



Library Operations and Services

Teen Space

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Effective Date: April 15, 2024

Revisions:

Purpose:

The Hudson Area Public Library has two teen spaces:

- The young adult collection is housed on the library's main floor and is open for browsing to patrons of any age at any time during library hours.
- The teen social space is located on the second floor and is designed for youth from grades six through twelve.

This policy applies specifically to the teen social space.

Usage:

The teen social space is designated for teen use; however, the library may reserve times for families and younger children to use the space. Hours will be posted.

When hours are posted for teens only, adults and young children may be asked to vacate the area.

Adults are not allowed in the space, regardless of posted hours, unless they are accompanied by a teen or child using the space. Unauthorized adults will be asked to vacate the area and be given a warning. After two warnings, the individual may be barred temporarily or permanently from the library depending on the severity of the offense.

Tutors are encouraged to use other appropriate spaces in the building to meet with students to ensure that the Teen Space tables and computers are primarily available for teens to study and socialize.

Expectations:

The Patron Code of Conduct applies to the teen social space. Library staff reserve the right to ask patrons to stop any inappropriate behaviors or ask them to leave the library after being issued two warnings.

In addition to staff physically monitoring the space, the library reserves the right to place a camera in space for additional monitoring.