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### **MYSTERY AUTHORS CARA BLACK AND DENISE HAMILTON TO SPEAK AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY MARCH 11**

**San Diego, CA...**The City of San Diego Public Library will host an author talk with Cara Black and Denise Hamilton on Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 p.m., in the Wangenheim Room of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. This event is FREE to the public.

Cara Black writes the Aimée Leduc Investigation series, set in Paris. *Murder in the Marais*, her first novel, inspired by circumstances happening to her friend's mother during the German occupation of Paris, was nominated for an Anthony and Macavity award as Best First Novel. The New York Times called it a "...haunting and evocative debut mystery." *Murder in Belleville* followed and *Murder in the Sentier*, her third Aimée Leduc Investigation received a starred PW review and *The New York Times* said of it "...Black inhales its (Paris) essence as if it were some musky perfume." Of *Murder in the Bastille*, her fourth book *Kirkus*, in a starred\* review (2/1/3003), says, "Black's fourth is her best yet, with complex, appealing characters, a crisp, well-paced mystery". *Murder in the Bastille* was also a *San Francisco Chronicle* bestseller. *Murder on the Ile Saint-Louis* comes out this March. It received a star review in the January 8, 2007 edition of *Publishers Weekly*.

Denise Hamilton writes the Eve Diamond series and is editor of *Los Angeles Noir*, an anthology of new writing that will be published in April 2007. Her books have been shortlisted for the Edgar, Macavity, Anthony and Willa Cather awards. Her debut, *The Jasmine Trade*, was also a finalist for the prestigious Creasey Dagger Award given by the UK Crime Writers Association. Hamilton's books have been BookSense 76 picks and Mystery Guild alternate selections. *The Los Angeles Times* named *Last Lullaby* a "Best Book of 2004" and it was also a USA Today Summer Pick and a finalist for a Southern California Booksellers Association 2004 award. Her fourth Eve Diamond novel, *Savage Garden*, was an L.A. Times Bestseller and was short-listed for the Southern California Booksellers Assn. award for "Best Mystery of 2005." Her latest book, *Prisoner of Memory*, delves into the Russian community.

Prior to writing novels, Hamilton was a Los Angeles Times staff writer. Her award-winning stories have also appeared in *Wired*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Der Spiegel* and *New Times*. During the Bosnian War, Hamilton lived and taught in Yugoslavia as a Fulbright Scholar.

A selection of the authors' books will be available for purchase at the event and both Cara Black and Denise Hamilton will be available for book signing after the presentation. For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the San Diego Public Library online at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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