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‘Plant a Seed, Read’ this Summer with the San Diego Public Library

EARN PRIZES BY COOKING, GARDENING, HIKING AND MORE DURING CITY OF SAN DIEGO’S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

SAN DIEGO – Discover the connection between stories, food, culture and community with the San Diego Public Library’s (SDPL) [Summer Reading Program](#). From now until Aug. 15, readers of all ages can participate in the program and connect with nature, learn the joys of gardening, earn prizes and more, for free!

This year’s theme, “Plant a Seed, Read,” encourages participants to begin with a seed of curiosity and see what they can discover, both within the library and their local community. In addition to reading books, Summer Reading Program activities include visiting a community garden, attending a farmer’s market, planting seeds and more. Prizes include free books, passes to several Balboa Park museums, free food at participating Wingstop locations and a chance to win a pair of tickets to a San Diego Padres game in September. Prizes available while supplies last.

“Just like a garden feeds the body, books and ideas feed the mind,” said Library Director Misty Jones. **“Our Summer Reading Program highlights the importance of caring for our minds and bodies, and encourages participants to enrich their lives by connecting to each other, their environments and their communities.”**

The Summer Reading Program is made up of three categories: ages 0-5, 6-11 and teens and adults. [Registration](#) begins today, and all participants ages 0-17 who register by June 30 will receive a free general admission ticket to the [2026 San Diego County Fair](#), valid Friday-Sunday beginning June 12. Participants can log their books and activities online on [Beanstack](#) or with a [paper reading log](#).

Last year, the number of Summer Reading Program participants topped 35,000, who collectively read over 5 million books and logged 6.7 million minutes of reading.

To register online, view a list of activities and recommended books and find a Summer Reading Program kickoff event near you, visit sandiego.gov/SummerReading.

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. Learn about events at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common and 36 community branch libraries, find links to programs and resources or search for materials in the online catalog at SanDiegoLibrary.org.



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