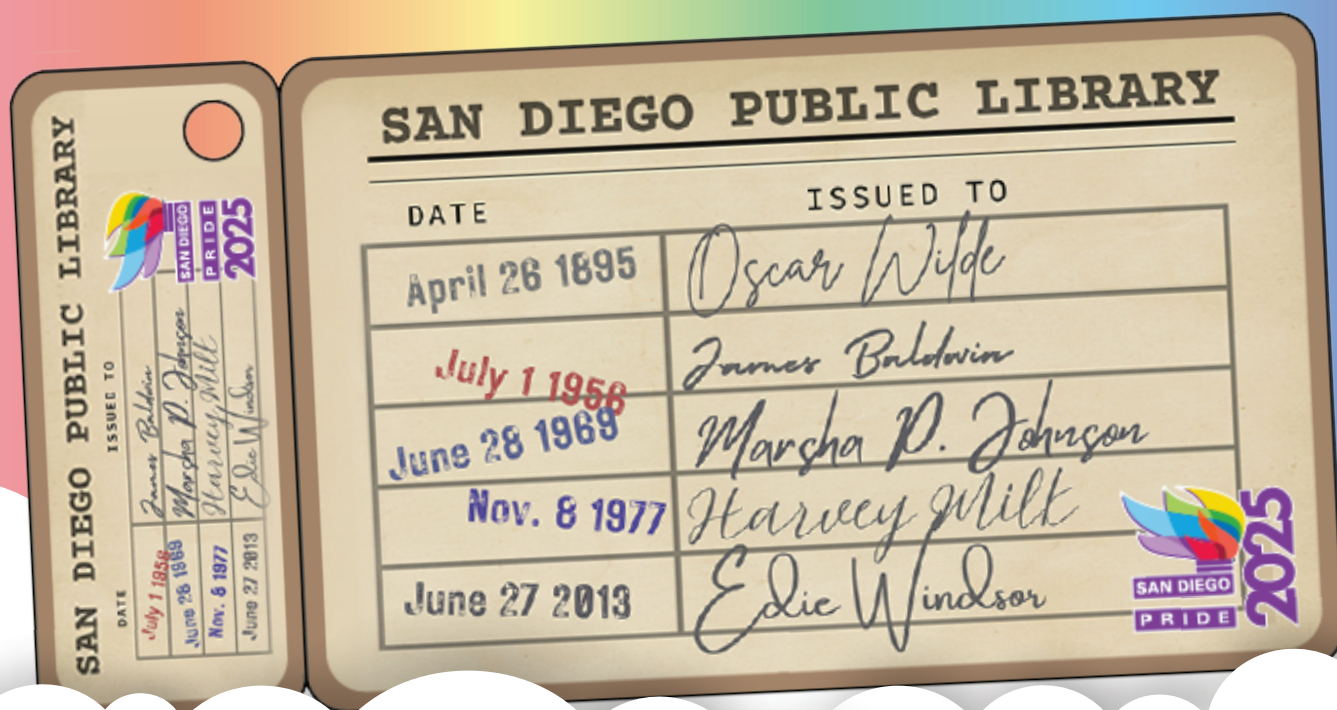


SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY PRIDE CARDS ARE HERE!

Starting Monday, July 7

the winning card designed by [Annie Alwine](#)
will be available at all SDPL locations.

Cards available while supplies last.





ABOUT ANNIE ALWINE (SHE/HER)

Annie Alwine is a former marketing executive turned children's book author. Her series, ***The Peaceful Outings***, prepares kids for real-life adventures while featuring characters of varying disabilities, sexual orientations, races, body types, and religions.

Alwine created a library card reserved for rebels, icons, and change-makers. Her vintage-style design honors LGBTQIA+ trailblazers. Each stamped date and handwritten name belongs to a historical figure—some celebrated, others lesser known—whose lives have shaped the Pride movement and impacted the world in powerful ways.

"The dates aren't random; they mark meaningful moments from each person's story..."

"I wanted it to feel like an Easter egg—inviting viewers to dig deeper, spark curiosity, and discover more about these bold, unbreakable voices whose recognition is overdue."

- Annie Alwine



OSCAR WILDE

April 26, 1895

On April 26, 1895, the infamous Regina v. Wilde trial began in London. Following a retrial, Oscar Wilde was prosecuted and ultimately convicted of "gross indecency,"

with his homosexuality playing a central role in the conviction.

The trials and resulting sentence had a devastating impact on his life and marked a significant shift in the societal attitudes toward the LGBTQ+ community.



JAMES BALDWIN

July 1, 1956

Author James Baldwin was an influential writer and complex Black civil rights activist who faced immense barriers to publishing his masterpiece, "Giovanni's Room," due to the Lavender and Red Scares of the 1950s. Exploring the complex ideas of identity, intersectionality, shame, and desire, the novel was eventually published in 1956 as publishers initially refused to due to its overt homosexual themes.



MARSHA P. JOHNSON

June 28, 1969

On June 28, 1969, the Stonewall Uprising erupted in response to a violent police raid and years of systemic discrimination against the LGBTQ+ community in New York City. Marsha P. Johnson, a pioneering Black transgender activist, is often credited with being among the first to resist, symbolically "throwing the first brick." This moment was a turning point in queer history and helped ignite the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States.



HARVEY MILK

November 8, 1977

On November 8, 1977, Harvey Milk won a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, becoming the first openly gay elected official in the United States. Through his leadership, Milk helped pave the way for the Gay Liberation Movement and his untimely assassination made him an enduring symbol of resistance and resilience.



EDIE WINDSOR

June 27, 2013

On June 27, 2013, in United States v. Windsor, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a key provision of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which had defined marriage exclusively as a union between a man and a woman. The decision followed years of tireless advocacy by Edie Windsor and laid the groundwork for the landmark ruling in Obergefell v. Hodges (2015), which affirmed that the right to marry is a fundamental right for same-sex couples under the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause.