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Teen-Produced Documentary Films and Community Videos to be Shown at Central Library

Program is Part of "BARRIO LOGAN: Youth Voices" Project

SAN DIEGO – As part of the "BARRIO LOGAN: Youth Voices – Community Stories" project, two documentary films produced by local youth as well as San Diego community videos will be shown at the third floor auditorium of the Central Library on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. The Central Library is located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

The documentaries will include "Employment" and "Community Organizing." Teen producers will be present for a Q&A after the screening.

"The Youth Voices Project will strongly impact the Barrio Logan community by recording and documenting its past thus enabling local residents to learn from their rich and complex history about the factors that shapes community relations, struggles, and current opportunities for positive change," writes Arcela Núñez, associate director at the National Latino Research Center.

Young people living in Barrio Logan and Oak Park are producing videos with local media arts instructors to help bring into focus issues recognized as necessary for communities' survival including: history, public health, education, leadership, employment, housing, and arts & culture. All are invited.

A joint program of the City of San Diego Public Library and Media Arts Center San Diego's

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Teen Producers Project, “BARRIO LOGAN: Youth Voices & Community Stories” is a one-year digital storytelling project that will help sustain, support, celebrate and maintain community identity and pride in an area that is widely regarded as a spiritual center for Latino civic engagement.

“The ‘Youth Voices’ project brings generations together for a positive and educational experience,” said City Library Director Anna Tatár. “The program benefits San Diego through the exploration and documentation of its rich cultural identity.”

The oral histories gathered will contribute to videos that will give voice to featured participants while providing instructive models for leadership, community building, and civic engagement. Youth documentation of residents’ life histories strengthens communities by re-building intergenerational ties, training future leaders, preserving life stories, and offering a model to help other communities’ maintain their cultural survival.

Co-sponsoring the project are the MAAC Project, High Tech High School, Barrio Logan College Institute, Memorial Academy Charter School and National Latino Research Center. Funding for the project comes from a California State Library grant through the Library Services and Technology Act.

For more information about “BARRIO LOGAN: Youth Voices & Community Stories,” contact the Central Library at 619-236-5800, or visit the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>. The Web site for Media Arts Center of San Diego is <http://mediaartscenter.org>.

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