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### **Local Author Carolyn Marsden to Discuss Her New Children's Book at Young Ladies Book Club Meeting at La Jolla/Riford Branch Library**

**SAN DIEGO** – La Jolla author Carolyn Marsden will discuss and sign her newest children's book, "Moon Runner," at a meeting of the Young Ladies Book Club at the La Jolla/Riford Branch Library, 7555 Draper Ave., on Tuesday, June 21, at 2 p.m. The discussion is intended for young ladies ages 9-12. Copies of "Moon Runner" are available at the library. Light refreshments will be served.

"Moon Runner" is based on the experiences of the author's oldest daughter. "When Maleeka was in fifth grade, she suddenly found she could run very fast and jump very far," Marsden recalls. "This would have been fine, except that her friend had been in soccer since she was a toddler and was a true athlete. Maleeka's overnight success didn't sit well with the friend. Maleeka had to decide whether she should excel in track or maintain equilibrium in the friendship. I watched this conflict with interest and eventually wrote the story."

Marsden is author of several other books, including "The Gold Threaded Dress," "Mama Had to Work on Christmas," "The Quail Club," and "Silk Umbrellas."

This free event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the La Jolla Branch Library and the San Diego Public Library as part of its Summer Reading Program, "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds" which runs June 15 through Aug. 15 at all City libraries.

The La Jolla/Riford Branch Library is open Mondays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

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