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**LITERATURE TALK ON 100th Year OF PUBLICATION OF FRANZ
KAFKA'S *THE METAMORPHOSIS***
"Little bug story" has influenced all Comic Con related arts including comics and horror

San Diego, CA...The next installment of San Diego Public Library's *Literature Talk* will celebrate the 100th year of Franz Kafka's *The Metamorphosis* on Monday, June 8 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. San Diego State University's Kafka Project director Kathi Diamant will discuss this 20th century masterpiece about the traveling salesman who wakes up transformed into a monstrous insect-like creature. *Literature Talk* is an occasional community lecture and discussion series of favorite books and exciting literary topics connecting readers with area college professors who teach the books in their classes.

The Metamorphosis has perhaps the most famous opening sentence in modern literature: "As Gregor Samsa woke up one morning from uneasy dreams, he realized that he had been transformed in his bed during the night into a gigantic insect." Only 50 pages long, the novella has been read, analyzed and debated since its publication in 1915. For many readers, the darkly humorous story is their introduction to Kafka, the first step into Kafka's unique and unforgettable literary world. Come hear why this one "little bug story" as Kafka called it, has captured the imagination of so many generations, crossed so many cultural borders and become a "must read" for readers, and forever manifesting in new creative art forms. SDPL cardholders who would like to read the work prior to the talk may borrow a copy from the Library.

The [Kafka Project](#) is the official international search on behalf of the Kafka Estate for Kafka's lost papers, confiscated from his last companion, Dora Diamant, by the Nazis in 1933. Begun in 1997, the Project is a non-profit volunteer organization, under the umbrella of the San Diego State University Research Foundation, funded by donations, grants and skills and knowledge.

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