



Office of Child
and Youth Success



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THE YOUTH BULLETIN

San Diego, A City Where Children and Youth Thrive

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Office of Child and Youth Success

The Office of Child & Youth Success (OCYS) serves as a navigation and connection point for residents seeking supportive services and programming for youth ages 24 and below.

VISION

All of San Diego's children and youth thrive, are empowered, and feel successful. They are supported by a coordinated network of City and community partners with a shared framework to provide high-impact and equitable programs, services, resources, and opportunities.

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MISSION

The Office of Child and Youth Success is dedicated to prioritizing San Diego's youngest community by ensuring access to resources, services, and high-quality programs to support positive social, health, and educational outcomes for all children and youth.

CREATORS

Each of our monthly newsletters are created by OCYS interns Ayleth Cruz and Frida J Cienega.

Stay Connected!

The Office of Child and Youth Success newsletters are carefully crafted by the talented Employ & Empower Youth interns!

Subscribe and follow us on Instagram to stay current on youth resources and more!

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PRESENTS:

FREE

Youth Summit 2026

June 3rd ~ 10:00AM-3:45PM ~ Balboa Park

RESOURCES • GUEST SPEAKERS • WORKSHOPS
GAMES • ART • COMMUNITY

An opportunity for youth (**ages 15-24**) in San Diego to build bridges with community and connect with resources while having fun in the park, learning and creating with peers.

San Diego youth are highly encouraged to attend!

CO-HOSTS:



OUR TIME TO ACT



THE CENTER



ENGAGING ART ACTIVITIES PRESENTED BY:



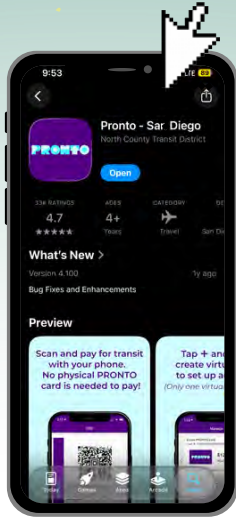
San Diego Creative Youth Development Network

REGISTER!

bit.ly/sdyouthsummit2026

Information for resource vendors and sponsors visit ocys@sandiego.gov





San Diego's Metropolitan Transit System offers free public transportation to various individuals, including youth (18 and under) and students. Adults can ride for only \$2.50.

Balboa Park consists of two nearby bus stops for routes 7 and 215 for the Rapid transportation!

Downloading the Pronto app allows you to get easy access to a virtual bus pass, plan future trips, and search for nearby bus stops at any location. Physical cards are also available at the MTS Transit Store.

ICA INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART SAN DIEGO

ICA San Diego is currently exhibiting artwork crafted by the talented Mexican artist Ruben Ulises Rodriguez Montoya. *In the Garden of Earthly Delights: I Bend to Paradise*, is composed of roughly 40 works. The work is available for free viewing at the Central location for anyone!

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February 21, 2026 - May 24, 2026
1439 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101



Photograph by Frida J Cienega

Mingei International Museum

Mingei International Museum is currently exhibiting beautiful works made by various artists. *Boundless*, curated by Guusje Sanders, serves to echo the Southern California landscapes through the presence of mid 20th century studio ceramics. There are around 150 works kept in Mingei's permanent Collection!

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September 27, 2025 - May 31, 2026
Plaza de Panama, 1439 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101



Photograph from Mingei International Museum

Small Businesses

MEDIA CENTERED

A film lab, run by Jenessa and Andrew, specializing in color and black & white film. They serve the San Diego community by hosting community events centered around different mediums of media.



FRIENDS OF FRIENDS

A music and community focused coffee shop, known for their filipino inspired coffee!



Founded by Eric and Tim in 2017, they decided to open a vinyl shop, located in South Park. From rare collectors items to affordable CD's, unity and community is what makes this place unique!

San Diego's largest camera store is located in North Park, serving the community since 1965. Locally owned and operated, different equipment can be found here! From digital cameras, lighting equipment and passport photos!



INTERNSHIP AND JOBS



Internships!



Options For All is seeking a Film & Media Intern to support the planning, production, and delivery of mission-driven projects that amplify the voices of the communities we serve.



Community engagement internship



Student Worker internship



Jobs!



The Vote-By-Mail (Back-Office) section of the Registrar of Voters is seeking positive, enthusiastic, and flexible people to work in a fast-paced, volume-driven environment for the upcoming June 2, 2026, Gubernatorial Primary Election.

The San Diego County fair is looking for Team Players to help greet visitors, answer questions, provide directions, address guest concerns, maintain lost and found items, and guide guests.



SIR SEASON IS HERE: PREPARING FOR NATIONAL COLLEGE SIGNING DAY

MAY 2026

Reality Changers prepares youth to become first-generation college graduates and agents of change in their communities.

SIR Season is Here: Preparing for National College Signing Day (May 1, 2026)

Below is a practical guide to help students and families evaluate offers wisely and confidently.

1. Compare Financial Aid Offers Carefully

Before committing, review your financial aid award letters side-by-side:

- Look beyond the total amount and distinguish grants vs. loans
- Calculate your true out-of-pocket cost
- Consider long-term debt impact
- If needed, reach out to financial aid offices to clarify or appeal your package.

2. Plan Summer with Purpose

- Internships or job experience
- Volunteer work
- College prep programs
- Skill-building (coding, writing, research, etc.)

3. Compare Schools Side-by-Side

Begin brainstorming your story:

- What experiences shaped you?
- What challenges have you overcome?
- What motivates your goals?

Early drafts = less stress senior year.

