The City of San José and the Tech Community Challenges Youth to Learn Coding

K-12 students will be taught coding by tech experts at San José Public Library to develop important skills that will help prepare them to participate in Silicon Valley’s economy and prosperity.

What:
The San José Public Library (SJPL) has partnered with Mayor Sam Liccardo, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, and various local tech companies to present the Coding5k Challenge – a new initiative that will enhance access to computer science programs at libraries across the city.

The goal is to have 5,000 unduplicated students participate in coding programs, annually, by the year 2020.

You’re invited to help celebrate the kick off of this new initiative during tomorrow’s press conference at the Hillview Branch Library.

Why:
The City of San José is committed to offering our more than 270,000 K-12 students valuable coding experience, particularly in underrepresented communities that often get left behind on the wrong side of the digital divide. With the help from tech experts, we’ll be able to offer students access to high-quality FREE coding programs at their library.

When:
Friday, February 16, 2018

Time:
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Where:
Hillview Branch Library
1600 Hopkins Dr., San José, CA. 95122

Who:
Sam Liccardo, Mayor, City of San José
Jill Bourne, City Librarian, City of San José
Carl Guardino, President and CEO, Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Prothit Halder, Teen Coding Volunteer, SJPL

***Visuals for Media Include: 6th graders from Fischer Middle School coding a small robot to travel through an obstacle course, volunteers signing up to lead coding programs, a special display of SJPL’s coding collection.***

**Interviews Available With:** Parents, Students, Educators, Coding Volunteers, Community Leaders and Tech Experts. **

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