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History of Filipinos Discussed at the New San Diego Central Library
Filipinos Have Been Part of San Diego and California for Over 400 Years

San Diego, CA... The San Diego Public Library, in conjunction with the annual *One Book, One San Diego* county-wide reading campaign, presents a lecture *Filipinos in San Diego* by Miramar College Filipino Studies professor Judy Patacsil on Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mary Hollis Clark Conference Center at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common, located at 330 Park Blvd in downtown San Diego. *Monstress*, the 2014 *One Book* selection by rising literary star Lysley Tenorio, is a book of vibrant Filipino-American life and quirky short stories set amongst Filipino American communities in California and the Philippines.

Filipinos have been a part of the history of the United States and San Diego for over 400 years. The Manila-Acapulco galleon trade ships included Filipinos on sailing expeditions to California, including the port of San Diego. After the Philippines became a territory of the U.S. in 1898, many Filipinos began immigrating to San Diego. The community grew rapidly, particularly in the 1920s and 1930s and after World War II. The Immigration Act of 1965 increased Filipino immigration into San Diego to include military personnel as well as professionals. Today Filipino Americans are the largest Asian American ethnic group in San Diego.

Professor Patacsil is the co-author of the book *Filipinos in San Diego*. She's a second-generation Filipina American born in San Diego to pioneering immigrant parents. She is the current San Diego Chapter president of the Filipino American National Historical Society whose mission is to research, disseminate and celebrate Filipino-American history.

[One Book, One San Diego](#) is an eight-year-old partnership between KPBS, San Diego Public Library, and San Diego County Library designed to bring the community together through a shared experience of reading and discussing the same book. *One Book* is made possible by the Linden Root Dickinson Foundation, Lloyd Pest Control, Jerome's Furniture, the Cubic Corporation, the Henry Fox Foundation, and the San Diego Public Library Foundation.

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