4. Think Beyond Year One

- Identify teachers, counselors, or mentors who know you well:
- Participate actively in class
- Seek feedback
- Show growth and engagement

5. Review Loans Carefully

Learn the basics now:

- FAFSA and/or state aid applications
- Scholarships and deadlines
- Cost of attendance vs. sticker price

6. Visit Campuses (if possible)

Even informal visits help:

- Walk the campus
- Talk to students
- Get a feel for the environment

Virtual tours are also valuable if travel isn't possible

Final Thoughts

The SIR process is more than a deadline; it's a transition into your next chapter. For seniors, it's about making a confident, informed choice. Whether that will be attending community college, CSU, UC, private or out-of-state school, vocational/trade school, apprenticeship training, or military service, all pathways are supported and viable. For juniors, it's about preparing early and intentionally.

Need support?

Programs like Reality Changers and college access initiatives across the country are here to guide you every step of the way.

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES:

- California Latino Legislative Caucus Foundation Scholarship Program (CLLCF) Deadline: June 1st, 2026
- First-Gen Futures Scholarship | Deadline: June 1st, 2026
- Frederick and Bernice Beretta Memorial Scholarship | Deadline: June 1, 2026
- Women in Healthcare Scholarship | Deadline: June 1st, 2026

College Spotlight



Serving 1,430 remarkably accomplished undergraduate students, Haverford College, situated on Philly's ritzy Main Line, has 190 years of history and a reputation as one of the best liberal arts colleges in the country. Affectionately known as "The Ford," the college is part of the Tri-College Consortium with nearby Bryn Mawr and Swarthmore, which also happen to be among the crème de la crème of liberal arts schools.

MAY TEEN PROGRAMMING

All programs can be found in the calendar of events
<https://sandiego.events.mylibrary.digital/>



Game Makers & Designers

Tuesday, May 5, 4:00 PM

Level: Ages 14-18

Location: Central Library, 2nd floor,
Pauline Foster Teen Center



Cooking for Teens

Thursday, May 14, 4:00 PM

Level: Ages 14-18

Location: Central Library, 2nd floor,
Pauline Foster Teen Center



Teen Financial Literacy Series:

Invest Wisely

Monday, May 11, 4:00 PM

Level: Ages 12-18

Location: Central Library, 2nd floor,
Pauline Foster Teen Center



Resume Building Workshop

Tuesday, May 19, 4:00 PM

Level: Ages 12-18

Location: Central Library, 2nd floor,
Pauline Foster Teen Center



Admissions 101: What Colleges are Looking For

Tuesday, May 12, 4:00 PM

Level: Ages 14-18

Location: Central Library, 2nd floor,
Pauline Foster Teen Center



Teen Summer Reading Blast

Tuesday, June 2, 4:00 PM

Level: Ages 12-18

Location: Central Library, 2nd floor,
Pauline Foster Teen Center



PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Pauline Foster Teen Center
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RESOURCES FOR TEENS

All databases can be accessed from the eLibrary
<https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/elibrary>.



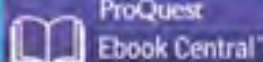
CL cloudLibrary

CloudLibrary allows you to borrow and read a wide array of eBooks from the San Diego Public Library for free.



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Books with
NovelList K-8

Find fiction titles for classroom use or reading, including picture books, children's chapter books and more.



ProQuest
Ebook Central™

eBook database with over 12,000 titles to support multiple subject areas.



TeachingBooks

An engaging collection of digital resources that brings books to life.

NEW YA BOOKS SPOTLIGHT

All books can be put on hold using the library's catalog

<https://sandiego.bibliocommons.com/>



TAGS:
Chinese Americans,
Family secrets,
Grief



TAGS: Female friendship,
Magic,
Quests

TAGS:
Lesbians,
Missing persons,
Vampires



New book arrivals are delayed due to distributor ceasing operations

CONTACT US

If you need any help with the library, including booking a school tour, books, or other resources, please contact us at:

619-236-5800 teenspace@sandiego.gov 330 Park Blvd.



Farmer's Market

Little Italy: Wednesdays (9:30-1:30) & Saturday (8am-2pm)
501 W Date St from Kettner Blvd to Front St, San Diego, CA 92101

Gaslamp Artisan Market: Saturday & Sunday (11 am-4 pm)
Fifth Ave from Island Ave to J St. and Island Ave from Fourth Ave to Fifth Ave, San Diego, CA 92101

Hillcrest Farmers Market: Sunday (8 am-2 pm)
3960 Normal St from Lincoln Ave to University Ave, San Diego, CA 92103

North Park Farmers Market: Thursday (3 pm-7:30 pm)
2900 North Park Way from Ray St to Granada Ave, San Diego, CA 92104

Ocean Beach Farmers Market: Wednesdays (4 pm-8 pm)
4900 Newport Ave from Cable St to Bacon St, San Diego, CA
92107

Pacific Beach Farmers Market: Tuesday (2 pm-6 pm)
4500 Bayard St. from Garnet Ave to Hornblend St, San
Diego, CA 92109

La Mesa Village Farmers Market: Friday (3 pm-7 pm)
La Mesa Boulevard between Palm Ave &, 4th St, La Mesa,
CA 91942



UPCOMING

EVENTS



Asian Pacific Cultural Festival:
May 16th,
11am - 5pm



San Diego Parks Foundation

I Love My Park Day
May 23rd,
11am - 2pm



RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Greater San Diego County

San Diego Pollination Week: May 4th - 10th



Queer Youth Arts show:
May 7, 6 - 8pm

SAN DIEGO MADE

La Mesa Spring market: May 2,
11am - 6pm



Community Yard Sale & Recycling
June 6th,
7am - 1pm