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48th ANNUAL LOCAL AUTHOR EXHIBIT ACHIEVES RECORD-BREAKING YEAR *San Diego Public Library Honors San Diego Writers Who Published Books in 2013*

SAN DIEGO – The 48th year of the Local Authors Exhibit produced the largest turnout ever for the 6th consecutive year with more than 375 authors and co-authors. Reflecting the diversity of San Diego's population and equally diverse scope of interest, these authors furnished over 400 book titles published in 2013 including 60 in e-book format. The Exhibit's online component, available at <http://sandiego.communityguides.com/localauthors>, features more than 200 participants and offers additional information about the authors and their works. The subjects range from biography, business, legal works, fiction, poetry, immigrant stories, dog books, heroic survivor stories, and San Diego history. All the books will remain on display from February 1st through March 1st in the lobby of the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common, located at 330 Park Blvd in downtown San Diego.

A preview reception was held at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common on the evening of January 31 launching the Exhibit. Library Director Deborah Barrow welcomed more than 500 guests to the reception. Mel Katz, Executive Officer of Manpower San Diego and Chairperson of the San Diego Public Library Foundation, was the keynote speaker. Library Deputy Directors Bruce Johnson and Misty Jones also were on hand to congratulate the authors.

The Exhibit highlights the creative accomplishments of writers in the San Diego region and shines exposure on local talent. Some of the authors are well known, including internationally. Others are new to the publishing world. Some of the highlights include:

- San Diego's own best-selling, award-winning author T. Jefferson Parker's *The Famous and the Dead*,
- San Diego-based third largest (after Marvel and D.C. Comics) U.S. comic/graphic novel publisher IDW Publishing submitted *The Colonized*,

- more -

- *Defender Dolphins: The Story of Project Short Time* by retired U.S. Navy captain Harold W. Goforth, Jr., the Navy's first Marine Mammal Officer, the never-before-told eyewitness account of the Marine Mammal Swimmer Defense System,
- *The Moon Daughter*, the new book by Zoe Ghahremani, author of the 2012 One Book One San Diego selection *Sky of Red Poppies*,
- Rabbi Ben Kamin's inspiring story and heroic life of Holocaust survivor Lou Dunst, *My Bargain With God: The Story of Holocaust Survivor Lou Dunst*,
- Ten year old author Amal Shah's *What's Your Future?* Amal has entered a book in the Local Author Exhibit since 2010 when he was six years old,
- Radio disc jockey, music critic, and concert promoter Kenny Weissberg's *Off My Rocker: One Man's Tasty, Twisted, Star-Studded Quest for Everlasting Music*. Weissberg has produced the internationally acclaimed Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay series in San Diego for 23 years, and
- *A Far Piece To Canaan* – a novel by Sam Halpern, the legendary father of Justin Halpern, author of the NY Times bestseller *Sh*t My Dad Says*.

Learn about other exhibits, programs and events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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