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### **SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY AIRS LIVE “TOUR DE FRANCE” INTERNATIONAL BICYCLE RACE**

*Three Americans Have Won International Cycling’s Premiere Event*

**SAN DIEGO** – The San Diego Public Library is screening the Tour de France, the best known and most prestigious bicycle race in the world. Running from Saturday July 2 to Sunday July 24, 2011, the Tour is made up of 21 stages and will cover a total distance of 3600 kilometers (2200 mi). Residents are invited to view all 20 stages of the Tour in a safe atmosphere and companionable fellowship during Central Library open hours. All the stages, except on Saturdays and Sundays, will screen from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm (in progress when the library opens at 12:00 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays).

In its 98<sup>th</sup> year, the Tour de France runs throughout France and bordering countries over a period of three weeks, attracting cyclists from around the world. The race is broken into day-long segments, called stages. Individual finish times for each stage are totaled to determine the overall winner at the end of the race. The rider with the lowest aggregate time at the end of each day wears a yellow jersey. The course changes every year, but it always ends in Paris. Since 1975, the climax of the final stage has been along the Champs-Élysées, the famed avenue known as the most expensive strip of real estate in Europe.

Two Americans have won the Tour de France: Greg LeMond in 1986, 1989 and 1990, and Lance Armstrong who went on to win each year from 1999 to 2005 and is the only person to win seven times. For more information, please check: <http://www.letour.fr/us/index.html>.

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.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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