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**San Diego Public Library Screens *The Blob* as Part of SchlockFest Film Series**  
*Alien Life-form Consumes Everything in its Path as it Grows and Grows*

**SAN DIEGO** – The San Diego Public Library will screen the film *The Blob* on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. The film is part of the library's monthly SchlockFest film screenings, an homage to the classic B movies from Hollywood's Golden Age. This event is FREE to the public. Costumes welcome!

In his first starring role, Steve McQueen plays a typical oversexed, car-lovin' teenager who can't get anyone to believe his story about a huge meteor, which crashes to earth and begins exuding a pink, goeey substance. Affixing itself to the body of an old man, the "blob" begins parasitically sucking the life out of several unfortunate humans, growing to an enormous size. Problem is, the disappearances of the victims can all be explained (one is supposed to be out of town, another is attending a convention), so the cops still won't believe McQueen or his girlfriend Aneta Corsaut (the future Helen Crump of *The Andy Griffith Show*). Rallying his teen pals, McQueen finally manages to get the adults' attention - but by now, the *Blob* is consuming entire city blocks.

*The Blob* was Steve McQueen's debut leading role, but it wasn't until he became famous with the TV series *Wanted: Dead or Alive* that the film became a hit at the drive-in theaters. The film's tongue-in-cheek theme song, "Beware of the Blob," written by Burt Bacharach and Mack David, became a nationwide hit in the U.S. *Beware the Blob* is also the name of a sequel directed in 1972 by Larry Hagman of *Dallas* and *J.R.* fame. The 1988 remake is hailed as "one remake that managed to live up to its cheesy inspiration."

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 catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.gov](http://www.sandiegolibrary.gov).

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