

**San Jose Public Library presents**

## **Teen Tech Week Battle of the Bands '09**

### **Official Rules:**

- SJPL's Battle of the Bands is open to teen musicians between the ages of 12-18.
- This contest is open to all musical genres, but no obscene or offensive lyrics are allowed. Inappropriate lyrics or behavior will result in disqualification.
- Participants may enter together as a group, or as a solo performer. Solo performers must play an accompanying instrument. (No karaoke- If you're interesting in singing, please consider entering our citywide talent competition, coming to an SJPL branch near you in April.)
- **In order to enter, contestants must submit an entry email to [sjplbattleofthebands@gmail.com](mailto:sjplbattleofthebands@gmail.com) by Feb. 14th**, which must include a link to the band/performer's music online, as well as:
  - The name of the band/performer, and names, ages, and schools of all members (Any personal information, including names and contact info, will not be posted online)
  - A brief description of the band, to be used on the contest webpage
  - A name, phone number, and email where the contestants can be reached.**\*\*All links provided must contain at least one song performed by the band that the public can access and hear online, such as a MySpace or Pure Volume profile page with uploaded songs, or a YouTube video with sound.**
- Contestants who do not yet have music online may participate in one of the two recording sessions taking place in February. Performers can bring their gear and perform a song, which will be recorded by library staff and then uploaded as a video online. Please call in advance to sign up for a session.  
These **recording sessions** are being held at:
  - West Valley Branch: **Wed. Feb. 11**, 4-7pm (1243 San Tomas Aquino Rd., San Jose)
  - Tully Community Branch: **Sat. Feb. 14**, 3:30-5:30pm (880 Tully Rd., San Jose)
- By entering online, you are agreeing to have your link posted on the official SJPL Battle of the Bands voting contest page, where voters will go online from Feb. 18-28 to listen to the contestants and choose their favorites. The top five finalists who receive the most online votes will be contacted and announced March 3rd.
- The top five finalists from the online voting contest must be available to play the **live final concert on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** at 2pm at the Almaden Branch Library (6445 Camden Ave, San Jose), where they will have up to 20 minutes to perform their set.
- The top 5 finalists chosen for the final competition must pick up the final contestant packet and sign a release form for pictures prior to competing at the final event.
- Judges have the final decision in selecting winners at the live final concert.

### **Judging at the final competition is based on:**

- Musical ability- vocal/instrumental skill, fluidity, intonation
- Originality- quality original material or quality interpretation of covers
- Professionalism- set-up and breakdown time, introductions, acknowledgements
- Stage presence/style- appearance, actions, audience enthusiasm

The panel of judges will vote on a scale from 1-10 in each of the categories. All scores will be added up and the sum will be the band's final score.