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Children's Book Week Celebrated at City Libraries with Special Events and Activities

85th Annual Event will be Observed Across Nation from Nov. 14-20

SAN DIEGO – Books can open whole new worlds for children, improving their lives through education. As part of the 86th annual Children's Book Week (Nov. 14-20), 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.

“As part of Children's Book Week, there are many great events and activities planned at libraries throughout the City,” said City Library Director Anna Tatár. “The City's libraries are loaded with great books for children to enjoy. Young people are encouraged to discover the complexity of the world beyond their own experience through books.”

All 35 of the City's libraries have areas devoted to children and children's books. For a complete schedule of children's programs during the week, the public is encouraged to check out their local library or visit the San Diego Public 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.

Founded in 1882, the San Diego Public Library serves approximately 6.5 million people annually.

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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. 14-20. In addition to the events below, most libraries have regular "story times" for young children. Call the library to check on availability and for more information. Scheduled events are as follows:

Nov. 1-30

- Reading Contest – Prizes will be awarded for reading best-loved children's books during the month of November. Call the library for details. Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library, 4275 Cass St. 858-581-9934
- Dolls of Children's Books Exhibit – A collection of more than 30 dolls representing classic children's books will be on display in November. Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library, 4275 Cass St. 858-581-9934

Monday, Nov. 14

- Tutoring for Triumph – Students from Patrick Henry High School offer a tutoring program for students in grades 1-8 every Monday. 4 p.m. San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive. 619-527-3430.
- San Carlos Kids' Book Club – The San Carlos Kids' Book Club will discuss "Maniac Magee" by Jerry Spinelli. Refreshments will be served. The club is open to children in grades 4-6. 5:15 p.m. San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive. 619-527-3430.
- Homework Help – Need help with homework assignments, test preparations, reading skills, or other school related learning? Tutors from Volunteer San Diego will assist students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Reserve your spot for a free, one-on-one tutoring session. 6 p.m. Carmel Valley Branch Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive. 858-552-1668.
- Children's Night Out/Noche de los Ninos – Homework assistance for area students in math, reading, book reports and daily assignments for children in kindergarten through 12th grade. 6 p.m. Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St. 619-527-3405.
- Celebrate Native American Heritage Month – Participate in Native American stories, chants, dance activities and make your own drums and shakers. Appropriate for ages 3 and up. 6:45 p.m. Clairemont Branch Library, 2920 Burgener Blvd. 858-581-9935.

Tuesday, Nov. 15

- Holiday Movie – Enjoy a free holiday movie with complimentary popcorn in the Children's Room. For details, call the library. 3:30 p.m. San Ysidro Branch Library, 101 W. San Ysidro Blvd. 619-424-0475.

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Wednesday, Nov. 16

- Thanksgiving Crafts – Take part in a fun Thanksgiving craft event in the Children's Room. 3 p.m. Central Library, 820 E St. 619-236-5838.
- Book Discussion Group for Children – The book club welcomes children ages 7-10 on the third Wednesday of each month. Call to pre-register. 4 p.m. Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. 858-538-8158.
- Western Magic Show – Join Bafflin' Bill Cowboy as he performs cool magic tricks that are guaranteed to amaze you. 4 p.m. Carmel Valley Branch Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive. 858-552-1668.
- Children's Night Out – Volunteer San Diego will provide homework assistance in math, reading, reports and other daily assignments for children and teens, grades K-12. All elementary school children must be accompanied by an older adult. Sign up at the Library Circulation Desk. 6 p.m. Mira Mesa Branch Library, 8405 New Salem St., 858-538-8165.
- Children's Night Out/Noche de los Ninos – Homework assistance for area students in math, reading, book reports and daily assignments for children in kindergarten through 12th grade. 6 p.m. Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St. 619-527-3405.
- Thanksgiving Crafts – A fun Thanksgiving craft event for toddlers through age 6. Toddlers will need assistance of an adult. 6 p.m. Rancho Bernardo Branch Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. 858-538-8163.
- Parents and Children Art Night -- Art projects that the whole family can do together. All ages welcome. Registration is required. 6 p.m. Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. 6 p.m. 619-531-1539.
- Carmel Mountain Children's Book Club – The club will discuss "The Landry News" by Andrew Clements. Please read the book before our meeting and come ready to share your thoughts about this book. The book club is for grades 4-6. 6:30 p.m. Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch Library, 12095 World Trade Center Drive. 858-538-8181.

Thursday, Nov. 17

- Early Day Fun – Enjoy after school activities, including puzzles and games for ages 10 - 14. 1:30 p.m. Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. 6 p.m. 619-531-1539.
- Thanksgiving Fun – Storyteller Patti Christensen creates a magical program with stories, songs, jokes and riddles about Thanksgiving. There will be costumes, wigs, surprising props and lots of audience participation. 3 p.m. Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive, 858-538-8158.
- Baggy Book Craft Program – Create a unique book made of sealed plastic bags that can hold text and photos. All supplies will be provided. 3:30 p.m. Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch Library, 12095 World Trade Drive. 858-538-8181.

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Friday, Nov. 18

- Children and Young Adult Book Club – Contact the library for details about this fun group activity. 4 p.m. University Community Branch Library, 4155 Governor Drive. 858-552-1655.

Saturday, Nov. 19

- Winter Holiday Crafts – Decorate foam stockings. First come, first served. Class size is limited to 20 because of the availability of pre-prepared materials. Suitable for children from 4 to 7 years old. Coloring pages will be provided for younger siblings. 3 p.m. La Jolla/Riford Branch Library, 7555 Draper Ave. 858-552-1657.

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