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City of San Diego Celebrates Pride Weekend with Exclusive Library Card

CARD AVAILABLE AT LIBRARIES AND THE LIT CAFÉ AT THE SAN DIEGO PRIDE FESTIVAL

SAN DIEGO – For the first time, the City of San Diego is giving the public the opportunity to show pride in their public libraries and in the LGBTQIA community with a special edition San Diego Pride-themed library card. The card features a unicorn reading a book called "Be Yourself" while sitting atop of bookcase filled with rainbow-colored books.

The Pride library cards have a limited print run of 5,000 and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Patrons can pick up cards at any of the 36 <u>San Diego Public Library</u> locations beginning July 12 as Pride Weekend begins throughout the city.

"The San Diego Public Library is an inclusive space that fosters connections to knowledge and each other," said Library Director Misty Jones. "The Pride library card is a wonderful way to celebrate these connections and the diversity of San Diego's LGBTQIA community."

A limited amount of Pride cards will also be available at the San Diego Pride Festival on July 13 and 14 at the Library's Lit Café area located near the entrance of the festival at Balboa Park. The Café's performance area will also feature a number of activities including discussions with local authors, drag queen story time, arts and crafts, face painting and other family programs.

For more information about the Pride library card, a schedule of events at the Lit Café and LGBTQIA services at the San Diego Public Library, please visit the <u>LGBTQIA</u> page on the City Library's website.

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 www.sandiegolibrary.org.