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Dallas Public Library invites teens to free fun event Oct. 18; Annual Teen Blowout will feature games, music, dance and more

Dallas, TX - Teens will display their talent, learn video production, and compete for prizes and giveaways playing their favorite video games at the Dallas Public Library's annual Teen Blowout, a free event from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 at the Central Library, 1515 Young St.

Activities will include an anime screening presented by FUNimation, a video production workshop led by Dallas iMedia, a craft program by the Dallas Museum of Art and information booths from area colleges. Games featured include Dance, Dance Revolution, Guitar Hero, NBA Live, WWE SmackDown vs. Raw, Sonic and Dragonball Z. Free snacks will also be provided for the participants.

As always, the Teen Blowout will conclude with an hour-long talent show. Teens must register to perform for the chance to win prizes, including a grand prize for the winner as judged by the audience.

"The Dallas Public Library hosts this free event for teens every year to celebrate their successes and kick off the next year with a special party," said Dallas Public Library Assistant Director Miriam Rodriguez. "It is a way to encourage teenagers to use the library and get involved in the City's Teen Centers."

Teen Centers are located at Park Forest, Skillman Southwestern, Oak Cliff, Hampton Illinois, Martin Luther King, Jr., Skyline and North Oak Cliff Branch Libraries. The Centers include a dedicated area exclusively for teen use, computers, books and other materials and special programs. The Teen Blowout is sponsored by Friends of the Dallas Public Library, Dallas Children's Theater, Auntie Anne's, Dallas iMedia, Dallas Museum of Art and FUNimation.

The Dallas Public Library operates the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library and 25 branch locations. A library card is free for any Dallas resident. For information on the many free programs and services available at the Dallas Public Library visit <http://dallaslibrary.org/home.htm>.

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