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Library to Host Book Discussion Series “Gendered Stories”

Event is Part of the Library’s Five-Month “Stories of Faith” Program

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library will host a four-book discussion series entitled “Gendered Stories.” These book discussions will compel participants to relate different gender issues prevalent in Muslim and Christian societies in both the West and the rest of the world, challenging them to look at racism and religious bigotry in contemporary society. This program brings together readers for four discussion sessions scheduled two weeks apart. Each session focuses on a different book. Each book discussion takes place on a Wednesday (see dates below) at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Room of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. This series is free to the public

Marta Gonzales, a Ph.D candidate in the Literature Department at the University of California, San Diego, will facilitate the discussion on the following dates:

- Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m.: Tahar Ben Jelloun’s “The Sand Child.”
- Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m.: Maryse Condé’s “I Tituba, Black Witch of Salem.”
- Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m.: Simone Schwarz-Bart’s “The Bridge of Beyond.”
- Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m.: Mayra Montero’s “In the Palm of Darkness: A Novel.”

Participants who need copies of the books may pick them up in the Literature Section of the Central Library, or call to have a copy sent to a branch library. Anyone interested in attending these book discussions will need to register. To sign-up, please call the Literature Section at 619-236-5816.

This event is presented in as part of “Stories of Faith: Religion and Diversity in San Diego,” a five-month series of programs consisting of dance, music, live theater, films, exhibits, lectures and panel discussions with the goal of enabling participants to learn more about each other’s beliefs and values. The project is made possible by a Community Speaks grant from the California Council for the Humanities. For more information, visit the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/> or call the Central Library at 619-236-5800.

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