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**AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCES OF THE CONSTITUTION
DISCUSSED AT VALENCIA PARK/MALCOLM X BRANCH LIBRARY**
Ongoing Library Civic Programs to Foster Public Conversation about the Constitution

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will host a **Book Discussion** on African American experiences of the U.S. Constitution on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, located at 5148 Market Street in San Diego. The discussion is being presented in conjunction with the four month project, *Searching for Democracy: A Public Conversation about the Constitution*. Professor Edward Blum of the History Dept at San Diego State University will facilitate.

This is the first of ten focused book discussions featuring *The Penguin Guide to the United States Constitution: A Fully Annotated Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution and Amendments, and Selections from the Federalist Papers* by Richard Beeman that will take place in select San Diego branch libraries. Topics will range from race and gender to faith and religion, dissent, and education and the arts. All the book discussions will be led by scholars from area universities and institutions. Please see schedules, branch library locations and themes below:

Dates (all on Tuesdays)	Locations	Themes
July 10, 6:00 p.m.	Valencia Park/Malcolm X	African Americans
August 7, 6:00 p.m.	North University	Asian Americans
August 21, 6:00 p.m.	Scripps Miramar Ranch	Religion & Faith
September 4, 6:00 p.m.	Logan Heights	Latino Americans
September 18, 6:00 p.m.	City Heights/Weingart	Native Americans
September 25, 6:00 p.m.	Pacific Beach/Taylor	Education & the Arts
October 2, 6:00 p.m.	Point Loma/Hervey	Muslim Americans
October 16, 6:00 p.m.	La Jolla/Riford	Women's Rights
October 23, 6:00 p.m.	Linda Vista	Dissent
October 30, 6:00 p.m.	University Heights	Lesbian and Gay Americans

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Searching for Democracy will bring together people from diverse backgrounds to attend and discuss the Constitution at programs including lectures, book discussions, films, digital stories, and performance. Young and old, rich and poor, new citizens and long-term residents will have the opportunity to openly explore the understanding of our American heritage and citizenry. The endeavor will also afford individual library patrons a greater understanding of the Library's vast collection of Constitution related titles and digital resources.

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.

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