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City of San Diego Public Library Offers Exclusive Card, Hosts Special Events for Comic-Con

WALDO THEMED CARD AND ALL AGES EVENTS CELEBRATE COMIC-CON'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

SAN DIEGO – For the seventh consecutive year, the City of San Diego Public Library is offering an exclusive library card commemorating Comic-Con International's annual return to San Diego. The card will be available to visitors at all <u>36 San Diego Public Library</u> locations as well as at booth #5523 for those attending the world-famous pop culture convention beginning Thursday, July 18.

This year's card features Waldo, the iconic, bespectacled character at the center of the "Where's Waldo?" children's books. Wearing his signature red and white striped sweater and hat, Waldo is holding a stack of colorful books in front of an image of the San Diego Central Library @ Joan Λ Irwin Jacobs Common. Only 3,000 Comic-Con library cards have been produced and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Cards are limited to one per customer.

In addition to the library card, the Central Library is also hosting two free spotlight events in honor of Comic-Con's 50th anniversary:

- Book Signing and Giveaway with Author Raina Telgemeier
 Tuesday, July 16 at 6 p.m. at the Central Library, Neil Morgan Auditorium
 The New York Times bestselling author and illustrator will discuss her upcoming book for young readers, "Guts," followed by a Q&A and book signing. Registration is not required, but space is limited.
- DJ Lance Rock, Cecil and Friends Concert
 Sunday, July 21 at 2 p.m. in the Central Library Courtyard

Bring your boogie shoes to this all-ages dance party on the closing day of Comic-Con. The party is open to the public and no badge is required, but space is limited.

For more information on the special edition library card and the Comic-Con events happening at Central Library, please visit the <u>Comic-Con</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.

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