



Library Happenings

In the past months, we have had a lot to celebrate. Our youth program attendance has been climbing steadily. Recent notable programs include our Spring Into STEAM events, including the Foam Rocket Launcher event on April 17, where students learned about the relationship between force, angle of launch, and launch distance with projectiles; and the Glider Landing program on April 28, where special guests from the local naval base taught students about the physics and dynamics of flight, and helped students model those principles using balsawood gliders. Our Free Comic Book Day celebration was also a hit: we gave away 90 free comic books to local youth over the course of the day, and children learned how to create their own mini comic books.

The San Diego Public Library's Summer Reading Program is coming up soon. The theme for this year's program is "Reading Takes You Everywhere." In addition to the usual incentives (coupons to museums and restaurants), we will be giving away a book to every 10 books read for adults, and for every 10 hours of reading for youth. As you know, the Summer Reading Program helps to combat the "summer slide"—the tendency for students to lose some of the achievement gains they made during the school year—by bridging the gap by encouraging reading and the cultivation of active minds.

We also have many special larger programs, thanks to the generosity of Friends of the Library. Check out the bulletin board and the brochure featuring some of the upcoming programs. Thank you for your commitment to our Branch and to the enrichment of our community's patrons and youth.

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