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EXPERIENCE BLACK HISTORY THROUGH NEW STORIES, EXHIBITS, AND SHARED FLAVORS

The San Diego History Center has strong and ongoing commitment to honoring and preserving Black history in San Diego. Through exhibitions, public programs, and digital experiences, the History Center works to document, share, and elevate the stories, contributions, and lived experiences of this communities—past and present—ensuring they remain an essential part of our region's historical record.

EXPLORE SAN DIEGO'S LGBT NEIGHBORHOODS EXHIBIT AT OUR BALBOA PARK MUSEUM

FREE FOLLOW-UP SAN DIEGO MEMBERS AND CONSIDER DONATING TO ENHANCE THE COLLECTION

Major Milestone Achieved in City Heights

The ALL IN San Diego Community History Archiving Project engages communities in document stories often missing from the historical record and bring lived experiences into the San Diego History Center's collections.

The ALL IN team recently completed an in-depth collection effort in City Heights, recording oral histories, historical narratives, and community-centered archives through immersive fieldwork and local partnerships. This work was made possible with support from SAY San Diego, the Karen Organization of San Diego, Little Saigon San Diego, and the Vietnamese of East Africa.

The All IN Community History Archiving Initiate is made possible by the California Cultural and Historical Endowment Museum Grant through the California Natural Resources Agency. The City Heights Community project is funded in part through a grant from Price Philanthropies.

Learn more:

CITY HEIGHTS: SENSE OF PRIDE, SENSE OF HOME

EXPLORE THE COMPREHENSIVE ALL-IN COLLECTIONS

CALLING ALL LOVERS OF LOCAL CULTURE!

San Diego Museum Month returns for the month of February, offering half-off admission to 20+ museums and attractions across the region. Come and Tour!

Pick up a free library pass or download the digital pass from the San Diego Museum Council website and explore art, history, science, nature, and more. Participating sites include museums, aquariums, gardens, historic places, and state parks—some offering free or donation-based admission.

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HANDS-ON STEM ACTIVITIES FRIENDLY COMPETITION

San Diego women have helped shape our region into a global center for science and innovation. Join us February 7, from 1-4 PM, for a family-friendly afternoon honoring the International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

Explore the San Diego Women in STEM exhibition and take part in free RoboBattle workshops with the Giant Imaginx STEAM Foundation. Kids will build and battle custom LEGO® robots in a hands-on experience that sparks creativity, collaboration, and confidence.

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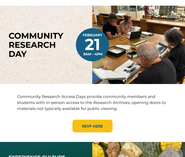
AN EVENING WITH SAN DIEGO RADIO HISTORY



Step inside the golden age of San Diego radio with legendary broadcaster Bobby Rich and author Pat Gaffey. This special evening explores the stories behind the airwaves—from the rise of 1-50 to the iconic 9 Morning Zoo.

Enjoy behind-the-scenes moments and highlights from Mr. Gaffey's book, *Bobby Rich: My Life in Your Radio*. Copies will be available for purchase and signing.

Doors open: 6:00 PM. Light refreshments will be available
Program begins: Shortly After
Tickets: $10 Members | $20 Non-Members

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COMMUNITY RESEARCH DAY

Community Research Access Day provides community members and students with in-person access to the Research Archives, opening doors to materials not typically available for public viewing.

RSVP HERE

EXPERIENCE CULTURE AT THE TABLE

AFRO-FILIPINO KAMAYAN DINNER

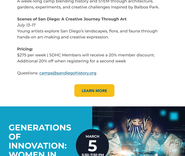
This Afro-Filipino Kamayan Dinner brings together shared history, food, and community. Enjoy a Kamayan-style feast served on banana leaves, created by Instalar San Diegan Chef Spencer Hunter of Lola Lumpia, whose African American and Filipino heritage inspires bold, modern flavors.

Tickets include appetizers, the Kamayan dinner, complimentary beverages, and after-hours access to History Center exhibitions, including *Table San Diego: Filipino Culinary Journeys* and *San Diego's Last Neighborhoods*.

RSVP required | Space is limited

RSVP HERE

KEEPERS OF THE CULTURE



The San Diego African American Museum of Fine Art, in partnership with the San Diego History Center, invites you to the 2026 Keepers of the Culture—an evening honoring those who have shaped our region's creativity, leadership, and legacy continues to share San Diego's cultural story.

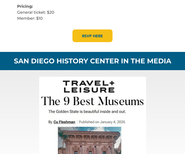
2026 Honorees:
- **Jeannie Cheatham,** Jazz Singer
- **Sandra Foster King,** Teacher & Dancer
- **Donald Robinson,** Dance Educator & Mentor
- **The Stance Family,** owners of Developed BBQ

Reception: 5:00 PM, featuring Jazz Harpist Marlea Armstrong
Program: 6:00 begin at 6:00
This event is free, but space is limited.

RSVP HERE

Visit SaveBalboaPark.Org to express your opinion regarding Pool Parking

BALBOA PARK BELONGS TO EVERYONE



Balboa Park's a shared civic treasure that should remain accessible to all. The proposed pool parking plan limits access and undermines the park's role as an inclusive community space.

The Balboa Park Cultural Partnership—of which the San Diego History Center is a member—launched SaveBalboaPark.org to elevate public voices and encourage City of San Diego to reconsider the pool parking program.

Take Action:
Contact City leaders and advocate for equitable access for families, seniors, students

Balboa Park must remain open and welcoming to all San Diegans.

SPEAK UP FOR BALBOA PARK TODAY

COMING SOON

EXPLORE, LEARN, AND CREATE AT THE SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER!

July Programs:

STEAMDays: Explore, Create, and Discover!
July 6-9 & July 20-24
A week-long camp blending history and STEM through architecture, gardens, experiments, and creative challenges inspired by Balboa Park.

Scenes of San Diego: A Creative Journey Through Art
July 20-31
Young artists explore San Diego's landscapes, flora, and fauna through hands-on art-making and creative exploration.

Pricing:
$275 per week | SDHC Members will receive a 20% member discount. Additional 20% off when registering for a second week

Questions: campsdsandiegohistory.org

LEARN MORE

GENERATIONS OF INNOVATION: WOMEN IN ENGINEERING

In celebration of Women's History Month and International Women's Day, join us for an evening honoring women engineers to share how STEM has changed for women over time.

Generations of Innovation: Women in Engineering

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Moderator:
Dr. Mary Isaac, Director Tech Hub California, Mechanical Engineer

Panelists:
Dr. Tracy Nguyen, SWE-SD President, Optometrist
Teresa Sanchez, Quality Engineer
Nastaja Terry, Mechanical Engineer

Pricing:
General ticket: $20
Member: $10

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SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER IN THE MEDIA

Travel + Leisure recognizes Balboa Park's 18 museums as a standout cultural destination—highlighting the San Diego History Center and ranking the group among California's best for quality, depth, and immersive visitor experiences.

READ MORE

Explore our flagship museum in Balboa Park and the Junipero Serra Museum in historic Presidio Park, where visitors and locals alike can discover why the history of San Diego matters today.

Immerse yourself in our fascinating exhibitions and interactive experiences that bring this region's history to life.

SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER
BALBOA PARK
HOURS
Wednesday through Sunday
10 AM – 5 PM
LOCATION
Museum Archive

JUNIPERO SERRA MUSEUM
PRESIDIO PARK
HOURS
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
10 AM – 4 PM
LOCATION
Please check back for updated hours

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