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**Libraries celebrate Teen Tech Week with the theme “Libraries are for Creating,” March 4-10, 2018**

ST. JOHNS COUNTY— 3/27/18 — Local teens will be tuning in at the library as the St. Johns County Public Library (SJCPLS) celebrates the annual Teen Tech Week™ March 4-10, 2018. They join thousands of other libraries and schools across the country who are celebrating this year’s theme, “Libraries are for Creating” to raise awareness about how SJCPLS creates a space to extend teens’ learning beyond the classroom where they can explore, create and share content.

Teen Tech Week is a national initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) aimed at teens, their parents, educators and other concerned adults. The purpose of the initiative is to ensure that teens are competent and ethical users of technology, especially the types offered through libraries. Teen Tech Week encourages teens to take advantage of the technology at libraries for education and recreation, and to recognize that librarians are qualified, trusted professionals who can help them achieve greater digital literacy.

Carla Day, Young Adult Services Librarian, feels that "Getting teens into libraries is essential. Offering gaming, access to computers, and online homework help is important, and letting them know that we can help educate them on how to use these resources will get them in the door. Once they're in the door, we can show teens that with technology at the library, anything is possible."

"Teen Tech Week is a way for librarians and educators to collaborate with and educate teens about technology," says Alex Phillips, Youth Services Librarian. "Over the last several years, the library's role in increasing digital literacy has become more and more important, equal to that of reading literacy."

This March, SJCPLS hopes to attract a wide variety of teenagers and increase teen technology literacy locally by offering a series of programs including: "Main-iac Robotics Lab," "Kids Art Lab," "Teen Craft Hour," "Teen Gamers," "Musical Madness," and more. Visit [sjcpls.org](http://sjcpls.org) to see the full schedule of library programming for teens.

Teen Tech Week is held annually the second week of March. For more information, visit [www.ala.org/teentechweek](http://www.ala.org/teentechweek).

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