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## Public Library

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### **Library's Summer Reading Program Open to All Children and Teens** *Prizes and Better Skills Await Children, Teens at Libraries During Summer*

**SAN DIEGO** – A variety of critters and beasts await children and teens who take part in the City of San Diego Public Library's 2006 free Summer Reading Program, which begins June 15 and continues through Aug. 15. Summer is a great time to pick up a book and continue to improve reading skills, and this year's Summer Reading Program will focus on animals and fun.

"With so many students on vacation from school, reading books is an especially important activity during the summer," said City Library Director Anna Tatár. "All San Diego children and teens are invited to take part in the Summer Reading Program and discover all the great resources of the San Diego Public Library."

For children up to 12 years old, the theme of the program is "**Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales.**" The program's theme for teens in grades 7-12 is "**Creature Feature @ Your Library.**" Participants in the program will receive special prizes, including "Paws to Read" wristbands, plush dog and cat bookmarks, and free admission to the San Diego Zoo, Natural History Museum and the Aerospace Museum.

The Summer Reading Program, available at all City libraries, will also include many free special events such as puppet theater, music performances, storytelling, arts and crafts projects, science programs, and other fun activities.

The Library began the annual Summer Reading Program in 1924. The goals of the program are to keep children and teens reading, learning and improving their reading skills, and stretching their imaginations during the summer. Reading improves literacy and helps students do better in school. Last year, 23,000 children and teens enrolled in the program. The program is free for all and open to anyone 18 and younger.

For more details about the program, fun activities and about how to sign up, contact or visit your local library. More information is also available on the Library's Web site at [www.sandiego.gov/public-library](http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library).

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### Summer Reading Program Calendar of Events June 2006

The San Diego Public Library's Summer Reading Program runs **June 15 through Aug. 15**. Below are special events scheduled in June. Call or visit your local library for more details, or visit the Library on the City's Web site at [www.sandiego.gov/public-library](http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library).

#### Thursday, June 15

- **Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library** – A special puppet show, “B.A.R.K.: The Robot Dog,” will be performed by Swazzle. 10 a.m. 5148 Market St., San Diego. 619-527-3405. Free.
- **Mission Valley Branch Library** – Magician Joe Mystic will mesmerize the audience with an exciting mix of magic and comedy. 10:30 a.m. 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego. 858-573-5007. Free.
- **San Carlos Branch Library** – Children in grades K-5 can create dog and cat lacing puppets. 3:30 p.m. Call to make a reservation. 7265 Jackson Drive, San Diego. 619-527-3430. Free.
- **Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch Library** – Mad Science of San Diego will present “Animal Scales and Science Tales,” an exploration of fictional and extinct animals through experiments and demonstrations. 3:30 p.m. 12095 World Trade Drive, San Diego. 858-538-8181. Free.

#### Tuesday, June 20

- **San Carlos Branch Library** – A special puppet show, “B.A.R.K.: The Robot Dog,” will be performed by Swazzle. 10 a.m. 7265 Jackson Drive, San Diego. 619-527-3430. Free.
- **Balboa Branch Library** – Magician Craig Stone will perform a show of “Magic and Daring Deeds.” 10:30 a.m. 4255 Mt. Abernathy Ave., San Diego. 858-573-1390. Free.
- **Allied Gardens/Benjamin Branch Library** – Reiko Obata and Stephen Gregory will present “Tales Alive,” a program of musical folktales from around the world. 10:30 a.m. 5188 Zion Ave., San Diego. 619-533-3970. Free.
- **Clairemont Branch Library** – A special puppet show, “B.A.R.K.: The Robot Dog,” will be performed by Swazzle. 3 p.m. 2920 Burgener Blvd., San Diego. 858-581-9935. Free.

#### Wednesday, June 21

- **Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library** – Rahim the Entertainer will perform ventriloquism, magic and comedy. 2 p.m. 4275 Cass St., San Diego. 858-581-9934. Free.

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**Thursday, June 22**

- **Mission Valley Branch Library** – A special puppet show, “B.A.R.K.: The Robot Dog,” will be performed by Swazzle. 10:30 a.m. 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego. 858-573-5007. Free.
- **Central Library** – A special puppet show, “Rex and Boots Super Sleuths,” will be performed by Swazzle. 10:30 a.m. 820 E St., San Diego. 619-236-5838. Free.
- **Tierrasanta Branch Library** – Sue Miller will host Krusin’ Kritters, a hands on learning and entertainment program with domestic and exotic animals. 2:30 p.m. 4985 La Cuenta Drive. 858-573-1384. Free.
- **Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library** – A special puppet show, “Rex and Boots Super Sleuths,” will be performed by Swazzle. 3 p.m. 3701 Voltaire St., San Diego. 619-531-1539. Free.
- **Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch Library** – An amazing show featuring animals from around the world will be presented by Wild Wonders. 3:30 p.m. 12095 World Trade Drive, San Diego. 858-538-8181. Free.

**Saturday, June 24**

- **Kensington-Normal Heights Branch Library** – Magician Craig Stone will perform a show of “Magic and Daring Deeds.” 10 a.m. 4121 Adams Ave., San Diego. 619-533-3974. Free.

**Monday, June 26**

- **Central Library** – Seven engaging, youth-produced documentary short films will be screened as part Youth Voices, a program of the Library and Media Arts of San Diego. The student filmmakers will be present to discuss their work. 6:30 p.m. 820 E St., San Diego. 619-236-5800. Free.

**Tuesday, June 27**

- **San Carlos Branch Library** – Sparkles the Clown will provide entertainment and fun. 10 a.m. 7265 Jackson Drive, San Diego. 619-527-3430. Free.
- **Mission Hills Branch Library** – Magician Craig Stone will perform a show of “Magic and Daring Deeds.” 10 a.m. 925 W. Washington St., San Diego. 619-692-4910. Free.
- **Balboa Branch Library** – The Jackstraws will perform music and comedy with an animal theme. 10:30 a.m. 4255 Mt. Abernathy Ave., San Diego. 858-573-1390. Free.

**Wednesday, June 28**

- **Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library** – Tom Jenson will perform a marionette variety show. 4275 Cass St., San Diego. 858-581-9934. Free.
- **Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library** – An exotic animal magic show will be presented by Full Spectrum. 3 p.m. 3701 Voltaire St., San Diego. 619-531-1539. Free.

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**Wednesday, June 28 (continued)**

- **Clairemont Branch Library** – Sparkles the Clown will provide entertainment and fun. 4 p.m. 2920 Burgener Blvd., San Diego. 858-581-9935. Free.
- **Mission Valley Branch Library** – Teens ages 13-17 are invited to join author Kevin Gerard for a mini camp on creative writing. This three-hour session will include writing and editing tips for anyone who ever felt moved to put pen to paper. All interested attendees are asked to sign up at the Librarian's Desk in the Children's Area. 5 p.m. 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego. 858-573-5007. Free.
- **Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch Library** – The Children's Book Discussion Group will talk about "Chronicles of Narnia: The Magician's Nephew" by C.S. Lewis. 6:30 p.m. 3919 Townsgate Drive, San Diego. 858-552-1668. Free.

**Thursday, June 29**

- **Tierrasanta Branch Library** – The Icarus Puppet Co. will present stories from around the world with a fun performance. 10 a.m. 4985 La Cuenta, San Diego. 858-573-1384. Free.
- **Mission Valley Branch Library** – The Jackstraws will perform music and comedy with an animal theme. 10:30 a.m. 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego. 858-573-5007. Free.
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