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## City of San Diego Public Library Launches Winter Reading Challenge

PROGRAM OFFERS PRIZES FOR CURLING UP WITH A GOOD BOOK IN JANUARY

SAN DIEGO – Set sail on a literary adventure this January with the City of San Diego Public Library's firstever Winter Reading Challenge. The program kicks off Wednesday, Jan. 1 and the theme, "Litera-SEA," encourages readers of all ages to find adventure in the pages of a book.

The Winter Reading Challenge builds on the success of the library's popular Summer Reading Program and is open to children and adults. Participants must read five books or log five hours of reading to complete the program. Upon completion, readers will be eligible for a variety of prizes including passes to the Maritime Museum of San Diego, meal vouchers and pencil cases.

"San Diegans of all ages can strengthen their reading skills by participating in the Winter Reading Challenge," said Library Director Misty Jones. "The program is a great opportunity for students to continue their learning outside of the classroom and to encourage a culture of literacy and reading in our communities."

The program runs from Jan. 1 to Jan. 31, 2020. Participants can register online and view a list of recommended books at <u>sandiego.gov/WinterReading</u> or by visiting any of the <u>36 City of San Diego Library</u> <u>locations</u>.

## 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.