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County Library Gears up for Summer Reading Program

Thousands of young library patrons look forward each year to the San Bernardino County Library's annual Summer Reading Program which takes place at all 29 branch libraries throughout the county. In fiscal year 2003-2004 it was reported that 34,418 children and teens attended 398 programs that offered a variety of performances and literature-based events hosted by library Youth Services staff and a variety of professional guest presenters, including magicians, storytellers, jugglers, musicians, live animal acts and the like.

Another 14,536 youth participated in the reading incentive part of the program for which they were rewarded for visiting the library and checking out and reading library materials. Friends of the Library groups and community sponsors donate money, time and incentives to encourage children to read over the summer vacation. Teen volunteers donate hundreds of hours of time to ensure the success of the events by decorating libraries, staffing the registration tables, validating reading logs, awarding incentives, assisting with crowd control at programs, creating and presenting reader's theater and puppet shows for younger children, monitoring craft and game activities and serving refreshments.

The theme for the children's program this year is "*Super Readers Super Heroes*" and for teens "*Unleash Your Power-READ*". The graphics were developed by libraries throughout Southern California and funded by the California State Library LSTA grant program. For information about specific programs at your local branch library, check out the library homepage at <http://www.sbcounty.gov/library/> and click on the Children's or Teen's Summer Reading Program logo.

