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### **SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS A BOOK DISCUSSION ON “THE EINSTEIN INTERSECTION”**

*Book Reputedly Inspired by Beloved International Film “Black Orpheus”*

**SAN DIEGO** – The San Diego Public Library will host a book discussion of Samuel Delany’s *The Einstein Intersection* on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Wangenheim Room of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

*The Einstein Intersection* won the Nebula Award for Best Science Fiction Book and is a Hugo Award nominee for Best Science Fiction Novel. The plot follows a race of aliens who colonize Earth after humankind's departure and try to make sense of our existence, and the protagonist is based on the character of Orpheus. Discussion participants may borrow a copy of *The Einstein Intersection*, as supplies allow, from the Central Library’s Literature and Language section or reserve a copy online with their San Diego Public Library card and PIN.

Dr. Stephen Potts, who teaches American and popular literatures at UCSD, will facilitate the book discussion.

This free event is open to the public and is part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the film *Black Orpheus*, the Oscar-winning cinematic retelling of the Orpheus myth set during Carnival in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Other events will have included screenings of both *Black Orpheus* and of the 1999 Brazilian remake, *Orfeu*, and a ‘mythology talk’ presentation on the legend of “Orpheus and Eurydice”, which inspired *The Einstein Intersection* as well as the screen adaptations.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library’s Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library’s catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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