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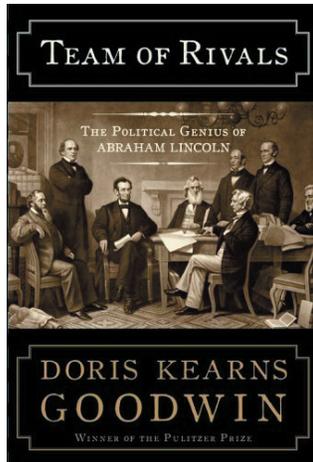
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## **Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author Doris Kearns Goodwin to Discuss Book "Team of Rivals"**

*Event is Part of Great American Writers Series*

Pulitzer Prize winner Doris Kearns Goodwin, author of the acclaimed new book "Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln," will discuss and sign her book at a special event on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m.



Presented by the City of San Diego Public Library and City Club of San Diego, the Great American Writers Series event will be held at the Padres Auditorium at Petco Park, located at 100 Park Blvd. in downtown San Diego. The San Diego Padres are the corporate sponsor of the event.

In "Team of Rivals," Ms. Goodwin illuminates Lincoln's political genius in this highly original work, as the one-term congressman and prairie lawyer rises from obscurity to prevail over three gifted rivals of national reputation to become president. This multiple biography is centered on Lincoln's mastery of men and how it shaped the most significant presidency in the nation's history.

Goodwin won the Pulitzer Prize in history for "No

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## **New Renewals Service by Telephone Now Available**

A new renewals service is being offered by the Central Library. Patrons who wish to renew their library materials by telephone may do so by calling the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or 858-484-4440 (toll free from North County, pressing 1 for touchtone phone) and 3 (to renew library materials). These calls will connect to a telephone renewals service desk staffed by the Library Aide Section during Central Library open hours. These phone numbers will be added to the printed receipts in place of individual branch phone numbers.



Telephone renewal requests received by the Circulation Section at 619-236-5826 will also be routed automatically to the renewals service desk. Branch library and Central section staff are encouraged to take advantage of this centralized service point for telephone renewals by transferring or referring their telephone renewal requests to the 619-236-5800 or 858-484-4440 numbers.

This centralized service enhancement is being implemented as a means to utilize staff more effectively and to reduce the impact of this labor intensive and time consuming duty on branch library staff.

## **City Libraries to Close, Have Special Hours for Holidays**

All libraries closed on Dec. 25 and 26 as well as Jan. 1 and 2. Also, most City libraries will be closed from Dec. 24 through Jan. 1 due to the City of San Diego's annual work furlough program. Details regarding which libraries will be open that week are not yet available. However, please check the Library's Web site within a few days for the latest information.

*Happy Holidays to All!  
From the San Diego Public Library*

## Teen-Produced Documentary Videos to be Shown on Dec. 11

### *Program is Part of Youth Voices Project*

As part of the “BARRIO LOGAN: Youth Voices – Community Stories” project, two documentary videos produced by local youth will be shown at the third floor auditorium of the Central Library on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. The Central Library is located at 820 E St.

The documentaries will include “Employment” and “Community Organizing.” Teen producers will be present for a Q&A after the screening. Young people living in Barrio Logan and Oak Park are producing videos with local media arts instructors to help bring into focus issues recognized as necessary for communities’ survival including: history, public health, education, leadership, employment, housing, and arts & culture. All are invited.

A joint program of the Library and Media Arts Center San Diego’s Teen Producers Project, “BARRIO LOGAN: Youth Voices & Community Stories” is a one-year digital storytelling project that will help sustain, support, celebrate and maintain community identity and pride in an area that is widely regarded as a spiritual center for Latino civic engagement.

The oral histories gathered will contribute to videos that will give voice to featured participants while providing instructive models for leadership, community building, and civic engagement. Youth documentation of residents’



*Students work on video projects for BARRIO LOGAN: Youth Voices program.*

life histories strengthens communities by re-building intergenerational ties, training future leaders, preserving life stories, and offering a model to help other communities’ maintain their cultural survival.

Co-sponsoring the project are the MAAC Project, High Tech High School, Barrio Logan College Institute, Memorial Academy Charter School and National Latino Research Center. Funding for the project comes from a California State Library grant through the Library Services and Technology Act.

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## Library and KPBS to Screen “Race is the Place” at Central Library

The documentary film “Race is the Place” will be shown Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m., in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. The free event will also include music, poetry and dance by local performers.

Featuring established artists as well as up-and-comers, the film is a one-hour jam that combines racially charged clips from old movies with interviews and performances. These pieces dare to examine one of the most emotionally explosive issues in American life, busting stereotypes by using humor and poetry to say things traditionally left unsaid.

