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City of San Diego Public Library's Annual Summer Reading Program Begins June 1 PROGRAM OFFERS PRIZES FOR ADDING READING TO YOUR SUMMER PLANS

SAN DIEGO – Lights! Camera! Reading! The City of San Diego Public Library puts books center stage as its annual Summer Reading Program kicks off Saturday, June 1. This year's theme, "It's Showtime at Your Library," encourages participants to seek adventure, undiscovered worlds, romance and more through reading during the summer months.

The Summer Reading Program offers five age categories: babies and toddlers (ages 0 to 2), pre-readers (ages 3 to 5), kids (ages 6 to 11), youth (ages 12 to 17) and adults (ages 18 and up). Participants must read 10 books or log 10 hours of reading to complete the program. Upon completion, readers will be eligible for a variety of prizes including museum passes, meal vouchers and book bags.

"We want to encourage both kids and adults to sign up for the Summer Reading Program," said Library Director, Misty Jones. "We want to reach people where they are and the program is easy to access online and at your local library. The program also provides a great opportunity for kids to continue their learning throughout the summer months."

The program runs from June 1 to Aug. 31, 2019. Participants can register online and view a list of recommended books at <u>sandiego.gov/SummerReading</u> or by visiting any of the <u>36 City of San Diego</u> <u>Library locations</u>.

Last year, participants in the Summer Reading Program read nearly 262,000 books and logged more than 54,000 hours of reading.

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 <u>www.sandiegolibrary.org</u>.