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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 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.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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### Summer Reading Program Calendar of Events July 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.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

#### Monday, July 3

- **Mira Mesa Branch Library** – A special crafts program where kids can make red, white and blue decorative flowers. 6 p.m. 8405 New Salem St., San Diego. 858-538-8165. Free.

#### Wednesday, July 5

- **Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library** – The Wildlife Company will present a special program with live animals up close. 2 p.m. 3701 Voltaire St., San Diego. 619-531-1539. Free.
- **Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch Library** – Check out and learn about creepy, crawly creatures courtesy of Darwin's Arachnids and Invertebrates. 6:30 p.m. 3003 Coronado Ave., San Diego. 619-424-0474.

#### Thursday, July 6

- **San Carlos Branch Library** – A fun crafts event for K-5 children who can create animal paw prints. 3:30 p.m. 7265 Jackson Drive, San Diego. 619-527-3430. Free.
- **Tierrasanta Branch Library** – Check out and learn about creepy, crawly creatures courtesy of Darwin's Arachnids and Invertebrates. 10 a.m. 4985 La Cuenta Drive, San Diego. 858-573-1384.
- **City Heights/Weingart Branch Library** – Storyteller Mary Holma will present "Tales and Tunes." 10 a.m. 3795 Fairmount Ave., San Diego. 619-641-6100. Free.
- **City Heights/Weingart Branch Library** – The Library's "Movies in the Park" series will present "Dr. Doolittle 3." 7 p.m. 3795 Fairmount Ave., San Diego. 619-641-6100. Free.
- **Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch Library** – The local band The Jackstraws will perform in concert. 3:30 p.m. 12095 World Trade Drive, San Diego. 858-538-8181. Free.

#### Saturday, July 8

- **Kensington-Normal Heights Branch Library** – An amazing show featuring animals from around the world presented by Wild Wonders. 10 a.m. 4121 Adams Ave., San Diego. 619-533-3974. Free.
- **San Carlos Branch Library** – A monster magnets crafts program for young adults. 10 a.m. 7265 Jackson Drive, San Diego. 619-527-3430. Free.
- **Skyline Hills Branch Library** – Entertainment from Martha the Mime. 10 a.m. 480 S. Meadowbrook Drive, San Diego. 619-527-3485. Free.

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**Tuesday, July 11**

- **San Carlos Branch Library** – A fun and educational program with animals with Kruisin' Kritters. 10 a.m. 7265 Jackson Drive, San Diego. 619-527-3430. Free.
- **Balboa Branch Library** – Icarus Puppets will present a program entitled "World Stories." 10 a.m. 4255 Mount Abernathy Ave., San Diego. 858-573-1390. Free.
- **Ocean Beach Branch Library** – A mesmerizing show by magician Craig Stone. 10 a.m. 4801 Santa Monica Ave., San Diego. 619-531-1532. Free.
- **Mountain View/Beckwourth Branch Library** – Wild Wonders will present a special program with animals from around the world. 721 San Pasqual St., San Diego. 619-527-3404. Free.
- **City Heights/Weingart Branch Library** – Full Spectrum will present a live exotic animal program. 7 p.m. 3795 Fairmount Ave., San Diego. 619-641-6100. Free.

**Wednesday, July 12**

- **Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch Library** – A fun crafts event where participants will create a special sun visor. 6:30 p.m. 3003 Coronado Ave., San Diego. 619-424-0474.
- **Mira Mesa Branch Library** – Magician the Amazing Dana will perform. 8405 New Salem St., San Diego. 858-538-8165. Free.

**Thursday, July 13**

- **Central Library** – An amazing show featuring animals from around the world presented by Wild Wonders. 10:30 a.m. 820 E St., San Diego. 619-236-5800. Free.
- **Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library** – A Hawaiian luau with the Gypsy Folk Ensemble, who will bring Polynesian dancers in colorful and authentic costumes along with an educational narrative. 3 p.m. 10301 Scripps Lake Drive, San Diego. 858-538-8158. Free.
- **San Carlos Branch Library** – Bring your favorite stuffed animal for a unique "Pet Show." 3:30 p.m. 7265 Jackson Drive, San Diego. 619-527-3430. Free.
- **Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library** – Mad Science of San Diego will present an entertaining and educational program. 3 p.m. 3701 Voltaire St., San Diego. 619-531-1539. Free.
- **City Heights/Weingart Branch Library** – Musician Dan Connor will perform. 10 a.m. 3795 Fairmount Ave., San Diego. 619-641-6100. Free.
- **Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch Library** – Amazing juggler Stu Mulligan will perform. 3:30 p.m. 12095 World Trade Drive, San Diego. 858-538-8181. Free.
- **City Heights/Weingart Branch Library** – The Library's "Movies in the Park" series will present "King Kong." 7 p.m. 3795 Fairmount Ave., San Diego. 619-641-6100. Free.

**Friday, July 14**

- **Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library** – Billy Martinez of Neko Press Comics will present a special program for young adults. 3 p.m. 3701 Voltaire St., San Diego. 619-531-1539. Free.

