

Event: Tom Swift 100th Anniversary Convention
 When: July 17-18, 2010
 Where: Sheraton Mission Valley, San Diego
 Website: <http://www.tomswiftenterprises.com>

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In the past century young readers have marveled at the clever and useful inventions described in the five Tom Swift series. Following the explicit goal of the series, many readers entered fields of science, engineering, aviation, and invention after reading these books.

For five series, 105 volumes, and 100 years, Tom Swift has been entertaining readers and helping them explore potential career paths. The goal of the original series (which began in 1910) was explicitly stated in an early dust jacket advertisement:

It is the purpose of these spirited tales to convey in a realistic way the wonderful advances in land and sea locomotion, and to interest the boy of the present in the hope that he may be a factor in aiding the marvelous development that is coming in the future.

People famous and otherwise have cited one of the Tom Swift series as an inspiration which led them to their chosen career. This includes science fiction authors like Robert Heinlein and Ray Bradbury; novelists such as Clive Cussler, Joseph Heller and Harper Lee; technology innovators like Steve Wozniak (who has registered for the convention) and Bill Gates; and many others.

To celebrate this anniversary, we are organizing and hosting the 100th Anniversary Tom Swift Convention in San Diego July 16-18 at the Sheraton Mission Valley. For details on the tours, sessions, and other activities, which will include two live radio drama performances, please see <http://www.TomSwiftEnterprises.com>

Event Timeline:

Radio Show Live Performance of <i>Tom Swift and his Airship</i>	Monday, June 14 Noon	Free UCSD Geisel Library
Tom Swift Centennial Exhibit	June 1-July 31, 2010	Free UCSD Geisel Library
Tour: In the Footsteps of Edward Stratemeyer	Friday, July 16, 2010 8am-5:30pm	Register in Advance
Radio Show Live Performance of <i>Tom Swift and the Visitor from Planet X</i>	Friday, July 16, 2010 4pm	Free UCSD Geisel Library
Convention at Sheraton Mission Valley	July 17-18, 2010 9am-4pm	Register in Advance or at Door
Convention Dinner	July 17	Register in Advance
Encore Performance of <i>Tom Swift and his Airship</i> Live Radio Show	July 17	Donation Sheraton Mission Valley