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DIGITAL STORYTELLING STATION AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY HAS NEW HOURS

Record your stories on three-to-five minute DVDs through June 2008

San Diego, CA...San Diegans have an opportunity to share their stories of love and forgiveness and community through a storytelling project sponsored by the San Diego Public Library, KPBS and the Media Arts Center of San Diego. The project, housed at the downtown Central Library, invites the public to record their stories on a three-to-five minute DVD through June 2008.

Whether you are familiar with movie-making or not, the Digital Story Station would like to invite you to tell your story. By combining story telling with a set of powerful digital tools the Library uses a process, known as digital storytelling, which merges a personal story with video, still-frame imagery, music, and voice to create a personal multimedia story.

Stories help define who we are and how we fit into the world we live in. The story station gives you an opportunity to spotlight something you deeply care about and will be available for others to see and hear. In the end, your story will be part of a growing collection of stories that can help us all better understand one another and connect our stories to the places we live in. Everyone has stories. Stories represent who we are, portray our life experiences, and when presented to others, help connect us to others through common shared experience. As such, telling a story is a powerful way to communicate with others.

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The Digital Community Storytelling Station is in the Arts, Music & Recreation section of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. A representative from the Media Arts Center will be on site Tuesdays between from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm and on Saturdays from 10:00 am-2:30 pm to help with the creation of your story. Love stories can describe significant relationships in your life. Common subjects are immediate relations, including parents, grandparents, siblings, spouse or partner. Other meaningful relationships may include a business or creative partner, a teacher or mentor, childhood or lifelong friends, even pets. Who are these subjects and what impact have they made on your life? Consider including stories of love, admiration, longing or loss, disappointment or a poignant reflection of a person.

We are still collecting stories that reminiscence about neighborhoods, schools, jobs, family and tales of special interests and activities. If you are interested in creating a digital story, you need to bring four things to your session:

- A story to tell.
- A CD with music to help reinforce the mood and message of your story.
- Photos, if you have them, to illustrate your story. (On a CD is the easiest way to import or your digital camera memory card, but we can also scan them)
- Home movies on DVD or VHS

If you don't have music, photographs or video, you can still tell a story. The Library will provide a blank CD or DVD to take your story home with you. Please sign up on the [Media Arts Center of San Diego website](http://www.mediaartscenter.org) or call 619-230-1938. Additional information can be found at www.sandiegolibrary.org or http://www.kpbs.org/interactive/features/love/digital_stories.

This project is sponsored in part by "The Campaign for Love & Forgiveness," presented by KPBS. The campaign explores how love and forgiveness can effect meaningful change in individuals and communities, and invites participants to share their stories about the roles, meaning and power of love and forgiveness in their lives and their world.

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