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News Release

Celebrate Teen Tech Week and Check In @ your library!

NANAIMO March 5, 2013 – All branches of Vancouver Island Regional Library are inviting teens to “Check In” during Teen Tech Week to learn about the incredible variety of resources available for teenage customers. From online homework help, free downloadable music, DVDs, and book clubs, to recommendations for great reads and teen advisory groups.

Teen Tech Week is celebrated across the country from March 10 to 16. The 2013 theme invites teens to Check In @ your library!

“Our branches are throwing open their physical and virtual doors to teens and showcasing the outstanding technology we offer,” says Fiona Anderson, Director of Library Services. “Teen Tech Week is a way for librarians to collaborate with and educate teens about technology. 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. We invite teens to visit their local library and to log onto www.virl.bc.ca to learn more.” Teens can also check out our Tumblr blog that hosts content and links tailored specifically for young adult literature. Visit <http://virlibraryteens.tumblr.com> and look for reviews, events, graphic novels, pop culture links, and much more!

Teen Tech Week is a national initiative sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association and is aimed at teens, their parents, educators and other concerned adults. The purpose of the week is to ensure that teens are competent and ethical users of technologies, especially those that are offered through libraries such as DVDs, databases, and audiobooks.

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, an eLibrary at virl.bc.ca and a Books by Mail service. VIRL’s holdings number almost one million and include books, magazines, eBooks, CD’s and DVD’s. Administrative offices are located in Nanaimo.

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