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A MESSAGE FROM DEANNA MACKEY

[Happy 65th birthday, KPBS!](#) We've come a long way from a student-run radio station that launched in a closet at SDSU on September 12, 1960, to the nationally-renowned multimedia station you know today.

KPBS is a unique non-profit in that you are with us throughout the 24-hour life cycle of your day. I hear from people all the time about how they wake up to our news on the radio, watch KPBS Kids in the morning with their children or grandchildren, listen to a podcast while they're driving or doing errands, check our social media throughout the day for news and information updates, and watch a show at night.

We are together through thick and thin, and it is that togetherness that makes the relationship San Diego has with KPBS so special. We are honored to share this place in your life.

An important part of our celebration is looking ahead to the future. We're getting ready to kick off new seasons of some of your favorite programs and want to give you an exclusive look at what we are most excited about. I hope you will join us for our **Producers Club Fall Preview Event**, where we'll highlight what's coming to KPBS this season. In addition, we are excited to offer Producers Club members a free copy of this year's **One Book, One San Diego** selection. Make sure to check kpbs.org/onebook in the coming weeks for the special event with author James McBride.

As we move forward, we want to hear from you. We are updating our member benefits and want your input to help us better serve you as a Producers Club member. [Please respond to the quick survey below.](#)

It's true that this is a challenging time in our story, but KPBS is not going anywhere. With your help, we will keep going strong into the next 65 years, and I'm excited to see what the future holds.



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Deanna Mackey
KPBS General Manager

PRODUCERS CLUB EVENT

You're Invited: Fall Program Preview



Get an exclusive look at what's coming to PBS and KPBS this fall! Join us as we unveil a curated selection of upcoming national and local programming across TV, podcasts, and digital platforms.

Be among the first to preview nationally premiering shows, including returning favorites like *All Creatures Great and Small* and an insightful new *American Masters* episode on television legend Dick Van Dyke.

We'll also showcase local [KPBS Explore](#) content, such as a sneak preview on the 100th episode of [Ken Kramer's About San Diego](#), and previews of our popular podcasts [The Finest](#) and [Port of Entry](#). Plus, enjoy a first look at original digital stories from the KPBS Newsroom.

You will also get insight into our exciting new project [KPBS+](#), our locally curated streaming platform with thousands of KPBS and PBS titles.

The event will feature a behind-the-scenes panel discussion with KPBS content creators and Programming Director Jill Linder, offering an insider's perspective on how our local stories come to life.

Your registration includes:

- Exclusive program previews
- Insightful panel discussion
- Complimentary light bites and beverages

Don't miss this exciting glimpse into the season ahead—reserve your spot today!

Thursday, October 23

6 p.m.

KPBS Media Complex

5200 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92182

Cost: Free

Fair market value: \$25

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One Book, One San Diego PC Offer



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.

This year's One Book, One San Diego selections include;

- *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride as the 2025 Adult choice
- *Family Style: Memories of an American from Vietnam* by Thien Pham as the 2025 Teen selection
- *The Interpreter* by Olivia Abtahi and Monica Arnaldo (Illustrator) as the 2025 Kids selection

Please email us at producersclub@kpbs.org to submit your request. Please specify which book(s) you would like and the best address for shipping.

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

KPBS Membership Survey

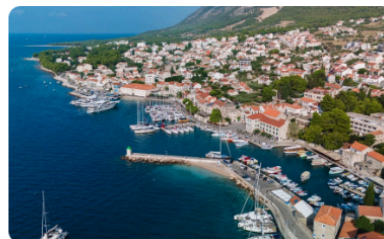
KPBS is refreshing the benefits we offer our members, and we'd love to hear from you. Your input ensures KPBS membership provides you with the value you deserve. After all, we are here to serve you. Help shape the future of Producers Club membership by taking this 3-5 minute [survey](#).

KPBS Next 2025



On August 26, 2025, we welcomed guests into our studio for a look at what's next for KPBS. Created especially for station partners and thought leaders, the KPBS Next presentation highlighted the new and exciting initiatives underway across the station. KPBS General Manager, Deanna Mackey, shared more about the impacts of the federal funding loss and KPBS's vision for the future. [Click here to watch her presentation.](#)

KPBS 2026 Ancient Mediterranean Trip Presentation



Join us for a virtual Zoom presentation to learn about our 2026 cruise through Greece, Croatia, and Albania aboard the *National Geographic Orion*. Hear from expedition naturalist **David Cothran**, get a sneak peek of the ship, and have your questions answered.

Whether you're already signed up or just curious about future KPBS travel adventures, this is a perfect way to explore the possibilities.

Monday, September 22

10 a.m. PST

Free Virtual Event

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EVENT RECAP



PC Lounge at KPBS San Diego Book Festival

Thank you to all who joined us at the inaugural KPBS San Diego Book Festival on Saturday, August 23, 2025 on the campus of book festival partner, the University of

San Diego! Over 8,000 attendees enjoyed author panels, keynote speakers, performances, independent book sellers, and more. Our PC Lounge offered Producers Club members the perfect place to rest, grab a snack or drink, and cool off from the activities outside. We were thankful for public media personalities who stopped by our space, such as Martha Barnette and Grant Barrett from *A Way With Words*.

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