



## Hot Spots for Summer Reading and Bites



Warmer temperatures, longer days and summer vacations are all perfect excuses for creating a summer reading list! And whether you compile yours with sci-fi thrillers, romantic novels or top selling self-help books, load up your tote bag and head to the beach, pool or even a quiet patio at your favorite restaurant to get started on your list. We've rounded up some of the best places in San Diego to grab a bite to eat, sip a cocktail and make a dent in your summer reading list.

For early birds who prefer to start their day with a little me time, check out [The Lazy Hippo](#)! Grab a table on the quaint, colorful patio for some quiet reading at this Gaslamp District one-stop location for all your favorite breakfast dishes. **Cinnamon Roll Pancakes**, a variety of tasty omelets and specialty items like the **USDA**

**Steak & Eggs** plate are all great ways to kick off your morning. Just don't forget your favorite book!

Curl up with a good read and a cocktail at South Park's [Del Sur Mexican Cantina](#). Whether you choose to sit at the bar, snag a secluded table for two or spend some time on the patio out front, this quaint (yet vibrant) eatery has plenty of seating options. Along with great drinks! To combat the summer heat, cool off with a **Passionfruit Margarita** made with 100% agave Blanco Tequila, passionfruit and lime agave, with a sweet and sugary rim.

It's easy to see why San Diego is hooked on [Encinitas Fish Shop](#), with tons of fresh fish dishes and a casual, laid back atmosphere. Pop in for a quick meal or unwind with a book from your list on the cozy patio, which is both well-lit and heated for those often-chilly summer evenings. Bring your own bottle of wine (with a \$5 corkage fee) to pair with a fresh and light **Salmon Salad** consisting of mixed greens, cherry tomatoes, cucumber, pickled red onions and capers. The vibe at Fish Shop is so relaxed that you'll have no problem getting completely lost in your book!

Not only does La Jolla's [Nautilus Tavern](#) serve as a great neighborhood bar and grill, but also as a coastal-destination perfect for kicking off some summer reading. Get comfy in a booth or post up at a table on the back patio, shaded by overlooking trees. Spend the afternoon relaxing, feeling the cool ocean breeze and noshing on a plate of Nautilus's iconic wings. With flavors like **Maple Bacon Bourbon, Old Bay** and **Shelly's Cali Style BBQ**, it'll be tough to limit yourself to one order.

[Spill the Beans](#), an inventive and tasty bagel shop in the Gaslamp District, is the ideal spot for a morning coffee or a mid-afternoon snack. Besides offering unique and oh-so-delicious bagels and cream cheeses, this edgy café also has mouthwatering breakfast sandwiches, such as **The San Diego**. Dive into a good book while enjoying thick cut peppered bacon, pepper jack & American cheese and a fried egg smothered in cayenne aioli and sandwiched between a homemade sweet bun.

Pro-tip: if all the tables are taken at Spill the Beans, you can order and take your food next door to [The Smoking Gun](#) for a quieter space!