Diego Public Library Screens *PUSHING THE ELEPHANT*
Torn Apart by War, Mother and Daughter Reunite in the U.S.; Must Come to Terms with Past

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will host a free Community Cinema preview screening of *Pushing the Elephant* in conjunction with the 2011 *One Book, One San Diego* reading campaign at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2011 at the Central Library, located downtown at 820 E Street. After the film, Professor Dustin Sharp of the University of San Diego's Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies will facilitate a question and answer session with the audience.

Pushing the Elephant explores the violence of war at its most personal. It chronicles the story of Rose Mapendo and how she escaped from the ethnic violence of the Democratic Republic of Congo to become a vital voice to help mend her divided country. She has assisted dozens of survivors to recover and rebuild their lives, but still must teach her own daughter to forgive. Rose Mapendo was named one of America's greatest hometown heroes at the 2007 Volvo for Life Hero Awards.

Community Cinema is affiliated with the ITVS media organization (Independent Television Service). ITVS Community Cinema is a monthly screening series that pairs independently produced documentary films with leading organizations working to resolve related social issues in communities across the country. All films featured will broadcast nationally on the Emmy Award-winning PBS series Independent Lens.

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 listings at www.sandiegolibrary.org or www.kpbs.org/onebook.

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