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### **San Diego Public Library Receives Grants for Three Unique Programs**

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library has received three grants totaling more than \$137,000. The funding will be used to produce three unique programs for the public. All three grants are administered by the California State Library. The grants include:

- \$66,000 from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program will be used to adapt the book “**Dear Miss Breed**” by Joanne Oppenheim into a play that will be presented to middle and high school students in San Diego. The book focused on the assistance provided by the late Clara Breed to Japanese American children held in internment camps during World War II. Ms. Breed was the San Diego Public Library’s children’s librarian at the time. The stage production will be done in partnership with the Asian Story Theater and Ms. Oppenheim, and will be presented in 2007.
- \$46,303 from the federal Library Services and Technology Act for “**The Changing Face of San Diego**” outreach program that will allow the San Diego Public Library to assist refugees and new immigrants connect to the larger pluralistic society and to the resources that will help them acculturate in their new environment. Partners in the program include the International Rescue Committee, New Americans Immigration Museum and Learning Center, and the MO’OLELO Performing Arts Co.
- \$25,000 from the federal Library Services and Technology Act for the “**Refugees Voices**” program that will target San Diego’s Sub-Saharan African population to educate them about the important resources available to them at the San Diego Public Library. The program will include panel discussions, film screenings, and children’s and family programs at the Central Library and the City Heights/Weingart and Valencia Park/Malcolm X branch libraries. The program will be conducted in partnership with the Media Arts Center, San Diego.

“The Library is committed to providing excellent educational, cultural and recreational programming for citizens,” said City Library Director Anna Tatár. “These important grants will allow the San Diego Public Library to better connect with the San Diego community and provide better services to the public.”

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