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**Authors Kim Wayans and Kevin Knotts to Read from  
their "Amy Hodgepodge" Children's Book Series at  
Los Angeles Public Library Branches**

**Question & Answer Session Follow Readings**

Authors Kim Wayans and Kevin Knotts will read segments from their "Amy Hodgepodge" children's book series at Los Angeles Public Library branches this summer and fall. The series explores the life of a multiracial child, who after years of being home-schooled, attends public school for the first time and finds it difficult to fit in and make friends. Each reading will be followed by a question and answer session.

Wayans and Knotts, a husband-and-wife writing team, are also actors based in Los Angeles. They were inspired to write the series by their nephews and nieces, many of whom are of mixed race, and by the observation that with every generation, we are all "becoming more of a hodgepodge." Sharing the series with children at the Library is the perfect setting, the couple said.

The first readings will be held:

**Mon., Aug. 11, 3 p.m.**

Echo Park Branch Library  
1410 W. Temple St.  
(213) 250-7808

**Tues., Aug. 12, 3 p.m.**

Baldwin Hills Branch  
2906 S. La Brea Ave.  
(323) 733-1196

**Sun., Sept. 21, 2 p.m.**

Central Library's  
KLOS Theater (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
630 W. Fifth St.  
Downtown Los Angeles  
(213) 228-7000

"Some of my fondest memories from childhood are of the library and getting lost in imaginary worlds through the magic of reading," Wayans said. "For me to be able to share 'Amy Hodgepodge' with children in a place that was so sacred and special to me as a child, is incredibly gratifying."

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The series tells the story of a shy young girl who receives the nickname “Amy Hodgepodge” because of her mixed African-American, Caucasian, Japanese and Korean heritage. After moving to a new town, Amy and her dog, Giggles, use a scrapbook to document her adventures as she deals with being “unique,” making friends and navigating elementary school.

The Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest population of any library in the country. Its Central Library, 71 branch libraries, over six million books, and state-of-the-art technology including its Web site at *www.lapl.org*, provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning.

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