

Making Space for Young Adults in Public Libraries
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Staff Video

Narrator: This is our young adult room. I'm just going to walk around first so you get a general overview of the room [walking]. This is a really lovely space. Everybody loves this room. All the library staff want to work in here because it is the coolest room.

And we're just going to start behind the reference desk here. This is where the staff sit, so [1:05] this is the view that staff has when they're in the room. There's a little window; you can see out into the rest of the library.

Over here, we have some board games that people can check out, and we have a checker and a chess table here. That gets used quite a bit. Over here is the lounging area, and as you can see, we have some really great colors in our furniture, and I love how the paint is a little bit shiny, kind of metallic, and the furniture is the same way, some of it.

[1:59] We have some magazines over here, so people can relax and look at magazines. Teens do like to just come here and just hang out. It's a nice space for them. There's a lovely view. We have some staff picks here and a nice bulletin board. Right now we're promoting our Skittles bingo, and above that we have an overline [sp?] that promotes all the library programs.

Over here we have our fiction section. We have a lot of bibliographies here. We have [3:03] books on CD. And we also have a very nice nonfiction collection. As you can see, it's pretty big. We also have Godzilla and Son of Godzilla [toys], some display space. It's summer reading here, so we have a summer reading theme, 'reading is so delicious,' so we have kind of a picnic theme here for our book display. We have a bulletin board where we have a weekly trivia contest where YA can answer food-related trivia and we [3:58] pick a winner every week. We pick a winner out of the Trivia Bear. That's where you put your answers. We've got a couple computers, and some more display space. And overall, I can't really think of anything I'd want in this room, other than some space. It's a great room. Like I said, everybody loves it. All right.

[End of Staff Video]

Youth Video

Narrator: Welcome to the [name removed] Library young adult room. In here are some of the best books for young adults. Here is some of these craft books that they always put out just to spark people's interest. Here are some reference books, autobiographies, biographies, all that good stuff. Here are some books on tape. Here, these are some new books just to spark your interest. It's very fun having these books there, just because it helps you if you like different genres and helps you learn what different genres are like, and you probably might like them.

[1:02] Here is the computer section. Many students do their work here when... after school. There are two computers.

Here's one thing that's really pretty awesome. They have a trivia every Monday. It's cool, and you can put it in that box. It's pretty cool if you win.

Here is the desk, and if you ever need to ask for help, you ask here. Here is the bulletin board. They put new... all the programs, but I think they should add some new book titles there, like series like *Hunger Games*, *Harry Potter*, *Twilight*, like those kinds of series for young adults, just to say that we... the library has it.

[2:01] Over here, cabinet. What I like is if you have nothing to do and you're kind of bored, with some friends you can play like any of these games with them. It's fun just to play.

Here's the lounging area. It's really cool, too, because it's just so peaceful and serene here to do your homework. The only thing I would take out is that small little table and put like a big one, so you can do your homework, spread your books out and stuff.

Here are some more books and some of the teen things down there if you like don't know what to read.

Here we have the magazine rack, and what I like is they have a lot of different kinds of [2:58] magazines, so like if you don't like one of them, there's like 20 others you can try.

Here are the books. There are many books in this library section, and it's cool. But what I also like is down here there's some literature projects, literature books, like old books like *Great Expectations*. They have some of these kinds of books to help you if you're having trouble understanding. Okay, here are some more books. Here are some more books to [3:57] spark your interest. And that's it. Thank you.

[End of Youth Video]