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**SAN DIEGO CENTRAL LIBRARY'S ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY
MONTH BOOK DISCUSSIONS EXPLORE BIRACIAL IDENTITY**

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library is proud to announce its annual Black History Month book discussion series, *An American Book Discussion: Confined and Refined* on Mondays, February 3 and 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the 5th Floor Jaffe Reading Room of the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common, located at 330 Park Blvd in downtown San Diego. The two featured books, *The Girl Who Fell from the Sky* by Heidi Durrow, and James McBride's *The Color of Water*, explore biracial identity in America. Professor Camille Forbes from the Literature Department at University of California San Diego (UCSD) will facilitate the discussions.

The Girl Who Fell from the Sky is a debut novel that tells the story of a light-skinned and blue-eyed young woman confronting her identity as a biracial person in a world that wants to see her as either black or white. *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to his White Mother* is the autobiography of best-selling author and musician James McBride which tells the story of his mother, the undaunted and white Jewish immigrant woman from Poland who raised him.

The African American Book Discussion is part of an ongoing *American Book Discussion* series. The meetings allow a brief exploration of literary works that demonstrate our shared experiences; the importance of such works is evident. Look for the discussions to continue throughout the year and to include literature about and by Latino and Native American, Asians and Pacific Islanders, women and still others who have created this history of America.

Read the book and take advantage of this unique opportunity to discuss the work with a scholar. Copies are available throughout the San Diego Public Library system; card-holders may visit any of our facilities or place "holds" on the titles online with their library account and PIN to have them sent to any San Diego Public Library location.

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