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La Jolla Library to Present Critical Thinking Skills Program for Youth

SAN DIEGO – Dr. Maria Tillmanns will present the Socratic Kids Club, a free story time and discussion group designed to enhance critical thinking skills for elementary school age children at the La Jolla-Riford Branch Library on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Tillmanns' extensive experience in education and communications has shown that reading and discussing a story draws on the same processes used to try to understand people in the real world. In this way, youth are introduced to applying their knowledge in meaningful ways to enhance their ability to be well-informed, critical thinkers in a world of increasing complexity.

Dr. Tillmanns obtained her Ph.D. in the philosophy of education from the University of Illinois. She is past president of the American Society for Philosophy, Counseling and Psychotherapy; spent four years in the practice of philosophical counseling in the Netherlands; and, is a lecturer in the Teacher Education/Human Development Program at UCSD.

The La Jolla-Riford Branch of the City of San Diego Public Library is located at 7555 Draper Ave. The branch is open Mondays and Wednesdays from noon until 8 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call the branch at 858-552-1657 or visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

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