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The Earl B. Gilliam & Geraldine Moses Community Access Law Library

One who is wiling to study will have victory, hope, and power in his life. Of course, faith is the greatest source of power, but knowledge is also an important source of power. To us, knowledge is the power to prove the validity of faith...

Daisaku Ikeda

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.

A Chinese proverb

A report of the Commission on the Future of California Courts, Justice in the Balance - 2020, states that "In 2020 access to justice is no longer an issue about which there is much debate - justice is an integral part of peoples lives . . .".It is important that there be an investment made in resources to make the law, which all San Diego citizens must live by, accessible and comprehensible.

Thus, the Earl B. Gilliam & Geraldine Moses Community Access Law Library, located in the Malcolm X Library and Performing Arts Center, has been created for the citizens of San Diego County. This community resource will contain a comprehensive collection of legal and legally related materials, specifically selected for the use by the layman public. These materials will include selected traditional legal treatises, statutes and case law along with an extensive collection of written self-help materials and self-help videos. The library will have a volunteer librarian to assist the patrons.

This library has been named after two San Diego African Americans who have dedicated their lives to legal and social justice. The Honorable Judge Earl B. Gilliam is distinquished by his legal and judicial career, as Judge of the Municipal and Superior Courts, and presently Senior Judge of the United States District Court, Southern District of California. Simultaneously, he has contributed his time and personal attention toward the pursuit of equal education and equal access to justice. Judge Gilliam served on numerous boards as an Advisory Committee Member to the Board of Education on equal education and currently is a member of the Board of Overseers for U.C.S.D., Board of Trustees for Western State University. Honored as Citizen of the Year, 1973 and 1994, and Trial Judge of the Year, 1981, Judge Gilliam found time to frequently attend local high school Career Day programs to encourage youth and support equal opportunities for education.

Geraldine Moses, recently deceased, was a tireless worker on behalf of the poor in San Diego County. Her community involvement included membership in the City Heights Community Action Council, the National Clients Council, the San Diego Clients' Council, Indigent Defense Policy Board and the San Diego County Juvenile Justice Task Force. She was appointed a member to the State Advisory Council of the Legal Services Corporation, the San Diego City Police Review Board, and she was presented the Reginald Heber Smith Award by National Legal Aid Defenders Association (NLADA) for her outstanding contributions. For more than sixteen years she served the Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc. as a member of the Board of Directors and then as Deputy Director of the program until forced by illness to retire.

Both Geraldine Moses and Earl B. Gilliam have demonstrated through their remarkable achievements that knowledge is freedom. They have taught us through their example that to sustain itself, freedom must share and encourage knowledge. This new Community Access Law Library will be a living thread in the fabric of our freedom.

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a preview presentation of

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

at the San Diego Repertory Theatre.
You are invited to join with us in the spirit of giving and help establish the Earl B. Gilliam and Geraldine Moses Community Access Law Library.

Wednesday, November 29th
Presentation & Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.
Curtain at 8:00

TICKETS: $45 each, $70 couple
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