

The *Library Connection* online newsletter provides the public with information about upcoming events, major programs and other news of the City of San Diego Public Library. Anyone can sign up for this free monthly email announcement by visiting the Library on the City's website at www.sandiegolibrary.org and clicking on "News & Events."

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Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Knight Bus "Appears" at Mission Valley Branch on July 5

The Knight Bus rolls straight off the pages of the popular Harry Potter books and into San Diego on July 5 to promote the release of the last book in the series, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. The unique, purple triple-decker bus that rescues stranded witches and wizards in the Harry Potter books will be at the Mission Valley Branch Library in Fenton Marketplace from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. To celebrate the bus, the San Diego Public Library is holding an activity-filled celebration. Planned for the **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Celebration** are magic shows, face painters, magic-inspired hat making, bounce houses, music and a Harry Potter-themed Jeopardy. Additionally, attendees are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite Harry Potter character and to enter the costume show.

A limited number of previously-selected sweepstakes winners from each of the San Diego Public Library's branches will board the bus and record a 20-second video on their reflections on the books. But all Harry Potter fans are invited to come see the bus and participate in the planned activities.



A special *Hogwarts Express* trolley will deliver attendees to the event. Those attending the event can park for free at the Qualcomm stadium trolley stop (which will be known as Platform 9 ¾ for the day) and take the short ride to the library (and return) on a special, free trolley.

Scholastic, the U.S. publisher of the Harry Potter books, selected San Diego as one of 37 cities to host the seven-week-long bus tour, which culminates at Scholastic headquarters in New York City for the release of the seventh and final book on July 21, 2007.



Thursday, July 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Mission Valley Branch Library
2123 Fenton Parkway (858) 573-5007

Other July Harry Potter Events

Saturday, July 7 at Noon

Logan Heights Branch Library
811 So. 28th St., 619-533-3968

"Get a Clue with Harry Potter" presented by artist Sharon Chifton.

Thursday, July 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Central Library, Second Floor, Children's Room
820 E Street, Downtown, 619-236-5800
Joe Mystic's Magic Show.



Thursday, July 19 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

San Carlos Branch Library
7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430
Harry Potter Party. Reservations required.

Saturday, July 21

10:30 a.m.

Allied Gardens/Benjamin Branch Library
5188 Zion Ave., 619-533-3970
Craig Stone's Magic Show, plus crafts & refreshments in celebration of the release of the new Harry Potter book.

From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Mira Mesa Branch Library
8405 New Salem St., 858-538-8165

Three *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* books will be given to contestants who have the most realistic, most creative or scariest costume. Cake and wizard's punch will be available at the party. Other Harry Potter prizes will be rewarded for answering trivia questions.



Tuesday, July 24

2 p.m.

La Jolla/Riford Branch Library
7555 Draper Avenue, 858-552-1657
Harry Potter-themed magic show.

10 a.m.

Paradise Hills Branch Library
5922 Rancho Hills Drive, 619-527-3461
Craig Stone's Magic Show. Harry Potter book and movies on display.

Wednesday, July 25

6:30 p.m.

Rancho Peñasquitos Branch Library
13330 Salmon River Road, 858-538-8159
HARRY POTTER PARTY: Trivia game to win the NEW Harry Potter Book; Professor Snape (a.k.a. Darwin) with real snakes and spiders; Edible wands and worms.

Thursday, July 26

4 p.m.

Rancho Penasquitos Branch Library
13330 Salmon River Road, 858-538-8159
Special craft - Harry Potter Spell Books for ages 8 and up.

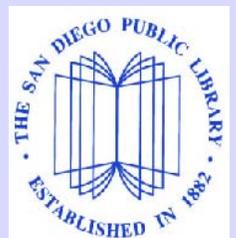
3:30 p.m.

Serra Mesa/Kearny Mesa Branch Library
9005 Aero Drive, 858-573-1396
The Magic of Dick Dale.

Even More Great Events and Programs!

