Harry Potter Mania was alive and well at the Central Library July 7.

Fantasy was the order of the day as children awaited their turn inside the Harry Potter Knight Bus at the Central Library downtown.

Here Comes Harry!

■ The purple Harry Potter Knight Bus stops by the Central Library and the Mid-Valley branch for some marketing wizardry.

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LIBRARY — The Los Angeles Public Library joined with Scholastic Books to bring the Harry Potter "Knight Bus" to the Mid-Valley Regional Branch and the downtown Central Library July 7. More than 600 fans – young and old alike – clamored into the purple double-decker bus to record a video about why they love the Harry Potter books.

The bus gained fame through the popular series by J.K. Rowling, and is part of Scholastic's national tour to promote the July 21 release of the final book, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. City Librarian Fontayne Holmes greeted the fans at both locations, and branch librarians planned activities for the fans while waiting for their turn on the bus.

Librarians at the Mid Valley branch, front row, from left: Barbara Mattison, Children's Librarian III at Platt; Yvonne Wong, Senior Librarian, Mid Valley; and Heather Sells, Children's Librarian II at Granada Hills. Back: Dora Ho, Young Adult Librarian III, YA Services; George Quintero, Library Assistant,YA Services; Gail Furci, Children's Librarian II at Canoga Park; Dagmar Lestrel, Children's Librarian II at Porter Ranch; Nancy Brennan, Children's Librarian II at Woodland Hills; David Hagopian, Children's Librarian II at West Valley; and Deborah Spector, Children's Librarian at Mid Valley.

Enjoying the festivities at Central Library downtown are, front, from left, Ilene Abramson, Children's Services Director, and Fontayne Holmes, City Librarian. Back: Betsy Hoage, Assistant Director, Branch Library Services, and Pat Kiefer, Assistant City Librarian.

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