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City of San Diego Offers Exclusive Comic-Con Library Card CARD DESIGNED BY LOCAL CARTOONIST AVAILABLE

AT LIBRARIES AND AT COMIC-CON

SAN DIEGO – For the sixth consecutive year, the San Diego Public Library is offering a Comic-Con International library card at all 36 <u>San Diego Public Library</u> locations and at booth #5523 inside the convention beginning July 19. The official 2018 Comic-Con library card is illustrated by San Diego cartoonist <u>Lucas Turnbloom</u>, co-creator of the popular Dream Jumper graphic novel series.

The card features a dragon perched atop the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common, and Max, a fan fiction character created by Turnbloom in 2007. Max is an American exchange student attending the fictional Hogwarts School of Wizarding and Witchcraft from the Harry Potter series of novels written by J.K. Rowling.

"What would be cooler than a dragon coming out of the top of the (Central) Library? The architecture of the Library is so interesting and just seems like something out of a storybook," said cartoonist Lucas Turnbloom. "I like the idea of a kid seeing this card and saying, 'that's what reading is all about – the adventure, the fun, sign me up, give me my library card.""

Only 3,000 Comic-Con library cards are available this year and <u>card registration policies</u> apply. The card is free for qualified, first-time applicants. Current San Diego Public Library cardholders who want to change their existing active card will be charged a \$1 replacement fee.

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 1.3 million people. Learn about events at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common and 35 community branch libraries, find links to programs and resources or search for materials in the online catalog at <u>www.sandiegolibrary.org</u>.