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Service for the Next Generation Library: A Library 2.0 Perspective by Michael Casey

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Tech for Teens

From [ComputerWorld](#) comes a nice article about [Memphis Public Library's](#) Tech for Teens program.

Faced with dwindling enrollments in university computer science and IT programs, the Society for Information Management has taken a novel approach to engaging America's youth in potential IT careers: It is partnering with public libraries and other organizations to create technology camps for teenagers.

The first such summer camp, which Chicago-based SIM organized three years ago with the Memphis Public Library, "connects SIM to the next generation of technology users," says Terrice Thomas, who works at the Memphis Public Library & Information Center.

The weeklong Teen Tech Camps, which target 12-to-15-year-olds, give kids a chance to learn about BSOs — "big, shiny objects" such as iPhones, digital cameras and other gadgets — says John Oglesby, director of IT strategy at Memphis-based ACH Food Cos. and former president of the Memphis SIM chapter...

*...SIM has created a set of software templates from the Memphis project that other SIM chapters can use to develop their own Teen Tech Camps with libraries and other community organizations. **The software, which includes a budget template, marketing timelines and permission forms, will be available for download from [SIM's home page](#) in the near future,** Pickett says.*

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