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Dallas Public Library invites teens to free day-long party; Annual Teen Blowout will feature music, food, a talent show and prizes

Dallas, TX – Young adults ages 13 to 19 are invited to attend the Dallas Public Library's fifth annual Teen Blowout, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Central Library, 1515 Young St.

"The Dallas Public Library Teen Centers host this event every year to celebrate their successes and kick off the next year with a day-long bash," said Dallas Public Library Assistant Director Miriam Rodriguez. "The Teen Centers at the Skillman Southwestern, North Oak Cliff, Hampton Illinois, Skyline, and Martin Luther King, Jr. branch libraries were created to provide positive activities for young people and include dedicated space, computers and special programs."

Teen Blowout events include:

- A talent show, featuring celebrity MC Javante Ingram, Miss Teen United States
- Improvisation with Dallas Children's Theater
- Hip-hop dancing with Amanda Dalton
- A performance by local band Dirt & Earthy Vibes
- Drumming with Leo Hassan
- Crafts with Debbie Kmak
- Creative writing with Scott Arnauld
- A video production workshop led by Dallas iMedia Network
- Dance, Dance Revolution
- Kick-Off Party for the annual Express Yourself! Youth Poetry Contest.

Local organizations will also be passing out information on opportunities for teens; giveaways and prizes will be awarded, and lunch will be provided for all teen participants. The Teen Blowout is sponsored by the AT&T Exceleator Grant Program and the AT&T Foundation, Coca-Cola, and Dallas iMedia Network.

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, go to: <http://dallaslibrary.org/home.htm>.

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