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San Diego Public Library Celebrates National Library Week April 13-19

SAN DIEGO ... Communities across the country will celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries, and library staff by offering special programs and services during National Library Week, April 13-19. This year, National Library Week marks its 50th anniversary and the honorary chair is the beloved entertainer and author Julie Andrews, known for her roles in such classic movies as "The Sound of Music" and "Mary Poppins," and such books as *Thanks to You—Wisdom from Mother and Child* and *The Great American Mousical*.

The San Diego Public Library is using this week to launch its year-long campaign, "*Check Out the Treasures at Your Library*." The Library will begin highlighting sometimes little known treasures throughout the library system. One of the crown jewels in the Central Library, at 820 E Street in downtown on the third floor, is the [Wangenheim Room](#), which contains a collection of rare books, manuscripts and artifacts illustrating the development of books that spans more than 4,000 years. "We are so proud of the many resources that are available to our community," said Anna Tatár, Library Director. "Just a few of our many treasures include teaching materials in over 100 languages, our Visual Arts Program's collections includes sculptures and paintings placed throughout the library facilities, a Baseball Collection at Central Library, that is the largest of its kind west of the Mississippi, thanks to the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR). Baseball Hall-of-Famer and former Padre Dave Winfield also recently donated 103 new books to the collection at City Heights/Weingart Branch Library. This is just a small sampling of our many treasures that will be highlighted on our website in the coming year."

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As part of National Library Week, on Wednesday, April 16, the Library will begin offering downloadable audio books to anyone who has a library card. Titles provided by Overdrive, Inc. can be checked out and downloaded to personal computers. Once downloaded, the eAudiobook files can be transferred to a supported MP3 player, and some can be burned to CD. These titles can be taken on the road, to the beach, or listened to at home. There are no late fees or overdue notices; the digital titles will automatically expire.

On Thursday, April 17, the Library in partnership with the San Diego Unified School District, will launch an outreach campaign to highlight the library's electronic resources for students.

Featured resources include:

- **SchoolRooms[®]**, a rich multimedia environment targeted to 4th -12th graders that is tied to the California curriculum
- **Live Homework Help[®]**, one-on-one help with tutors on homework assignments
- **Ask Now 24/7**, Free reference assistant from a trained librarian
- **Research Databases**, Links to more than 80 databases including encyclopedias, photos, biographies, maps and more...

The San Diego Public Library is excited about continuing to enhance services to our community. Library Week is a great time to check out the many treasures at your library. Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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