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**Ready, Set, and Connecting! Oakland Public Library's Teen, Technology and Job Training Program Now Accepting Applications.**

**Oakland, CA** – The Oakland Public Library is partnering once again with Community Technology Network to offer the Ready, Set, Connect! (RSC!), a workforce development program for Oakland youth. In its third year, this program provides local youth with technology-based job skills through a balanced combination of classroom training and hands-on work experience at the Main Library, 125 14th Street, in Oakland. The program begins in September and concludes in May.

Ready, Set, Connect! provides free technology and leadership job training to 20 youth, ages 16 to 24, that live in Alameda County. A special effort is made to attract students from bilingual families, as a way to help bridge the technology gap. Youth will learn how to use graphic and web technologies, as well as social media and graphic design tools. Youth are mentored by employees from local technology companies, receiving help in resume creation, job search skills and interviewing. Once youth have completed the training, they will gain work experience and hone their job skills by assisting patrons with computer and Internet inquiries at the Main Library and library branch computer labs, teaching basic computer and internet classes in the Library.

Interested youth should apply at <http://bit.ly/RSCApply> by September 16, 2014. Ready, Set, Connect! applicants must be between 16–24 years old, know how to use a computer and surf the Internet and be enthusiastic and willing to learn. Applicants must be available twice a week between 4pm–8pm from September 2014 to the end of May 2015, and be able to dedicate up to 5 hours per week. For more information, please call Andrea Guzman at (510) 479-0931 or visit <http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/teens/events-programs/ready-set-connect>

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