“Race is the Place” yanks off the muzzle of political correctness to speak the ugly truths that lie beneath talk of “multiculturalism” and “diversity.” It offers perspectives from Native Americans, African Americans, Latinos, Arab Americans and Asian Americans, as well as those of mixed backgrounds, on the often unspoken issue that has defined our country since its inception and continues to separate us: race. It also shows that racism and stereotypes are not just a white/nonwhite issue; they pervade every ethnic and racial community.

KPBS has made arrangements for local artists—members of Los Able Minded Poets, poet and author Sherehe



*Artwork by Faith Ringgold is one of many featured in the film “Race is the Place.”*

Roze, songstress Ishe, and a Polynesian dance group—to express their cultural experiences through performance.

Seating is limited. Please reserve a seat by calling KPBS at 619-594-2491 or emailing [jblack@kpbs.org](mailto:jblack@kpbs.org) by Monday, Dec. 5.

This free community screening is made possible by the Making Connections Media Outreach Initiative, which is supported by a generous grant from The Annie E. Casey Foundation.

### Holiday Music to be Performed

As part of the continuing Pleasure of Your Company Chamber Music Series, Cheryl Brown will present “Blessings of the Season,” a program of holiday music from different traditions. Presented by the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library, the event will be held Dec. 11 at 2:30 p.m. Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive, 858-538-8158.

### Pre-Kwanzaa Event to be Held Dec. 10

A special pre-Kwanzaa event will include information about the holiday, entertainment, drawings and prizes, a silent auction and a book giveaway to all children 16 years and younger. The event will be held Dec. 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the College-Rolando Branch Library, 6600 Montezuma Road, 619-533-3902. The suggested donation is a non-perishable food item or unwrapped gift for a child. Presented by the African American Writers and Artists Inc., San Diego, and Intuit Corp. Kwanzaa officially begins Dec. 26.



### Program to Focus on Aging Process

The Library will host a free program – “Aging Process: What Is Normal, What Is Not?” – on Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire Ave., 619-531-1539. Participants will learn about normal age associated changes in their body and mind. Studies and research on longevity will be presented, and information about staying healthy longer by managing reversible or chronic health problems will be reviewed. Registration is required for this program. Call the branch library to register. The event is part of the “Oasis at the Library” series. Oasis is a unique educational program for mature adults who want to continue to grow, learn and be productive during the best years of their lives.

### Holiday Puppet Show to be Held Dec. 15

Icarus Puppet Company will present storytelling, puppetry and music in “A Teddy Bear’s Christmas” on Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive, 858-538-8158. Ted E. Bear and Joey the Clown throw a spectacular holiday party, but nothing seems to go right.

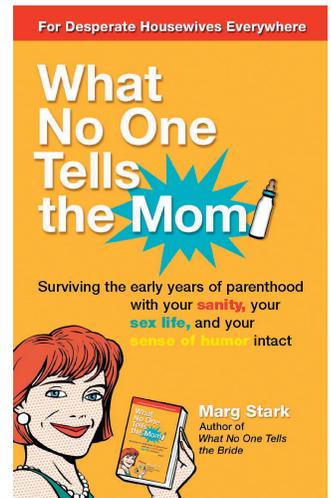


### Trio Fontaine to Perform at Carmel Valley Branch

Trio Fontaine will perform music by women composers of the Romantic Era: Clara Schumann, Louise Farrenc and Fanny Hensel. The trio features pianist Fontaine Laing, flutist Stephanie Bazirjian and cellist Janet White. This family night program will be held Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Branch Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive, 858-552-1668.

### Author Marg Stark Discusses Book “What No One Tells the Mom”

Author Marg Stark will discuss her new book, “What No One Tells the Mom,” on Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Mission Hills Branch Library, 925 W. Washington St. A bedraggled supermom herself, Stark details the pleasures and travails of modern mothering. Ultimately, this funny book – like its bestselling predecessor, 1998’s “What No One Tells the Bride” – reassures moms that desperation is common and normal in the early years of parenting, and offers practical steps to being happier mommies, wives and women. Stark’s magazine articles have appeared in *Parents*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Readers Digest*, *Prevention* and *Bridal Guide* among others. The free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Mission Hills-Hillcrest Library.



### Doris Kearns Goodwin (continued from page 1)

Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II,” which was a bestseller in hardcover and trade paperback. She is also the author of the bestsellers “Wait Till Next Year,” “The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys,” and “Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream.” Ms. Goodwin serves as an NBC-TV news analyst and lectures around the world. She lives in Concord, Mass., with her husband, Richard Goodwin.

The cost for the Dec. 3 event and reception is \$40 per person, \$75 per person with one copy of autographed book or \$115 per couple with one copy of autographed book. To make a reservation, contact the City Club of San Diego at 619-687-3580 or email [cityclubofsandiego@prodigy.net](mailto:cityclubofsandiego@prodigy.net).

The ongoing Great American Writers Series features the whole genre of American writing – fiction, non-fiction and journalism.

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