For the very latest information about Library events, exhibits, activities and other programs, visit your local library or check out the Library on the City's website at:

<http://www.sandiegolibrary.org>



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The San Diego Public Library's Summer Reading Program presented by Target kicks into high gear in July. The program encourages preschoolers, children and teens to discover recreational reading and build reading skills and also helps them learn and use their imaginations during the summer. Bank of America and QUALCOMM also support the program.

The program, which runs from June 15 through August 15, is free and open to all children and teens. Sign up at your local Library branch and receive a reading log, bookmark and suggested reading lists. Incentives are awarded to those who read 10 or more books in the summer (10 hours of reading for teen readers). Prizes include free passes to the San Diego Zoo. Youngsters earn discounts at the San Diego Air & Space Museum, San Diego Natural History Museum, Legoland and free pizza at Pizza Hut.

All branches also hold free special events such as puppet theaters, music performances, storytelling, science programs, arts and crafts and other fun activities. Last year, nearly 40,000 children and parents/caregivers attended these activities.

The San Diego Public Library Summer Reading Program has helped more than one million children since it began in 1924. More than 150 programs for children, teens and young adults are planned at San Diego Public Library branches in July alone. Check the calendar on www.sandiegolibrary.org for more information on Summer Reading programs at the branch near you.



Independence Day
All Libraries to be Closed

All City libraries will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. As a convenience, book drops at all locations will remain open to return items.

Summer Sleuthing –

A Summer Reading Program for Young Adults

Following the successful Polygraph programs in June, several Branch Libraries are offering other Detective Science programs this month.

Logan Heights Branch Library

(also offered at other branches)
Wednesday, July 18th at 6:00 pm

Fingerprinting



University Community Branch Library

(also offered at other branches)
Monday, July 16th at 3:30 pm

Forensic Detective presented by Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library

(also offered at other branches)
Thursday, July 19th at 12:30 pm

DNA Decoded - Learn how DNA makes us unique and how it can be used to solve crimes. Sponsored by the **Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**.

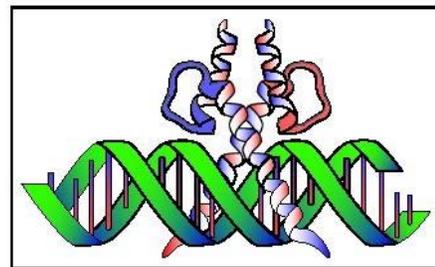


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Free Parking For Central Library Patrons

When:

Saturdays - 9:30AM - 5:30PM
Sundays - 1 PM - 5 PM

Where:

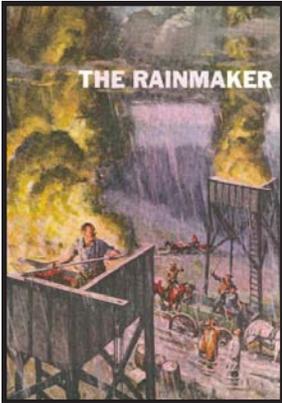
5 Star Parking lot, adjacent to the Library at the southeast corner of Broadway & Eighth Avenue. Enter the lot from Eighth Avenue. The Library thanks **5 Star Parking** for making this free parking available.

Additionally, parking meters are not enforced on Sundays and after 6 PM on weekdays and Saturdays.

San Diego Water History

“The city council signed a contract yesterday with Hatfield, the Moisture Accelerator. He has promised to fill Morena reservoir to overflowing by December 20, 1916, for \$10,000. All the councilmen are in favor of the contract except Fay, who says it's rank foolishness.”

—San Diego Union, December 14, 1915.



“The Rainmaker and other Stories of San Diego’s Water History,” a new exhibit at the Central Library, features photographs and artifacts of this precious resource to our region. The exhibit, on display in the Second Floor Corridor Gallery, runs through September 30.

This exhibit is the result of an agreement between the

Library and the City of San Diego Water Department to preserve, inventory and catalog a collection of documents stored at the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant.

The archiving project, which represents nearly 100 years of San Diego water history, was recognized by the American Public Works Association in 2006 with their “Honor Award of the Year.” The recent County Grand Jury report reviewing the proposed New Main Library also commended the Library for its work on this important project.



