



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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### **San Diego Public Library Awarded 13 Documentary Films from National Video Project**

**SAN DIEGO** – The City of San Diego Public Library is one of 22 libraries in California to be awarded a collection of 13 documentary films from the Human Rights Video Project.

The Human Rights Video Project was created by National Video Resources in partnership with the American Library Association's Public Programs Office (with support from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the Ford Foundation). The project is dedicated to increasing the public's awareness of human rights issues through the medium of documentary films.

"The San Diego Public Library has a long tradition of public affairs programming featuring video," said City Library Director Anna Tatár. "This grant allows us to make these videos available throughout the community as well as highlight the Central Library's media collection and programming activities."

"In these times of reduced budgets for library materials, receiving this collection of award-winning films with a combined list price of more than \$2,000 is a real asset to the Library and the community," Tatár added.

The videos are available for home use or by community and educational groups and include public performance rights.

Titles in the collection are housed in the Central Library's Media Center, which includes a collection of more than 10,000 VHS tapes, 1,500 DVDs and audio books on a wide range of subjects. Video titles in the collection include:

- "**Behind the Labels**": Globalization and the exploitation of women's labor in the United States and Saipan.
- "**Bombies**": Efforts to remove 90 million cluster bombs illegally dropped by the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnam War.
- "**Books Not Bars**": Youth organize against incarceration of the young and advocate for educational resources.
- "**Calling the Ghosts**": Rape and torture as acts of war; Muslim and Croat women speak before a United Nations tribunal.
- "**Every Mother's Son**": Mothers of three victims killed by police officers organize for justice.

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- **“Going to School”**: Parents seek education rights for disabled children in Los Angeles: integration, special education and support services are explored.
- **“Justice and the Generals”**: Families of four murdered church women in El Salvador seek justice in U.S. courts.
- **“Life and Debt”**: How globalization and International Monetary Fund policies impoverish the Third World through the example of Jamaica.
- **“Long Night’s Journey into Day”**: Truth, reconciliation and justice in post-apartheid South Africa; healing after violent conflict and war.
- **“Promises”**: Israeli and Palestinian children meet under occupation.
- **“State of Denial”**: The failure of the South African government to address AIDS and the organizers who do.
- **“Well-Founded Fear”**: A look at political asylum in the United States, from the point of view of those seeking and those granting asylum.
- **“Media that Matters Film Festival”**: Collection of short videos and new media on human rights issues.

For information about these and other videos in the Library collection and for up-to-date information on film screenings and other library programs, visit the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library> or call the Central Library’s Art, Music & Recreation Section at 619-236-5810, touch 7.

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