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Children's Book Week Celebrated at City Libraries With Special Events, Programs and Activities *85th Annual Event will be Observed Across Nation from Nov. 15-21*

SAN DIEGO – Books can open whole new worlds for children, improving their lives through education. As part of the 85th annual Children's Book Week (Nov. 15-21), the City of San Diego Public Library invites all San Diego children to make a special visit to their local libraries for activities, fun events and to find books they love.

“The City's libraries are loaded with great books for children to enjoy,” said City Library Director Anna Tatár. “As part of Children's Book Week, there are many great events and activities planned at libraries throughout the City.”

All 35 of the City's libraries have area's devoted to children and children's books. For a complete schedule of children's programs during the week, contact your local library or visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/>.

Children's Book Week is sponsored by the Children's Book Council. Since 1919, librarians, educators, booksellers and families have celebrated Children's Book Week at libraries, schools, bookstores, clubs, private homes – any place where there are children and books.

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Children's Book Week Schedule of Events at City Libraries

The City of San Diego Public Library will offer a variety of activities as part of Children's Book Week, Nov. 15-21. Call the library to check on availability. Scheduled events are as follows:

Nov. 1-21

- Name That Doll – Children under 18 can participate in a contest to name the most characters from a display of more than 30 dolls from various children's books. The winner will receive a \$25 gift card to Borders. The characters' identities will be posted from Nov. 22-30. Pacific Beach-Taylor Branch Library, 4275 Cass St., 858-581-9934.

Monday, Nov. 15

- Make Your Own Book – San Diego Book Arts members will be at the library from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Visitors to the library during that time will be able to construct their own accordion-style book about verbs, titled "Flip It." The events will be in coordination with an exhibition of handmade books created by children artists on display at the branch from Nov. 1 through Jan. 3. Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St., 619-527-3405.
- Book Club for Kids – This month the group will discuss the book "Family Under the Bridge," by Natalie Savage Carlson, beginning at 6 p.m. Read the book or have someone read it to you. Bring your thoughts, stories, pictures, plays, costumes, or whatever you want to share with the group. For children in kindergarten and up. Point Loma-Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St., 619-531-1539.
- Kids Night Out/Noche de los Niños – Homework assistance for area students in math, reading, book reports, and daily assignments, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For children, grades K - 12. Valencia Park-Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St., 619-527-3405.
- How Comic Books are Made – Robert Scott, owner of Comickaze, will demonstrate how comic books are made, from conception to the final product beginning at 7 p.m. Mission Valley Branch Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, 858-573-5007.
- Teen Book Club – The Teen Book Club will discuss the book "The Giver" by Lois Lowry beginning at 7 p.m. New members are welcome and should register prior to discussion. For grades 7 and 8 only. Parents are welcome as well. Drinks and refreshments will also be served. Carmel Valley Branch Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive, 858-552-1668.

Wednesday, Nov. 17

- Let's Read – A book discussion group for children 7 to 10 years old will meet at 4 p.m. Call to pre-register with Miss Ann, Children's Librarian. Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive, 858-538-8158.

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Wednesday, Nov. 17 (cont.)

- Dog Days: Reading to Dogs – Reading to certified therapy dogs is a fun way for children to read and not feel intimidated. The free reading program is for children from kindergarten through fourth grade and begins at 4:30 p.m. Rancho Bernardo Branch Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive, 858-538-8163.
- Kids Night Out/Noche de los Niños – Homework assistance for area students in math, reading, book reports, and daily assignments, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For children in kindergarten to 12th grade. Valencia Park-Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St., 619-527-3405.
- Kids Night Out – From 6 to 7:30 p.m., Volunteer San Diego will provide homework assistance in math, reading, reports and other daily assignments for children and young adults in kindergarten to 12th grade. All elementary school children must be accompanied by an older adult. Please sign-up at the Library Circulation Desk to obtain priority assistance. Mira Mesa Branch Library, 8405 New Salem St., 858-538-8165.

Thursday, Nov. 18

- Book Crafts – Children will learn how to make a simple book as part of an arts and crafts project beginning at 3:30 p.m. San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430.
- Child-Parent Book Club – The Child-Parent Book Club, open to students in grades 4-6 and their parents, will discuss the book “Girl with the Silver Eyes” by Willo Davis Roberts from 7 to 8 p.m. Mission Valley Branch Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, 858-573-5007.

Friday, Nov. 19

- Children's Holiday Books Sale – Great deals on new and used children's books for your holiday gift list will be found at the Children's Room on both Friday, Nov. 19 and Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Central Library, 820 E St., second floor; 619-236-5838.

Saturday, Nov. 20

- Children's Holiday Books Sale – Great deals on new and used children's books for your holiday gift list will be found at the Children's Room on both Friday, Nov. 19 and Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Central Library, 820 E St., second floor; 619-236-5838.
- Student and Parent Book Club – The club will discuss “Hoot” by Carl Hiaasen beginning at 1:30 p.m. Copies of the book are available at the Library. Appropriate for fourth through sixth graders. Parental attendance invited but not required. La Jolla-Riford Branch Library, 7555 Draper Ave., 858-552-1657.

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