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### **GET READY FOR COMIC-CON WITH RAINA TELGEMEIER** *An Evening with Raina Awaits Comic Fans*

**SAN DIEGO** – Raina Telgemeier, the best-selling author of *Smile*, *Sisters*, and *Drama* is coming to the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common on Tuesday, July 7 at 6:00 PM for “An Evening with Raina,” a free event to help you get ready for Comic-Con International! The event will take place in the Auditorium on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. Raina’s graphic novels have delighted readers of all ages. Come hear her speak about her work, bring your questions, and find out what’s next at this free special event presented by Comic-Con International and Comic Book Legal Defense Fund, in conjunction with the San Diego Public Library.

Raina is a global phenomenon. Her three books, *Smile*, *Drama*, and *Sisters*—along with her four books based on Ann M. Martin’s *The Baby-sitters Club*—total a staggering 3 million copies in print, placing her at the forefront of the children’s graphic novel boom. Her efforts to champion kids’ right to read include speaking out for Banned Books Week, the annual celebration of the freedom to read. Banned Books Week 2015 celebrates young adult books, and the rights of young readers everywhere to read fearlessly.

This popular comics creator is a special guest at Comic-Con International this year, but you don’t have to have a badge to see her in this special early appearance at the San Diego Central Library! Admission is free, but seating is limited for this special event.

#### **About Comic Book Legal Defense Fund**

Comic Book Legal Defense Fund is a non-profit organization protecting the freedom to read comics. Their work protects readers, creators, librarians, retailers, publishers, and educators who face the threat of censorship. They create resources that promote the understanding of comics

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and publish news & information about censorship events as they happen.

**About Comic-Con International**

Comic-Con International (CCI) is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to creating awareness of, and appreciation for, comics and related popular artforms, primarily through the presentation of conventions and events that celebrate the historic and ongoing contribution of comics to art and culture.

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](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org)

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