

Teen Room Policy

Policy Statement 1

The East Lake Community Library is committed to providing an inviting and safe space for teenage patrons to engage in individual and group activities. The social nature and unique characteristics of this age group require a separate space designed for their needs.

Regulations

1. The Teen Room is for middle school and high school students in grades 6 to 12.
2. The Library recognizes that some teens are homeschooled or virtual learners. Traditional, homeschool, and virtual students in 6th-12th grade are encouraged to take advantage of the Teen Room for studying, accessing computers, utilizing supplies, and the collection.
3. While patrons of all ages are welcome to browse and check out materials from the Young Adult collection, the use of computers and other electronic equipment within this area is exclusively for the use of middle school and high school students.
4. The Library reserves the right to utilize the Teen Room for scheduled teen programs, events and gaming activities.

Policy Statement 2

Teens are expected to respect the overall Library environment, and may not engage in activities or communications that disrupt other Library users or staff. The Library's policies apply to the Teen Room. The Library reserves the right to limit, suspend, or terminate the use of the Teen Room by teens who, in the judgement of Library staff, are infringing upon the rights of other library users through inappropriate behavior.

Regulations

1. Teens shall respect each other, library staff and other patrons in word and action.
2. The Teen Room will be used only for its intended purposes. Pushing, shoving, throwing, hitting, spitting, public displays of affection, swearing, abusive language are not permitted.
3. Any behavior considered aggressive by staff may result in the police being notified and further actions may be taken.
4. Vandalism, theft or damage of library property or library grounds is a legal matter and the police will be notified.
5. Food and beverages are prohibited near computer equipment.

