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Workshops and Web Page to Help Parents Better Understand Technology Children Use *First Four Library Workshops to Focus on "Safety and the Internet"*

SAN DIEGO – For many parents, understanding how their children use technology to learn at schools and libraries can be a tremendous task. The City of San Diego Public Library is helping make the process easier with workshops and a new Web page designed to teach parents how their children use computers and the Internet. The innovative Parents, Children & Technologies program provides online information about the kinds of technology children are using, what the Internet is and how it works, and how a parent can help a child learn using technology.

Also, the Library has developed a series of workshops for parents that will be taught in Library computer labs. Each workshop (or module) addresses a particular topic related to technology and children's education that parents may want to learn more about. The Web site has a special "Workshops" area with links related to module topics. Information about the workshops can be found on the City's Web site (<http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/>) by choosing "Services" and clicking on "Parents, Children & Technologies." The program was made possible by a \$20,000 grant from Verizon SuperPages.

The subject of the first four workshops, all free and open to the public, will be "Safety and the Internet":

- **Workshop #1:** Sept. 15, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch, 10301 Scripps Lane Drive. For information, call the branch at 858-538-8158.
- **Workshop #2:** Sept. 27, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Point Loma-Hervey Branch, 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, call the branch at 619-531-1539.
- **Workshop #3:** Oct. 13, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Valencia Park-Malcolm X Branch, 5148 Market St. For more information, call the branch at 619-527-3405.
- **Workshop #4:** Oct. 25, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Valencia Park-Malcolm X Branch, 5148 Market St. For more information, call the branch at 619-527-3405.

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