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## A MESSAGE FROM DEANNA MACKEY

In our role as an essential public service, we see ourselves as educators and conveners. We not only want to provide you with information, we want to help you experience it in action. Two recent examples of this are [Be My Neighbor Day](#) and [GI Film Festival](#).

Be My Neighbor Day in April was a joyous day, with 2,000 children and family members exploring the theme of community service. We distributed 665 children's books, 500 piggy banks were decorated at our KPBS [Price of San Diego](#) booth, and 32 community partners tabled with a hands-on activity.

This past Friday we concluded the 2026 GI Film Festival San Diego. Fifteen films by, for and about military-connected people were screened at the Museum of Photographic Arts at the San Diego Museum of Art. It was another incredibly moving experience with numerous veterans sharing their stories in film and during post-screening discussions.

In our role as educators, we have again published our KPBS' [Voter Hub](#) with all the information you need to make informed choices in the 2026 election. You will find an interactive ballot guide, election stories, explainers and investigations produced by KPBS, NPR and California public media stations. The [Voter Hub](#) is also available in [Spanish](#). I invite you to use it and let me know what you think.

Coming up: save the date for the second annual [KPBS San Diego Book Festival](#) on August 22 and the PC social at the Natural History Museum on June 9. I hope to see you at both of these fun events!

Your support ensures KPBS continues to give voice to local stories that might otherwise go untold. When you are a member of KPBS, you protect your story. We do this work together to build a more connected, empathetic future for San Diego. Thank you for being our partner.



*Deanna Mackey*

**Deanna Mackey**  
KPBS General Manager

## PRODUCERS CLUB EVENT



### **KPBS Producers Club Mixer**

Join us in June at The San Diego Natural History Museum in Balboa Park for a KPBS Producers Club Mixer. Enjoy a casual reception in the Atrium, mingle with fellow PC members, and take a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum's new state-of-the-art Paleontology Center. The paleo collection contains more than 1.5 million fossils, many of them found on construction sites right here in Southern California.

While at The Nat, you'll also have a chance to see their newest exhibitions, *Amazement in the Basement* and *Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea*.

P.S. Paid parking enforcement ends at 6 PM.

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026**

**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**San Diego Natural History Museum**

1788 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101

**Cost: Free**

*Fair Market Value: \$60*

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## Local Content & Service Report



We are pleased to present KPBS' Local Content and Service Report, which shares how we served the San Diego community during Fiscal Year 2025 (July 2024-June 2025).

At the end of the fiscal year this report covers, KPBS began operating without federal funding for the first time in 50 years. Despite losing \$4.3 million in critical federal support, the generosity of the community has ensured KPBS is still here, working tirelessly for the people of San Diego and providing an essential service.

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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](#).

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## New Member Benefit: Gifting KPBS Passport

As part of [our newly refreshed member benefits](#), Producers Club members can now gift a full year of complimentary KPBS Passport access to a friend or family member. KPBS Passport offers extended streaming access to a wide selection of PBS shows and films.

[If you'd like to gift a year of KPBS Passport, please complete this Google form](#). Each Producers Club household is eligible to award one gift Passport membership per year. Please allow 7 to 10 business days for processing. You and your giftee will receive confirmation emails once access has been activated.

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**America250**



# AMERICA

# 250

This year marks an important milestone for our nation: 250 years since 13 British colonies claimed their independence and stood united for the values of freedom, liberty and democracy. In light of this milestone, KPBS is curating an America250 collection of stories, programs and events that help us reflect upon the ideals we aspire for the next generation. Learn more at [kpbs.org/america250](https://www.kpbs.org/america250).

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**PAST EVENT**



## KPBS Newsroom Roundtable

In April, Producers Club members gathered at the Bahia Resort Hotel for an engaging evening of conversation, connection, and insight at the KPBS Producers Club Newsroom Roundtable. Guests enjoyed a full-course Mexican buffet dinner and hosted bar while hearing directly from some of KPBS's talented reporters about the stories shaping our region.

Moderated by KPBS Managing Editor Vinnee Tong, the panel featured education reporter Katie Anastas, South Bay and Imperial Valley reporter Kori Suzuki, and social media host and reporter Jake Gotta. Together, they explored how KPBS journalists are connecting with new audiences through our [Instagram](#) and [Tik Tok](#) accounts, sharing both the opportunities and challenges of reporting in today's fast-evolving media landscape.

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