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New San Diego Public Library Program Will Focus on Media Literacy

SERIES WILL BEGIN WITH DISCUSSION ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE PRESS IN POLITICS

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library (SDPL) is beginning a series of free programs that will focus on media literacy and will include discussions on political reporting, investigative journalism and so-called “fake news.” The program will kick off with a virtual panel discussion featuring local journalists on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6 p.m.

“The library is a place for information and education and that education extends to the media that people consume every day,” said Misty Jones, Director, San Diego Public Library. “News comes at us fast these days and by opening up a discussion about media literacy, the library hopes to encourage people to take a critical look at what they’re reading and watching.”

The first program in the series of four panels is “Where Do We Go from Here: Life After the Trump White House” and will focus on how journalists report on elected officials. The program will be moderated by The San Diego Union-Tribune Editorial and Opinion Director Matthew T. Hall and will feature Kate Morrissey, immigration reporter for The San Diego Union-Tribune, Ismael Estrada, managing editor of NBC 7 San Diego, Chris Megerian, White House reporter for the Los Angeles Times, investigative journalist Jean Guerrero and Alex Presha from ABC News.

“This series is an effort by local journalism organizations and the City of San Diego to build more awareness and appreciation of why journalism matters, what it is and what it isn’t,” said Matthew T. Hall, President of the Society of Professional Journalists. “Media literacy has never been more important. Distrust in and misunderstanding of the media are rampant, and we ignore it at our peril. We hope these conversations help journalists become more accountable and help the public become more informed.”

The series is a partnership between SDPL and The San Diego Association of Black Journalists, The Society of Professional Journalists Pro Chapter, The National Association of Hispanic Journalists San Diego-Tijuana Chapter and The Online News Association San Diego Chapter.

To register for the program, visit the SDPL [event calendar](#). Registration closes on March 14, 2021 at 6 p.m. Other programs will be announced at a later date.

About the San Diego Public Library

With a vision of being the place for opportunity, discovery and inspiration, the San Diego Public Library is a hub for knowledge and lifelong learning. As the largest library system in the region, it serves a population of more than 1.4 million people. Learn about events at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common and 35 community branch libraries, find links to programs and resources or search for materials in the online catalog at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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