



Overview

The San Diego Public Library (SDPL) system serves the educational, cultural, business, and recreational needs of San Diego's diverse communities. The Library serves a population of over 1.3 million residents of the City of San Diego, which encompasses an area of 342 square miles. The Library System consists of the Central Library, 35 branch libraries, and the adult literacy program (READ/San Diego).

Mission

To inspire lifelong learning through connections to knowledge and each other

Who We Are

- We are connectors - Connecting the community to the resources they need to succeed in life.
- We are literacy leaders - Dedicated to education, knowledge, exploration and growth.
- We are cultural conveners - We provide safe, welcome, multi-cultural gathering places to come together to learn and share.
- We are technology facilitators - We facilitate the growing connection between technology and the creation and dissemination of information.
- We are guides to the future - We stimulate creativity that draws out hidden treasures and we promote thought-provoking exploration that leads to innovation.

2015 Facts at a Glance

- 6.6 million visitors (more visits than any other cultural institution in San Diego)
- More than 10 million virtual visits through the Library website
- 6.9 million items loaned
- More than 197,492 adults and more than 264,788 juveniles attended programs

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