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**Journalist and Author James Fallows to Discuss New Book,  
“Blind into Baghdad: America's War in Iraq”**  
*Event is Part of Library's and City Club's “Great American Writers Series”*

**SAN DIEGO** – The City of San Diego Public Library and the City Club of San Diego will present a “Great American Writers Series” event featuring journalist and author James Fallows. He will discuss his latest book, “Blind into Baghdad: America’s War in Iraq.” The event will be held Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, located at 3701 Voltaire St.

Fallows is the *Atlantic Monthly's* national correspondent, and has worked for the magazine for more than 20 years. His previous books include “Breaking the News: How the Media Undermine American Democracy,” “Looking at the Sun: The Rise of the New East Asian Economic and Political System,” “More Like Us: Making America Great Again” and “National Defense,” which won a National Book Award for non-fiction.

In “Blind into Baghdad,” Fallows argues that the U.S. occupation of Iraq is a debacle not because the government did no planning, but because a vast amount of expert planning was willfully ignored by the people in charge.

The continuing Great American Writers Series, which began in 1999, features the whole genre of American writing – fiction, non-fiction and journalism. Past authors who have participated in the series have included Doris Kearns Goodwin, Arthur Schlesinger Jr., George Plimpton, Rick Reilly, Paul Theroux and many others.

The cost of the event is \$5. Autographed copies of Mr. Fallows’ book will be available at the event. Make reservations with the City Club of San Diego by calling 619-687-3580 or emailing [cityclubofsandiego@prodigy.net](mailto:cityclubofsandiego@prodigy.net).

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