**Saturday, July 15**

- **Kensington-Normal Heights Branch Library** – Discover your artistic abilities with a Drawing and Watercolor Class with artist Michelle Abrams for ages 11-15. Registration is required. 10 a.m. 4121 Adams Ave., San Diego. 619-533-3974. Free.
- **San Carlos Branch Library** – Enjoy a story time event and craft program with Sue Holtz. 7265 Jackson Drive, San Diego. 619-527-3430. Free.

**Monday, July 17**

- **San Ysidro Branch Library** – Get a beautiful, and temporary, Henna tattoo on your hand. Reservations required. 4 p.m. 101 W. San Ysidro Blvd., San Diego. 619-424-0475. Free.
- **Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch Library** – A special crafts program where participants will create origami paper art. For ages 10-18. Reservations required. 6:30 p.m. 3003 Coronado Ave., San Diego. 619-424-0474.
- **Mira Mesa Branch Library** – A special crafts program where kids can make their own owl masks. 6 p.m. 8405 New Salem St., San Diego. 858-538-8165. Free.

**Tuesday, July 18**

- **San Carlos Branch Library** – Kids can belt out the tunes during an “Animal Song Hootenanny.” 10 a.m. 7265 Jackson Drive, San Diego. 619-527-3430. Free.
- **Skyline Hills Branch Library** – Entertainment from juggler Stu Mulligan. 10 a.m. 480 S. Meadowbrook Drive, San Diego. 619-527-3485. Free.
- **Balboa Branch Library** – Check out and learn about creepy, crawly creatures courtesy of Darwin’s Arachnids and Invertebrates. 10 a.m. 4255 Mount Abernathy Ave., San Diego. 858-573-1390. Free.
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- **Mountain View/Beckwourth Branch Library** – Mad Science of San Diego will present a fun and educational program. 721 San Pasqual St., San Diego. 619-527-3404. Free.

**Wednesday, July 19**

- **Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library** – Local band The Jackstraws will perform in concert. 3 p.m. 3701 Voltaire St., San Diego. 619-531-1539. Free.
- **Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch Library** – The San Diego Sand Skippers jump rope troupe will perform. 6:30 p.m. 3003 Coronado Ave., San Diego. 619-424-0474.

**Thursday, July 20**

- **San Carlos Branch Library** – Create a wacky fish hat as part of a fun crafts program for kids in grades K-5. 3:30 p.m. 7265 Jackson Drive, San Diego. 619-527-3430. Free.
- **Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch Library** – Sparkles the Clown will perform a fun bubbles and magic show. 3:30 p.m. 12095 World Trade Drive, San Diego. 858-538-8181. Free.
- **City Heights/Weingart Branch Library** – The Library’s “Movies in the Park” series will present “Robots.” 7 p.m. 3795 Fairmount Ave., San Diego. 619-641-6100. Free.

**Monday, July 24**

- **Tierrasanta Branch Library** – Mountain mushers Harry and Lela Schlitz from Montana will discuss their adventures and bring with Alaskan sled dogs with them. 1:30 p.m. 4985 La Cuenta Drive, San Diego. 858-573-1384.

**Tuesday, July 25**

- **Skyline Hills Branch Library** – An interactive puppet show, “Don’t Run Around, Stay Found,” teaches how to be safe when out hiking. 10 a.m. 480 S. Meadowbrook Drive, San Diego. 619-527-3485. Free.

**Tuesday, July 25 (continued)**

- **Balboa Branch Library** – Entertainment with ventriloquist Joe Gandleman and his cast of characters. 10 a.m. 4255 Mount Abernathy Ave., San Diego. 858-573-1390. Free.
- **Ocean Beach Branch Library** – A fun and educational show by Icarus Puppets. 10 a.m. 4801 Santa Monica Ave., San Diego. 619-531-1532. Free.

**Wednesday, July 26**

- **Central Library** – Mad Science of San Diego will feature a crafts workshop, entitled “Feathers, Fur and Fins.” 2 p.m. 820 E St., San Diego. 619-236-5838. Free.

**Thursday, July 27**

- **Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library** – An entertaining puppet show based on the book “Zomo the Rabbit” by Gerald McDermott. 3 p.m. 10301 Scripps Lake Drive, San Diego. 858-538-8158. Free.
- **San Carlos Branch Library** – Make your own animals mask as part of a fun crafts program for kids in grades K-5. 3:30 p.m. 7265 Jackson Drive, San Diego. 619-527-3430. Free.
- **Tierrasanta Branch Library** – Meet real assistance dogs Canine Companions for Independence and learn about their life and work. 10 a.m. 4985 La Cuenta Drive, San Diego. 858-573-1384.
- **City Heights/Weingart Branch Library** – The Library’s “Movies in the Park” series will present “The Legend of Zorro.” 7 p.m. 3795 Fairmount Ave., San Diego. 619-641-6100. Free.
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- **Serra Mesa Branch Library** – Wild Wonders will present a special program with live animals. 1 p.m. 3440 Sandrock Road, San Diego. 858-573-1396. Free.

**Monday, July 31**

- **Mira Mesa Branch Library** – A special crafts program where kids can make their own cat puppets. 8405 New Salem St., San Diego. 858-538-8165. Free.

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