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# Comics and Cosplay! San Diego Public Library Offers Exclusive Card and Hosts Special Events for Comic-Con

## SUPERHERO LIBRARY CARD, COSTUME REPAIR SERVICES AND COMIC BOOK PANELS PLANNED

SAN DIEGO – Comic-Con 2023 is on at the San Diego Public Library (SDPL) with a full week of programming both on and off the Convention Center floor. Comic fans can pick up a limited-edition SDPL library card, attend a superhero storytime, create their own comic book and fix any costume emergencies at the SDPL cosplay repair station. SDPL's Central Library in Downtown will also host several days of panels discussing the role comics play in promoting education and literacy.

This year's Comic-Con library card design is "Odi the Coyote, Book Defender!" It features the SDPL mascot with a book, a library card and the iconic Central Library in the background. The exclusive card is licensed by Comic-Con and is the only library card of its kind. It was designed by San Diego Public Library Assistant Rachel Murray. The card will be available at SDPL's booth on the convention floor starting on Preview Night, Wednesday, July 19, and at all branch [library locations](#) beginning Thursday, July 20. It is free to sign up for a new card or replace an old one. Supplies are limited, and the cards are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For the second year, the IDEA Lab on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of [Central Library](#) will offer a [cosplay repair station](#) for quick-fix solutions to any costume mishaps. Cosplayers can use the lab's sewing machines and supplies, 3D printers, laser cutters and adhesives for free. The IDEA lab is open July 20 to 22 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and July 23 between 1 and 4 p.m. No appointment is necessary, and all ages are welcome.

Central Library is also the site for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Comic-Con Conference for Educators and Librarians. The free, five-day conference explores the use of comics as a tool to motivate students and encourage reading. The conference is free to attend, but space is limited and registration is encouraged.

For more on SDPL's exclusive Comic-Con library card and other events, including Comic-Con Trivia Night and author talks, 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 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](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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