

Teen Space Policy

Hulbert Library of the Town of Concord

I. STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Hulbert Library of the Town of Concord is committed to providing teens ages 13-18 with a safe, welcoming space that caters to their library needs and interests. This space is designed to support the social, educational, and recreational needs unique to this age group by offering an environment where teens can relax, study, and engage in activities specifically for them.

II. GUIDELINES

A. Users

The Teen Space and its programs are intended solely for teens aged 13-18. Guardians may accompany their teens in this space, but adults without teens may only enter for brief periods (up to 15 minutes) to browse and check out materials. The space and its equipment are otherwise reserved exclusively for teen use.

B. Materials

The materials available in the Teen Space are thoughtfully selected to cater to the varied interests and developmental stages of teens aged 13-18. The library acknowledges that the appropriateness of content can differ between younger and older teens. To foster meaningful discussions, guardians are encouraged to actively engage with their teens about the materials they are exploring, including books, movies, and other resources.

C. Behavior Expectations

Teens using the Teen Space are expected to follow all library policies, including the Rules of Conduct. Specific guidelines for the Teen Space include:

1. **Respect Others:** Be mindful of fellow teens and their belongings.
2. **Personal Space:** No roughhousing, pushing, shoving, or inappropriate displays of affection.
3. **Kindness Matters:** Use respectful, safe, and appropriate language at all times.
4. **Noise Control:** Keep conversations and audio at a reasonable volume, whether talking in person, on the phone, or using devices.
5. **Respect the Space:** Clean up after yourself and use furniture appropriately.
6. **Watch Your Belongings:** Do not leave personal items, such as bags or electronics, unattended.