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Calling all Cosplayers! San Diego Public Library Offers Exclusive Card and Hosts Special Events for Comic-Con

LIMITED-EDITION CARD, COSTUME REPAIR SERVICES, COMIC BOOK PANELS AND SUPERHERO STORYTIMES PLANNED

SAN DIEGO – Comic-Con International's world-famous summer convention is back and the City of San Diego Public Library (SDPL) is celebrating with an exclusive library card, storytimes and a conference focused on the role comics play in promoting education and literacy. Central Library in Downtown will also host a cosplay repair station to mend any costume emergencies during Comic-Con.

This year's Comic-Con library card was designed by Tijuana-based artist <u>Charles Glaubitz</u>. The exclusive card is licensed by Comic-Con and is the first time an SDPL card has been produced in Spanish. It features a person in a costume riding a zebra and reading a book with the iconic Central Library dome and Tijuana Arch at the bottom of the card. The card will be released on Preview Night at Comic-Con on Wednesday, July 20, at the SDPL booth on the San Diego Convention Center floor and will be available at all SDPL <u>locations</u> starting Thursday, July 21. Supplies are limited and the cards are available on a first come, first served basis.

During Comic-Con, SDPL's Central Library, located at 330 Park Blvd., will offer a cosplay repair station. People can visit the IDEA Lab on the 4^{th} floor of Central Library July 21 - 23 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for quick fix solutions to costume problems including sewing supplies, 3D printers, adhesives and soldering irons. No appointment is necessary and all ages are welcome.

SDPL has also teamed up with Comic-Con International for the 5th annual Comic Conference for Educators and Librarians. The five-day conference offers several panel discussions on how to use comics as a medium for learning. The conference is free to attend but space is limited and registration is required. Comic-Con badge holders can attend without registration.

For more on SDPL's Comic-Con library card and other events, including the Superhero Storytimes planned at several libraries, visit the Comic-Con@the Library web page.

About the San Diego Public Library

With a vision of being the place for opportunity, discovery and inspiration, the San Diego Public Library is a hub for knowledge and lifelong learning. As the largest library system in the region, it serves a population of more than 1.4 million people. Learn about events at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan Λ Irwin Jacobs Common and 35 community branch libraries, find links to programs and resources or search for materials in the online catalog at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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