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TEEN ROOM POLICY

This Teen Room Policy and Teen Room Agreement is in place to ensure the safety of our patrons.

Youth will be given a Teen Room Agreement by the Teen desk staff. They will be allowed to stay the day and have up to **5 days** to have a guardian review and complete the agreement. They must return the Teen Room Agreement properly filled out by a guardian to be reviewed by staff. Failure to return the signed agreement will result in them not being permitted to use the teen room until an agreement is filed with the library.

- The teen room has a maximum capacity of 12 teens ages 11 - 17
- All teens must be signed-in at the desk
- Bullying of any kind is NOT tolerated
- No foul or inappropriate language, including discussing violence
- No food and beverage by the computers
- Excessive Public Displays of Affection (PDA) are not allowed
- No fighting, rough-housing, yelling, or throwing things
- Headphones must be used when playing music, video games, etc.
- Clean up after yourselves, library based on a carry-in and carry-out policy
- Respect the library, materials, peers, and staff inside the library

The Teen Room is open to youth ages 11-17 from 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm Monday through Thursday, 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm on Fridays, and 9:30 am - 1:00 pm on Saturdays.

During Summer, Christmas, February and Spring breaks the Teen Room will be open from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Monday through Thursday, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Friday, and 9:30 - 1 on Saturday.

The Teen Room is available to the general public outside of the above hours. Patrons utilizing the Teen Room must sit within view of staff at the Children's Desk. Computers will only be available for use during Teen Room hours.

Those failing to adhere to this policy should expect to face consequences including but not limited to suspension of library privileges and potential legal action.

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