

TEEN SPACE POLICY

Beaumont Library District's Teen Space is intended for use by students 13 to 18 years old. Other individuals are welcome to visit the Teen Space briefly to retrieve books and other library materials or to request assistance from staff working in that area. Parents, guardians, and younger siblings are welcome in the Teen Space when accompanied by their teen(s). The Teen Space represents the Library's effort to ensure that local middle and high school students have a place that is safe, relaxing, and responsive to their library needs and interests. For this reason, use of the teen area, including the furniture will be held exclusively for teenagers.

Mission Statement:

- The Teen Space is a dedicated area that provides access to materials, resources and professional guidance to meet the intellectual, educational and recreational needs of teens, 13 to 18 years old.
- Purpose:
- The library offers many programs and services that encourage teens to develop a love of the library, books, reading, recreation and learning.
- The Young Adult Library Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association, recognizes teens as patrons 13 to 18 years old.
- The Beaumont Library strives to create a safe and inviting environment for its teen patrons.
- In keeping with the above Mission Statement, adults can be asked by library staff to use the adult section of the library.

Details:

- This policy is in place to provide a safe and welcoming environment for teens.
- The Teen Space at Beaumont Library is specifically intended for students who are 13 to 18 years old.
- The library recognizes that some families homeschool their children. Homeschooled patrons are encouraged to take advantage of the Teen Space for studying, accessing computers and utilizing the collection.
- While patrons of all ages are welcome to browse and check out materials from the Teen collection, the use of furniture within this area is exclusively for the use of students between 13 to 18 years old.
- Parents or caregivers may be in the Teen Space with their teens.
- The Teen Space is reserved for teens and those who accompany them as well as those adults interested in young adult literature. Adults over the age of 18 not accompanying a teen may be asked to leave the teen section at any time.
- The Teen Space is not an appropriate place for tutoring.

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