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# City of San Diego Public Library's Summer Reading Program is Back — and it's Gamified

## KIDS AND ADULTS CAN READ BOOKS, PLAY GAMES, EARN POINTS AND WIN PRIZES

SAN DIEGO – This summer, San Diego Public Library (SDPL) is uniting book lovers and game players around the city with the [Level Up at Your Library Summer Reading Program](#). Readers and gamers of all ages are invited to join SDPL and rediscover the joy of gaming in all its forms, from board games and video games to outdoor activities and gamified reading adventures.

From June 1 to Aug. 31, SDPL encourages people to participate in the Summer Reading Program by registering, reading, gaming and earning points that can be redeemed for prizes beginning June 9. Prizes are available while supplies last and include museum passes and free books.

The launch of this year's program will be celebrated at the [Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Carnival](#) event, hosted at the [Central Library's](#) Courtyard on Saturday, June 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. All 37 City libraries will also host community events throughout the summer, including video game tournaments, board game nights and more.

**"The Summer Reading Program is the perfect place for children and adults to engage in literary and physical fun to keep their brains sharp during the summer months,"** said Library Department Director Misty Jones. **"Level Up at Your Library spans genres from entertainment, physical activity, imagination and more. There is something for everyone to enjoy that is both entertaining and educational."**

The Summer Reading Program offers age categories for children (ages 0-5 and 6-11), youth (ages 12-17) and adults (ages 18 and up). Reading and activities can be tracked online or on paper logs, which can be printed at home or picked up at any of the [37 SDPL locations](#).

Last year, nearly 32,000 people participated in the Summer Reading Program and collectively read more than 265,855 books. To register online, view a list of activities and books, or to find a Summer Reading Program event near you, visit [sandiego.gov/summerreading](https://sandiego.gov/summerreading).

This year's Summer Reading Program is supported by contributions from the Library Foundation SD, Friends of the San Diego Public Library, San Diego Natural History Museum, San Diego Automotive Museum, San Diego Model Railroad Museum, Children's Discovery Museum, Panda Express and Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers.

### **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 36 community branch libraries, find links to programs and resources or search for materials in the online catalog at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).



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