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LIBRARY NEWS

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## **Los Angeles Public Library Hosts Free Teen Programs for Nationwide Teen Read Week, October 17-23, 2010**

### ***Club Prizes Include L.A. Clippers Tickets & Giveaways***

The Los Angeles Public Library will join thousands of libraries, schools and bookstores across the country in offering special teen programs in celebration of National Teen Read Week 2010, Oct. 17-23, to encourage youth to read for fun. Programs are free and participants can win prizes such as tickets to an L.A. Clippers game and other giveaways.

Embracing this year's theme – “Books with Beat @ your library,” Central Library's Teen'scape is holding a song writing contest and music-oriented programs, and several branch libraries are hosting authors reading from their works and participating in question and answer sessions. For a full listing of events, visit [www.lapl.org/ya/events/TeenReadWeek/](http://www.lapl.org/ya/events/TeenReadWeek/).

“Today's teens seem to have less free time and increasingly more activities competing for their attention, including social networking, web surfing, video games, after-school activities and athletics,” said Eva Mitnick, Acting Director of Youth Services at the Los Angeles Public Library. “For Teen Read Week, the Library's created programs that teens won't find anywhere else. These programs are fun and encourage teens to make time for reading during their free time. This is important because we know that the kids who read succeed in school and in life.”

As part of their “Read to Achieve” program to encourage youth to read, the L.A. Clippers have donated tickets and giveaways for free door prizes at branch library programs.

“The Los Angeles Clippers Read to Achieve program challenges students in elementary, middle and high school to take time out to read,” said Moriah Snyder, Community Relations Manager, Los Angeles Clippers. “The goal of Read to Achieve is to

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build a lifelong love of reading in young people by providing greater access to books and technology while encouraging families and adults to read regularly with young children.”

Teen Read Week is part of the National Adolescent Literacy Initiative created by the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association (ALA).

For additional program information, please contact your local library or visit [www.lapl.org/ya/](http://www.lapl.org/ya/).

The Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest urban population of any library in the country. Its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, more than six million books, and state-of-the-art technology provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning.

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