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## Midnight Madness Celebrations Offer Fans Final Countdown to Harry Potter Book 7 Release

*50 patrons at two branch libraries will check out book at 12:01 a.m. on July 21*

**SAN DIEGO**—To mark the highly-anticipated release of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, the final book in the Harry Potter series, the San Diego Public Library will hold Midnight Madness celebrations on July 20 at the College Rolando and Rancho Bernardo Branch Libraries. At midnight when the book is officially released, the first 50 Harry Potter fans in line at each of the two branches (line ups begin at 8 p.m. on July 20) will be able to use their San Diego Public Library card to check out copies of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*.

Both branches also have refreshments and fun events planned from 9 p.m. to midnight. Celebrants at the Rancho Bernardo Branch Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive) will enjoy giveaways, the Hullabaloo Band, Mad Science "Fire & Ice" experiments, and the Amazing Dana "Mystical Magic Show." At the College Rolando Branch Library (6600 Montezuma Road), planned events include Dick Dale the magician, the Fern Street Circus balloon sculptors, the Jackstraws folk music band and giveaways.

In addition to the 50 books that will be available at each of these two branches at midnight, the City of San Diego Public Library has 303 *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* books, 10 books on cassette, and 51 books on CD on order in its collection for circulation.

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“Harry Potter fans young and old are counting down the hours until they can finally read this book,” said San Diego Public Library Youth Services Coordinator Marina Claudio-Perez. “Harry Potter events and the release of the last book in the series are generating so much excitement and fostering the love of reading among Harry Potter fans of all ages. At the San Diego Public Library Midnight Madness celebrations, Library customers can pass those final anxious hours with fellow fans and maybe share some theories about how the story will end.”

Additional Harry Potter events are also scheduled. Check out the San Diego Public Library website at [www.sandiegolibraries.org](http://www.sandiegolibraries.org) for the most current listing.

**About Harry Potter**

The fastest-selling book in history, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, J.K. Rowling's sixth Harry Potter book was released on July 16, 2005 with a first printing of 10.8 million. It sold 6.9 million copies in the first 24 hours. All six Harry Potter books, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* and *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* have been number one bestsellers in the United States, Britain, and around the world. The American editions of the Harry Potter books are published under Scholastic's Arthur A. Levine imprint.

**About the San Diego Public Library**

San Diego Public Library, which is the largest library system in the region, serves a population of more than 1.2 million people. Its mission is to respond to the information needs of San Diego's diverse communities; ensure equal access to local, national and global resources; anticipate and address the educational, cultural, business and recreational interests of the public; and develop and provide welcoming environments. For more about the San Diego Public Library, please see <http://www.sandiegolibrary.org>.

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