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SAN DIEGO CENTRAL LIBRARY LAUNCHES “DOWNTOWN CHESS” *All skill levels welcome*

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library, in partnership with the San Diego Chess Club (SDCC), is proud to announce the creation of Downtown Chess. This weekly casual chess meet will be held weekly on Fridays at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan ^ Irwin Jacobs Common located at 330 Park Blvd. in downtown San Diego. Are you the next chess prodigy? Do you dream to dethrone Magnus Carlsen as the next world champion? Is the future Bobby Fischer in San Diego? Are you the American Judit Polgár? Can you beat the chess super librarians on our own turf?

Downtown Chess will meet **weekly on Friday at 3:00 – 5:00 pm starting on March 14** and is open to anyone interested in the classic game of chess. All skill levels are welcome. In which other sport will you find a 5 year old playing against a septuagenarian, or an 80 lb. middle schooler engaging a 300 lb. college student? No matter the size, age, or gender, chess makes this possible. Library staff and members of the SDCC will be available on site to engage prospective players and answer any questions about the game of chess.

To launch Downtown Chess, a chess display is available for viewing in the Art, Music and Recreation section on the 8th floor. On **Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30**, the Library will also screen the film *Brooklyn Castle*, a film documentary about a middle school that has built the winningest junior high school chess team in the country despite deep budget cuts, and the first middle school team to win the U.S. Chess Federation's national high school championship. Future events include chess instructions, lectures, more films and other related activities.

The San Diego Chess Club (SDCC) is one of the largest chess clubs in the country with members ranging from novice to international master. More experienced players can contact SDCC at: <https://sites.google.com/site/sandiegochessclub/home>.

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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