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San José Public Library Wins Knight News Challenge on Libraries

SAN JOSE, Calif., - Jan. 30, 2015 - San José Public Library (SJPL) named one of the 22 project winners of the Knight News Challenge on Libraries. SJPL won under the Prototype Fund Category for its Privacy Literacy Project and will be awarded $35,000.

With the funding from the Knight News Challenge on Libraries, SJPL can start working on developing online tools which will help individuals understand privacy in the digital age and make more informed decisions about their online activity.

SJPL will receive training on design and innovation methodology and rapidly iterate on their ideas over a six-month period. Jon Worona, Division Manager of SJPL's Technology & Innovation and Erin Berman, Project Manager, will lead the development of the online tool. Challenge winners were recognized during a session at the American Libraries Association Midwinter Meeting in Chicago.

Night News Challenge on Libraries:

- **Knight Foundation News Release** "Knight News Challenge on Libraries awards $3 million for innovative ideas"
- **Project Details:** Privacy Literacy by San Jose Public Library

Project Leads:

Erin Berman is the Community Programs Administrator for Technology and Innovation at San Jose Public Library. She has driven many technology related programs including SJPL's mini maker event, circulating MaKey MaKey kits, hosting weekly after school maker workshops for local elementary students, and much more.
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About San José Public Library

San José Public Library (SJPL), located in the Capital of Silicon Valley, is the largest public library system between San Francisco and Los Angeles. Serving a culturally diverse population of more than one million in the country's 10th largest city, SJPL focuses its efforts on knowledge access, community learning and public technology. Award-winning staff strives to ensure library services reflect the city's rich diversity and that every library customer's experience is exceptional. SJPL is recognized for its innovation and leadership. It was named the 2004 Thomson Gale/Library Journal Library of the Year and recipient of the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor for a library. For more information, visit www.sjpl.org.