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### **CENTRAL LIBRARY HOSTS *PHILOSOPHY TALK* DISCUSSION ON THE CONCEPT, HISTORY, AND PLEASURES OF THE BOOK**

*Lectures and Discussions Connect Richness of Philosophical Thought to Everyday Life*

**San Diego, CA...** In conjunction with the 2012 *One Book, One San Diego* community reading program, the next installment of San Diego Public Library's PHILOSOPHY TALK will focus on the concept and history of *The Book*. Join Linda Salem, Head of Reference Services at San Diego State University Libraries, for this free event at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 in the Wangenheim Rare Book Room of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

What is the current state of the book as an object and shaper of ideas? Wikipedia defines the book as a "set of written, printed, illustrated, or blank sheets, made of ink, paper, parchment, or other materials, usually fastened together to hinge at one side. A book produced in electronic format is known as an electronic book (e-book)." The death of the book has been repeatedly announced by pundits, and along with it, the disappearance of brick-and-mortar libraries, traditional publishers, linear narrative, and authorship. What are the possibilities and/or challenges created by digital technologies as the book, and the intellectual discourse it makes possible, shifts from printed pages to networked screens?

Linda Salem has more than 25 years of professional work with books, including experience in libraries, bookstores, the publishing industry, and as both book author and reviewer. Come and have a chat with other book lovers about your personal experiences with books and about what books mean to you.

Philosophy Talk is designed as a safe and collegial opportunity to connect the richness of philosophical thought to everyday life. It is part of the Library's "talk series," including literature, philosophy, and science, that illuminates the what, why, and how of human culture.

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*One Book, One San Diego* is a six-year-old partnership between KPBS and the San Diego Public Library with a mission to bring San Diegans together through an enriching, locally-relevant literary experience. The program consists of a series of author events, film screenings and book discussions from January through July. Under this year’s theme, “Around the World with One Book,” the program features three books: *Sky of Red Poppies* by Zoe Ghahremani, *Moloka’i* by Alan Brennert, and *Into the Beautiful North* by best-selling author Luis Alberto Urrea. It is made possible by the following funders: Linden Root Dickinson Foundation, Lloyd Pest Control, the Samuel I. and John Henry Fox Foundation and Cubic Corporation.

You may learn about still more 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 online catalog at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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