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CENTRAL LIBRARY HOSTS LITERATURE TALK ON AYN RAND'S "ATLAS SHRUGGED"

Philosophical Novel is at the Core of Contemporary Libertarian Thought

San Diego, CA... The next installment of San Diego Public Library's LITERATURE TALK will focus on libertarian philosopher and novelist Ayn Rand's widely read novel *Atlas Shrugged* Monday, June 13, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Rare Book Room of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street. Literature Talk is an occasional community lecture and discussion series of favorite books and exciting literary topics connecting readers with area college professors who teach the books in their classes. This event is free and open to the public.

Ayn Rand's fourth and final novel, *Atlas Shrugged*, has been a best seller for over 50 years. It's one of only a very few American novels to have had a long term effect on our country's political life, seeming more current than the latest report on the economy to some, with the story becoming a core influence on libertarian thought. The title refers to Atlas, the Titan from Greek mythology described in the novel as "the giant who holds the weight of the world on his shoulders."

Dr. Stephen Cox, professor of literature and director of the Humanities Program at the UCSD, will discuss this fascinating and unusual book, and the literary questions it raises. San Diego Public Library card-holders who would like to read the work prior to the talk may borrow copies from the collection.

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