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## **Library celebrates 'Teen Tech Week' in March**

**Rapid City, SD – February 23, 2009** – The Rapid City Public Library will celebrate Teen Tech Week (March 8 to March 14) with a couple of technology-focused programs for teens.

The first is “Build A Robot,” a four-day after-school robotics workshop. Tana Clark (SDSU), County Extension Educator, will host this program, modeled on one created by NASA. It takes place Monday, March 9 through Friday, March 13 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm (with *no* session on Thursday, March 12). The workshop will be held at the downtown library, at 610 Quincy St., in the Helen Hoyt Room. It is open to students from 6<sup>th</sup> grade through high school, but limited to sixteen participants. Advanced registration is required; register by calling the library (394-4171) or e-mail Susan Braunstein at [sbraunstein@rcplib.org](mailto:sbraunstein@rcplib.org).

The library’s second Teen Tech Week program is “The Latest and Greatest in Video Gaming” offered at both library locations. Gaming experts from Play ‘N’ Trade will demonstrate the newest video games featuring the XBOX 360 and participants will get to try them out. This program takes place on Tuesday, March 10 from 2-5 at the downtown library and on Wednesday, March 11 from 2-5 at the north library (10 Van Buren St., within General Beadle Elementary School).

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Teen Tech Week is a national initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) and the American Library Association (ALA). It is celebrated in schools and libraries across the nation, with a purpose of helping teens develop into competent and ethical users of technology. Libraries have come to play an increasingly important role in developing competencies in a society that requires technology literacy as well as reading literacy.

Once Teen Tech week is over, there's still computer fun to be had at the library. The Rapid City Public Library offers computer gaming on a regular basis at both library locations. From now until summer (when a new seasonal schedule will be announced) Gaming Days take place on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 3 to 5 pm at the north library, and the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 3 to 5 pm at the downtown library. Participants enjoy Wii, Guitar Hero, Dance Dance Revolution, and other computer games.

Find out more about library resources and events by visiting the Rapid City Public Library website at [www.rapidcitylibrary.org](http://www.rapidcitylibrary.org).

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*The Rapid City Public Library has served the Rapid City area since 1879, and now has two locations, the downtown library at 610 Quincy Street and the north library within General Beadle Elementary School at 10 Van Buren St. Both offer print and electronic resources for adults, young adults and children as well as computers and Internet access and a variety of programs and events. In March 2008, USA Today named the Rapid City Public Library's downtown library as one of the nation's 10 greatest places to "Find a Nook and Read a Book."*

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