

TEEN ROOM POLICY

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The Teen Room is the designated area for middle school and high school age patrons. The purpose of the Library and the Teen Room is for quiet activities such as reading, research or academic work, and Library directed group activities. Although the Teen Room is not a designated quiet area, profanity, yelling or loud talking will not be allowed. **Any noise level that can be heard outside of the Teen Room is considered too loud.** Any activity or behavior that impedes others' ability to concentrate and enjoy full access to Library resources is strictly prohibited.

Use of the computers is on a first come, first served basis.

Earphones/ear buds must be worn to listen to any audio program on Library equipment and on personal devices.

Cell phone conversations are not allowed in the teen room.

Food and open drink containers are not allowed in the Teen Room. Any trash must be placed in the wastebasket.

Athletic equipment is not allowed to be used in the Teen Room. Any items small enough to fit inside a backpack (balls, bats, Frisbees, etc) must be stowed in the bag the entire time a teen is in the Library. Any items too large to fit into a backpack (lacrosse stick, skateboard, gear bags, etc) must be either stacked neatly in the staff approved area of the Lobby or be left at the front desk until a teen is ready to leave for the day.

Theft of another person's property, including personal devices, even as a joke is an unacceptable behavior that will result in a warning as listed below.

Use of profanity, bullying, or dehumanizing language, in direct reference to another person, a staff member, or even abstractly in reference to an object or activity, is also an unacceptable behavior that will result in a warning as listed below. This includes not only swearing, but language that demeans or mocks a race, religion, physical appearance, economic status, national origin, age, sexual identity or orientation, and physical or intellectual disability.

Any student misbehaving or causing a disturbance will be subject to the steps outlined in the Library's Patron Code of Conduct and Disruptive Behavior policy as follows:

- a. The student will be told to cease the activity. In any one day, ONE warning will be given and if the disruptive behavior continues during that same day, they will be required to leave the library property.

- b. If the library user refuses to leave, the staff member in charge will call the police department. In the event the patron is a minor (under the age of eighteen), their parent or guardian will also be called.
- c. All warnings and offenses will be documented.
- d. Upon the occurrence of disruptive behavior outlined in item (a) above on a second occasion within thirty days, the Library Director will deny the offender use of the library and its services for a minimum thirty days.
- e. Those who have been barred from library use as outlined in item (d) above must meet with the Library Director before being readmitted. Minors (under the age of eighteen) will be required to bring a parent or guardian to such a conference.