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Preface

Today's teens are digital natives. They carry cell phones, rely on the Internet for homework help, and are always forging ahead, ready and eager to experiment with the latest electronics. They listen to music while updating their MySpace profiles, instant messaging, watching videos on YouTube, and searching for more. I frequently stop students in the library to ask about their new gadgets—increasingly smaller tools that do increasingly larger tasks.

Teens often have little guidance in how to use technology. Many ignore owners' manuals in favor of "clicking to see what happens." Their sense of adventure challenges librarians to keep up with what students are doing and guide them towards safe and responsible use. As new technologies expand the scope of information literacy, teaching teens to evaluate information is more critical than ever.

One of the best ways to foster information literacy is by offering programs that appeal to teens' interest in technology. *Get Connected: Tech Programs for Teens* includes educational and recreational programs that will attract teens to the library. Examples in this book reflect the experiences of real libraries and real students. Readers can follow the models closely or adapt them to fit their library's unique situation.

Get Connected also outlines ways to improve your library's Web presence using technologies teens like and use themselves. This makes the library more attractive (and indeed, less alien) to their world. Library 2.0 initiatives focus on involving patrons in the creation and modification of services. Young adult librarians have done this for years through teen advisory groups, but we now have the opportunity to expand the two-way communication

electronically. Libraries can use Web 2.0 concepts like blogs, Flickr, MySpace, podcasts, and RSS to provide ongoing information to teens and to receive input from them about the services and materials they need and want. Many institutions have developed helpful Web sites that guide teens to valid resources and offer online safety tips. Others keep teens informed of upcoming events through a library blog and solicit teen opinions through library MySpace pages. Some use screencasts and podcasts for instruction or even promote their services with videos hosted at YouTube.com.

In December 2005, Education|Evolving, a research and advocacy group supported by the Center for Policy Studies and Hamline University, presented a major report, “Listening to Student Voices—On Technology,” that provided a snapshot of teens’ relationship to technology. The full report is available at: www.educationevolving.org/studentvoices/pdf/tech_savy_students.pdf. Here are just a few of their conclusions:

1. Technology is important to students in education
2. Students want to use technology to learn, and in a variety of ways
3. Students want challenging, technologically oriented instructional activities
4. Students want adults to move beyond using the “Internet for Internet’s sake”
5. Students want to learn the basics, too

Too often, we assume that teens are only interested technology because of its entertainment value. The Education|Evolving study reveals that teens also have a strong desire for information literacy. The ideas in *Get Connected: Technology Programs for Teens* will help you provide fun, interesting services that also teach teens how to be savvy technology users.

Finding the Right Program

Each chapter of *Get Connected* describes several creative, successful, tech-based programs. Throughout the book, “Tech Notes” introduce you to new terms, products, and concepts and lists of print and Web resources provide a starting point for further learning.

Part I, “Get Connected for Fun,” focuses on recreational programs: game and dance tournaments, podcasts, art and film contests, and tutorials on social networking sites like MySpace. These events attract teens and encourage them to become more involved with the library.

Part II, “Get Connected for Education,” offers opportunities for partnerships between schools and public libraries. Instructional programs can teach teens to use their favorite technologies more effectively, do their schoolwork more efficiently, and address challenges such as online job hunts.

Part III, “Get Connected with the Teen Advisory Group,” shares ideas for establishing tech-focused teen advisory groups, which can help librarians decide what to teach, what to buy, and what to offer as entertainment. Teen participation in all aspects of young adult services leads to better results.

Appendix A reproduces the questionnaire filled out by the *Get Connected* contributors. The other appendices include the ALA’s positions on the importance of technology in libraries and access to patrons of all ages, the YALSA competencies for librarians serving youth, and YALSA’s social networking toolkit, created to accompany Teen Tech Week.

All the programs here are ideal ways to celebrate YALSA’s Teen Tech Week. The first annual Teen Tech Week, in March of 2007, marked YALSA’s 50th anniversary year. No event could have been more appropriate. Our wired and connected teens propel us into the future by introducing us to new ways of finding and delivering entertainment and information.

Ready or not, technology is a significant part of teens’ lives and, therefore, your life as a librarian who serves them. The program ideas in *Get Connected* will help you understand and connect with teens and technology. You might even have some fun at the same time!

