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A MESSAGE FROM DEANNA MACKEY

Hello, Producers Club members!

Deanna is away from the station accompanying a group of KPBS members on a cruise down the coast of Croatia, so I have been holding down the fort.

But the September PC Post waits for no one. While she sails the Adriatic, I'm here making sure **the Post must go on!**

Fortunately, there's plenty happening right here at home to keep us busy.

Last month's **second annual KPBS San Diego Book Festival** was one for the books. (Sorry, I had to.) More than **12,000 book lovers** joined us at the University of San Diego, 4,000 more than last year, including an estimated **4,200 children**. The day brought together 145 authors, 37 panels, 11 booksellers, live entertainment and even live recordings of three KPBS podcasts.

It was big, busy and a wonderful reminder of how powerful stories can be in bringing people together — and apparently that San Diego really, really likes books. If you made it to the Book Festival, thank you for being part of such a special day. If you missed it, I've included some [favorite moments](#) and [social posts](#) so you can get a little taste of the fun.

The festival was also the setting for the announcement of this year's [One Book, One San Diego selections](#). We're excited to share a special opportunity with Producers Club members: keep reading below for your chance to receive a copy of this year's featured books and join us as we read together as a community.

Of course, fall also means election season is quickly approaching. As the November election gets closer, be sure to visit the [KPBS Voter Hub](#) to stay up to date on the latest election news and information. It's a great resource to bookmark as you sort through the races, issues and information you'll need to make your decisions.

And there's more to look forward to this fall. Be sure to check out the details below for our upcoming **KPBS Fall Preview**, exclusively for Producers Club members. It's another chance to connect with KPBS, get a look at what's ahead and spend some time with your fellow members.

Events and resources like these are great examples of what makes KPBS so special. Our work reaches far beyond television and radio — we get to create experiences, journalism and resources that help San Diegans stay informed, discover new ideas and connect with the community around them.

And as Producers Club members, you help make all of that possible. Thank you for your generosity, your enthusiasm and for being such an important part of the KPBS family. Here's to a fall full of great stories, good books and plenty of reasons to come together.

Enjoy this month's PC Post and Deanna will be back with you next month!



A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "J Blakeley".

Jared Blakeley
Senior Director of Development

PRODUCERS CLUB EVENT



October Fall Program Preview

Join KPBS and fellow Producers Club members for a special look at the upcoming fall schedule.

The Carlsbad Public Library will open its doors to the Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium for our members. Hear from Jill Linder, KPBS Director of Video Programming and Operations, on what the fall schedule has in store for you. She'll share clips on some of the most anticipated local and national programs, from delightful cooking series to compelling documentaries; from period dramas to celebrations of local artists.

Jill will facilitate a conversation with local filmmakers about the importance of local storytelling and the creative process. Our panel includes John Fiske, *Most Biodiverse Place in America* and Claudia Rodriguez-Beizunski, *The Art of Sewing*.

Before the program, members will enjoy small bites and non-alcoholic refreshments in the library's courtyard.

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Carlsbad City Library

1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad, CA 92011

Cost: Free

Fair Market Value: \$20

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ONE BOOK, ONE SAN DIEGO



2026 Selections

The One Book, One San Diego team has officially announced the three outstanding book selections for 2026.

Adult readers can step into the chilling world of Stephen Graham Jones's *The Buffalo Hunter Hunter**, a *New York Times* bestseller and celebrated horror masterpiece tracing a vampire's pursuit of justice on the Blackfeet reservation through a newly discovered 1912 diary and transcribed confessions.

Young adults can discover *The Cartoonists Club* by Raina Telgemeier and Scott McCloud, an empowering graphic novel for teens following four creative kids who join forces to master comic-making and share their unique stories.

Younger readers can ride along in *Books on Bikes*, an inspiring picture book by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell, illustrated by Brizida Magro, which celebrates community, literacy, and everyday heroics through the story of a young girl named Lía who pedals through town bringing the magic of reading to her neighbors.

We are thrilled to share these exceptional titles with you and look forward to reading, connecting, and celebrating together across our entire community.

*This year's One Book, One San Diego adult selection is *Buffalo Hunter Hunter* by Stephen Graham Jones, a compelling novel exploring history, justice, and the lasting

impact of trauma within the Indigenous community. Because it is a horror novel containing graphic depictions of violence, gore, and vampire themes, KPBS wants to ensure readers are aware before diving in. While intense, this bold choice offers rich opportunities to engage new audiences and spark meaningful, respectful dialogue across our community. We encourage you to learn a bit more about the book's content to decide if it is the right fit for your reading list.

To learn more about the selections for this year, please visit: <https://www.kpbs.org/one-book-one-san-diego>

Book Giveaway

As a special thank you for your Producers Club support, we are pleased to offer you free copies of our One Book, One San Diego selections.

[Reserve your book here](#)

The Producers Club Silver level has increased to \$1,500 annually or \$125 monthly, though existing members are grandfathered at their current rate through 2026. If you wish to update your sustaining pledge to the new level early, please [click here](#).

COMMUNITY EVENT



KPBS Kids Event: Daniel Tiger & Katerina Kittycat

Join [KPBS Kids](#) and the [Children's Museum of Discovery](#) for costume character meet-and-greets and hands-on workshops.

Join us at the museum for a visit by the costume character, a special story time, book giveaway, and special activities throughout the Museum.

The price of KPBS Kids Events is included in Museum admission. For Museum admission pricing, please [visit the Admission & Pricing page](#).

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