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News Release

Time for Teen Tech Week at Your Local Vancouver Island Regional Library!

NANAIMO, March 6, 2014 – Between March 9th to 15th, teens are encouraged to take a Do It Yourself approach to technology at their local Library! During Teen Tech Week, Vancouver Island Regional Library branches will be offering teens a space to make, code, fix, build, knit and create!

Teen Tech Week is a celebration across the country of teen innovation and creativity! Whether it's making, knitting, building, coding or fixing, all branches of the Vancouver Island Regional Library are participating in the 2014 Teen Tech Week theme: "DIY @ your library".

"Librarians know that teens are extraordinarily creative and can make just about anything – from Minecraft monuments to electronics-turned-jewelry. We're running programs to highlight and develop these amazing skills," says Eileen Gillette, Divisional Manager of Public Services. "Teen Tech Week is also a way for librarians to demonstrate the value of the library while offering teens a space to explore and extend their learning beyond the classroom."

Teens can also check out our Tumblr blog that hosts content and links tailored specifically for young adult literature. Visit <http://viribraryteens.tumblr.com> and look for reviews, events, graphic novels, pop culture links, and much more!

For more information about Teen Tech Week, visit us at <http://www.virl.bc.ca/programs-and-events> and select your local branch.

Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) is the fourth largest library system in British Columbia. We serve over 430,000 people on Vancouver Island, Haida Gwaii, and Bella Coola on the Central Coast through 38 branch libraries, a virtual branch, and a books-by-mail service. VIRL's holdings number one-million and include books, magazines, CD's and DVD's. Administrative offices are located in Nanaimo.

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