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### **CENTRAL LIBRARY HOSTS PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE RELIGIOUS COVERING WORN BY CHRISTIAN, JEWISH AND MUSLIM WOMEN** *Women of Three Faiths Discuss Universality of the Veil and their Decisions to Wear It*

**San Diego, CA** – The City of San Diego Human Relations Commission and the San Diego Public Library present *Three Women, Three Faiths, Three Choices to Cover* on Wednesday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This panel discussion is presented in conjunction with the national traveling exhibition *Veil(s): Perceptions of the Veil from the 19th Century to the Present Worn by Christian, Muslim, Jewish and Druze Women*, currently on display (June 3-July 31) in the lobby of the Central Library.

*Three Women, Three Faiths, Three Choices to Cover* will feature three veiled women of different religious and cultural backgrounds, one Christian, one Jewish and one Muslim. The panelists will engage in a candid discussion about their decisions to wear the veil, and what it means to each of them. As an extension of the Exhibit, the panel provides a unique window into one of the most misunderstood and mischaracterized faith-based practices in our time. Dr. Danell Scarborough, the executive director of the City of San Diego Human Relations Commission, will serve as moderator.

The *Veil(s)* exhibit is an extraordinary photographic overview of religious covering sponsored by Lebanese American University's (LAU) Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World (IWSAW). The women are Christian, Jewish and Muslim, challenging the opinion that only Muslims veil themselves. The pictured subjects come from all walks of life; some are veiled for religious reasons, while others consider their veils part of a fashionable identity.

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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