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Middle School Gaming Night at the Library

BREWSTER- Local teens will be tuning in at the library as Brewster Ladies Library celebrates the second annual Teen Tech Week March 2-8, 2008. They join thousands of other libraries and schools across the country who are celebrating this year's theme, "Tune In @ Your Library®." Teens ages 12 to 14 are invited to Tune into Video Games during this free play event on Saturday March 8 from 6:30-8:30 PM. Dance Dance Revolution, Rock Band, and Wii Sports will be on hand for teens to sample.

Kathy Mahoney, Youth Services Librarian, feels that "Getting teens into libraries is essential. Offering a variety of technologies and providing top notch education about these resources is key in getting them in the door. Once they're in the door, anything is possible." The library recently purchased the Wii gaming system with the support of grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Teens from the library's Teen Advisory Board and students in the Lighthouse Charter School's Library 2.0 seminar have been planning this event for weeks, and will be on hand to teach newbie gamers the ropes. Admission is free and refreshments will be served courtesy of generous donations from Super Stop & Shop Orleans and BJ's Wholesale Club in Hyannis.

Teen Tech Week is a national initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) aimed at teens, their parents, educators and other concerned adults. The purpose of the initiative is to ensure that teens are competent and ethical users of technologies, especially those that are offered through libraries. Teen Tech Week encourages teens to use libraries' non-print resources for education and recreation, and to recognize that librarians are qualified, trusted professionals in the field of information technology.