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# Celebrate San Diego Pride 2023 with the San Diego Public Library

## LIBRARY IS HOSTING PRIDE STORYTIMES AND OFFERING A LIMITED-EDITION LIBRARY CARD

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library (SDPL) invites San Diegans of all ages to celebrate Pride at the library. From a limited-edition Pride library card to family fun at this year’s Pride festival, SDPL has a full week of events planned to celebrate San Diego’s LGBTQIA+ community and this year’s Pride theme: “Thrive.”

**“The San Diego Public Library is an inclusive and welcoming place that reflects the diversity of San Diego,”** said Library Director Misty Jones. **“We are proud to support the LGBTQIA+ community and offer programs that encourage people to share their own stories and learn from the experiences of others.”**

As part of this year’s celebration, SDPL will host two family-friendly Pride-themed storytimes on Saturday, July 8, at the [Kensington-Normal Heights Library](#) and Wednesday, July 12, at the [Oak Park Library](#). Both programs will start at 10:30 a.m. and will focus on celebrating diversity and individuality through age-appropriate stories and songs.

SDPL will also offer a limited-edition Pride library card. After receiving 89 submissions in the 2023 Pride Library Card design contest, this year’s winning design was created by Claude Castañeda. It features a performer, a Pride flag, music notes and a sun and moon. For the design, Castañeda took inspiration from the theme of this year’s [Summer Reading Program](#), “Find Your Voice.”

**“I’d like this artwork to remind everyone to continue to be true to themselves in the face of adversity and find their own voice and space within our community,”** said Castañeda. **“By being visible, genuine, and by continuing to fight, I know we’ll persist in instilling change and further action for a place where we can all be ourselves and thrive.”**

Patrons can pick up the Pride library card for free at any library [location](#) starting Saturday, July 8, while supplies last. The card will also be available at the SDPL Lit Café at the San Diego Pride Festival at Balboa Park on July 15 and 16. The Lit Café will host Pride storytimes, rainbow craft times, face painting and interactive workshops.

Visit the [SDPL Pride page](#) for more information on the library's Pride celebration, book recommendations and community resources.

### **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](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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