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Teens Invited to Visit Their Libraries and “Get Active!” During Teen Read Week 2006 from Oct. 15-21

SAN DIEGO – San Diego teens will be reading for the fun of it as schools, libraries and bookstores celebrate the ninth annual Teen Read Week, Oct. 15 – 21. They join thousands across the country who are encouraging teens to celebrate this year’s theme, “Get Active @ your library®.”

Teen Read Week is the national adolescent literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association, the fastest growing division of the American Library Association. This year’s theme encourages teens to use the resources in their library to lead active lives.

In its support for literacy and Teen Read Week, the San Diego Public Library will offer a variety of special programs for teens at libraries throughout the City. A calendar of events is available on the Library’s web site at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

“With the busy schedules that today’s teens have, it is very important to encourage them to set aside some time to read,” said City Library Director Anna Tatár. “The Library staff provides great services, programs and resources free to the public. We welcome all San Diego teens to ‘get active’ in their libraries.”

Literacy is a topic of both local and national concern, and falling test scores and lower graduation rates among teens today are a serious issue. Studies show a regular reading habit increases reading proficiency. Being around adults who are avid readers can counteract the latest statistics from The Nation’s Report Card (<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>), which indicate that in homes across America the number of different types of reading materials has decreased, and a smaller percentage of 17-year-olds saw adults reading in their homes.

The rich variety of reading materials provided at the Central Library and 34 branch libraries can help San Diego teens become comprehensive readers, Tatár said.

Teen Read Week is held annually during the third week of October and is sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association.

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