Teen Tech: Collaborate for Rock Star Programming

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ADD: Tina and Will
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CTEP Tech Class Arsenal

- Photo Editing [http://pixlr.com/](http://pixlr.com/)
- 3-D Modeling
What builds collaborative success internally?

Administrative Support

Technology Staff partnerships

Working Tech

Space to make it happen

A little help from our FRIENDS
Where we want to be:
ADD:
Educational Equity Alliance
(East Metro Integration District)
Teen Tech Summer Camp
ADD:
Community TV
• Video Boot Camp
• Miss Representation
• Young Lenses: Girls’ Eye View
  https://vimeo.com/49934453
• Maud Hart Lovelace Filming
ADD:
Area Schools
• E-reader labs
• Instruction: Homework Rescue, Information Literacy, Booktalks, History Day Hullabaloo
• 7th hour Comic Book Class
• Electronic bulletin boards
• Bussing to the library
• Unreserved Art Project
ADD:
Boys Totem Town
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- Video Book Talks:  
  [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_zXKtpgAkG4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_zXKtpgAkG4)

- In-house technology day – again March 8th
ADD: Northwest Youth & Family Services
• Traveling lab

• Library visits

• Training NYFS staff
And even more...

- Harmony Learning Center
- ALC White Bear
Valentines Day Present

• Connect with your local library. Don’t know who? We will help you find your match:

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Challenges

• Teen tech open lab – drop in versus drop off
• Cutting edge tech sometimes FAILS
• Free software goes away (RIP: aviary.com)
• Schools block free software
• Libraries block downloads
• Vendor issues: bugs are bugs
• Staffing changes
What is success?

- Continued collaboration with partners
- Community engagement
- Engaged, thoughtful, inquisitive, skilled teens
- Third space
- “Our buildings know when teens are happy.”