Through September 30
Central Library, Second Floor Corridor Gallery
820 E St., 619-236-5800

Library Lends Valuable Manuscripts to Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit



Esther Scroll on loan from the Library’s Wangenheim Room to the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit.

The San Diego Natural History Museum’s Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition is the largest, most comprehensive exhibition of the Dead Sea Scrolls ever assembled. That exhibit includes valuable manuscripts lent by the Central Library’s Wangenheim Room for fine and rare books. The Dead Sea Scrolls are ancient manuscripts that were discovered between 1947 and 1956 in 11 caves on the shores of the Dead Sea in Israel. The Dead Sea Scrolls date from the 3rd century before the common era (BCE) to the 1st century of the common era (CE). The scrolls contain some of the oldest-known copies of biblical books, as well as hymns, prayers, and other important writings. They are on exhibit at the Natural History Museum through the end of this year.

The Library manuscripts lent to the Museum include a fine facsimile edition of the Gutenberg Bible and an Esther Scroll, otherwise known as the biblical book of Esther written on a scroll (megillah), to be read on the festival of Purim.

“The scrolls are the oldest discovered copies of the books of the Hebrew Bible, and the ideas in them have shaped our world,” said Dr. Risa Levitt Kohn, curator of the exhibition and director of San Diego State University’s Judaic Studies Program. “They shed light on life, faith and culture in ancient Israel, which influenced Judaism and Christianity.”

Through December 31
San Diego Natural History Museum
1788 El Prado, 619-232-3821
www.sdnhm.org



Mission Valley Branch Celebrates Its Fifth Anniversary!



The Mission Valley Branch Library will celebrate five years of outstanding service to Mission Valley with a grand gala on Saturday, July 21 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Planned for the day are a book sale, crafts at 10 a.m., a jazz band at 11 a.m. and cake at noon in the library garden. Jackstraws, a pirate-themed musical group, will dazzle attendees with vocal harmony, instrumental wizardry and outrageous comedy at 12:30 p.m. Attendees will get a chance to win a \$500 shopping spree at any Westfield Shopping Center by joining the Mission Valley Friends of the Library (\$5 registration).

- 10 a.m. Special Children’s Story time and crafts
- 11 a.m. Peter Rutman Blues and Jazz band
- 12:30 pm JACKSTRAWS Musical Group

STANDING SILENT NATION SHOWS PLIGHT OF NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

Standing Silent Nation is an eye-opening account of Native American reservation life. It is the story of one Lakota family’s struggle to retain tribal identity and sovereignty against the odds of history and current government policy.

The FREE screening of the documentary is Wednesday, July 11, at 6:30 p.m., in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St., in downtown San Diego.

Teens-Express Yourself At Journal Workshop

If you are 13 to 19 years of age and think you’re not an “artist,” but would like to be, this class is for you. If you know you are an artist and would like to go further on your journey, this class also is for you. For the Journal Workshop, supplies will be provided free of charge, including the journal, paint, brushes, pens, glue, collage elements of all kinds (images, borders, buttons, lace, hand made papers, and more). You are asked to bring any words or texts you’d like to include in the journal – poetry (written by you or others), quotes, as well as any clippings from magazines you may have stuffed in a folder. If you have none of these items to bring, don’t worry. The teacher has tons of stuff and you’ll start to find lots of things once class starts.

Susan Richardson, teacher and artist, who works in paint, collage, words and calligraphy will teach the class. You can see her work and learn more about her at www.susanrichardson.com.



Student Art from Susan Richardson Art Journaling classes.

**Wednesday Evenings, 6 to 8 p.m.
from July 11 to August 8**

North Clairemont Branch Library
4616 Clairemont Drive, 858-581-9931

Free Films at Libraries



The Library presents a variety of free films, many of which are independent or foreign films not widely distributed. Others are classic and family-friendly movies. For more information about films being shown, visit the Calendar of Events section on the Library’s website at www.sandiegolibrary.org.