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City of San Diego Public Library's Annual Summer Reading Program Begins June 1

EARN PRIZES FOR GOING ON A READING ADVENTURE WHILE STAYING HOME THIS SUMMER

SAN DIEGO – Discover something new in the pages of a book this summer! The San Diego Public Library's annual Summer Reading Program kicks off Monday, June 1 and is going virtual with online reading logs, story times, book clubs and performances. This year's theme, "Dig Deeper," encourages readers to look beyond the surface and uncover new information while reading.

The Summer Reading Program offers five age categories: babies and toddlers (ages 0 to 2), pre-readers (ages 3 to 5), kids (ages 6 to 11), youth (ages 12 to 17) and adults (ages 18 and up). Participants must read 10 books or log 10 hours of reading to complete the program. Upon completion, readers will be eligible for prizes including books, museum passes, meal vouchers and book bags. All reading will be tracked online and readers who finish the challenge will be notified by email regarding their prizes.

Additionally, the Stay-In Summer Reading Group [Facebook page](#) is a hub for video content for all ages this summer. New story times, craft demonstrations, musical performances and book discussions will be posted daily with opportunities for users to interact with librarians and fellow readers.

"During this time when adults and children are spending more time at home, reading is a great way to investigate and explore the world around us," said Library Director Misty Jones. "While the Summer Reading Program will be online this year, it will still offer engaging and educational content for readers of all ages."

The program runs from June 1 to Aug. 31, 2020. To register online and view a list of recommended books, visit sandiego.gov/summerreading.

Last year, participants in the Summer Reading Program read nearly 321,000 books and logged more than 83,000 hours of reading.

About the San Diego Public Library

With a vision of being the place for opportunity, discovery and inspiration, the San Diego Public Library is a hub for knowledge and lifelong learning. As the largest library system in the region, it serves a population of more than 1.4 million people. Learn about events at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common and 35 community branch libraries, find links to programs and resources or search for materials in the online catalog at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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