

Teen Area – Adult Use

Purpose

Teens are an important part of our community, and the library has a responsibility to address their needs. They have unique needs and interests. A study conducted for the American Library Association in June of 2007 indicated that teens are more likely to use the library if there is a space just for teens and if the library has a comfortable, welcoming atmosphere.

The purpose of the Teen Area is both to encourage the teens of our community to use the library and to provide them with a dedicated space that reflects the library's concern for the safety and comfort of teenagers in the library.

Policy

Adults may only visit the Teen Area when retrieving materials for research or check out. These visits should not exceed more than 5 minutes.

Adults who are retrieving materials for research or check out may not remain in the Teen Area to review the materials, but instead should take them to the adult sections of the library to review.

Library staff reserves the right to require adults to use the facilities, services and equipment in the adult section of the library.

The Teen Area is an open, activity-centered space and is neither appropriate for tutoring nor a quiet study area.

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