

Making Space for Young Adults in Public Libraries
[name removed] **Community Library**

Staff Video

Staff: Welcome to the [name removed]. This is the teen section of the [name removed] Community Library, and this is the archway that everyone sees from the front of our building so that they are aware that we have a teen section in the library.

As you walk in, you see, first, our comfy chair as well as our stools, so teens can sit down and pile some books on. This is also the signage that we use in the [name removed] so that adults are aware that the space is just for teens after 2:00 pm on weekdays and all day on weekends. This really helps cut down on adults using that area.

Right next to our comfy seating, we have our new book display. As you can tell, we like to use face-outs as much as possible in featuring our newest titles and making sure they actually get off the shelf.

This holds all of our fiction, horror, fantasy, science fiction and mystery titles. All of our nonfiction is housed downstairs.

Directly across from our new books is another display area, and this is just another area that we use to highlight some of our favorite topics that [1:03] match whatever is coming up this month, so because it's summer reading, we have some scary books that are out. This is 'creatures of the night' next to 'zombies' next to 'classic retellings of old horror' books, and a graphic novels display that has some scary titles as well.

The last range features upcoming author events at local bookstores and other local libraries just so teens are aware of what's going on and what they can see in their local area.

We have one teen computer right now, which features Internet access as well as a full suite of Word documents, as well as an iPack that the teens can use at any time. We also have a table that's specifically for the bibliographies. Our teens, if teens are looking for what to read next or if they know that they liked *Twilight* books, they can come here and grab a bibliography that will show them what titles they might like to read next.

We have a comment/suggestion box that is always full, and we also have some binders [2:03] down here that help teens pick out historical fiction titles for their school projects or if they need a multicultural title. This is a great place where they can just come and grab it as well as other resources that we provide in the [name removed] for teen use.

Next to our iPack we have our staff reference desk. The [name removed] is staffed by two teen specialists. One is a young adult librarian, and the other is a teen clerk. We use this space to also display upcoming programs so that teens can see exactly what's coming up, as well as providing bookmarks and print calendars. We also like to do a larger

calendar so that teens can say that- they can not say that they didn't know what was coming up.

We also use the front of the reference desk as a display space for titles that don't go out much. In this event, these are the 2012 winning titles, and we just wanted to make sure [2:59] that they were featured someplace in the [name removed].

Further down we have our teen reference area. These are the books that we pulled up from downstairs that teens use the most, college study guides, book guides on algebra and geometry, a little bit of everything, as well as *World Book* to help with general questions.

We also keep our magazines in the [name removed] and I have seen an uptick since that happened, and a wide selection of atlases, dictionaries, thesaurus and human body guides.

We have our comfy booth seating, which sits six teens at any one time, or more if they want to smush together, and finally, we have our two café style seatings. This is typically where the teens sit with the tutors during the school year for help with their homework.

Our collection starts out with the genres, so we have science fiction and fantasy (and as you can see, we have face-outs on the top of every shelf just to help entice teens to check [4:00] out these titles) and our horror section, which is currently our most popular section, thanks to *Twilight*.

We do pull out our graphic novels and manga and keep them in a separate collection so they're easier to access, and teens all know that they're here; and we have a large collection, as well.

Finally, our teen fiction collection is housed on the reverse side of the [name removed], which starts all the way in the far corner, goes A through Z, and again, we do feature face-outs on all shelves.

Finally, the [name removed] wall is huge and great to decorate. This is for 'Own the Night,' our summer reading theme. We have stars that represent every teen that signed up for summer reading, as well as short book reviews of all the titles that the teens read throughout the year, which light up our city.

We hope you enjoyed this tour of the [name removed]. We'd love to see you soon, thank you. [5:01]

[End of staff video]

Youth Video

YA: Hi, guys, and welcome to the [name removed] Library and to its very own [name removed]!

As you can see, this is... this place is where all the teens in our city ages from 13 to 18 are allowed to come in and relax. As we step in and cross the archway, it becomes a wonderful place where all the young adult books in the library can be found.

On my left hand side we have rows and rows of bookshelves where we find the classic retellings, such as *Dracula*, *Coraline*, *Jekyll and Hyde*. As I turn to the other side, we have the brand new books from authors that have recently published them. We have Cynthia Hand; she came in last year for our summer reading program. She's a very cool person to meet. We have the *Pretty Little Liars* and *True Words*. I liked the TV series instead of the books.

I have to be honest; the computer lab can get pretty packed, and [1:01] sometimes it takes me an hour just to reach one of the computers, so what I do, I come in and I use our very own computer. I have connection to the Internet and it has all the latest things that the other computers have, so it's pretty cool.

Sometimes I feel like I have read all the good books in the library, so what I do, well, I check out this informational booth we have. It has all sorts of information. Say you have this weird obsession with *The Hunger Games*. I'm a real *Twilight* fan, so what I like, I like to read vampire books, you know, Books with Bite, Girls Night Out, Coventry... I don't know what that means. You can just leave a comment, you know, quick something.

Now I'd like to show you the really good stuff, the mother lode of all mother lodes. Drum roll, please! [Mimics drum roll] Yeah, it's a pretty lonely drum roll. [laughs] Yes, the books! Yes, [2:03] you've all been waiting for it. This could not be a totally cool place without some YA books. We have a full bookshelf, common books, right this way. That way, it's really full of them, and as you can see, there are books on display on the top shelf. You must be wondering why. This is done because we want to promote some of these books to teens because they are either in right now or maybe someone... someone's eye will catch them.

Anyways, as we move along, you guys can see that there are more places to sit and talk with your friends. Even though this is still a library, the [name removed] can be used as a hangout place as long as we use our indoor voice, of course. Although, if you can see, there aren't that many places to sit, so it would be really cool to establish more lounging chairs and tables so it's not limited on teens.

There are two more stops to go before we end our tour. I know it is sad, but it must be [3:00] done. Otherwise chores wouldn't get done and homework would get postponed.

Yes, it's summer, and I have homework. What a shame. I must say, being a senior in high school is not very relaxing. There are a lot of things to worry about, such as college applications, scholarships, how am I going to pay for it? Oh, I came down and looked at this bookshelf where I can find the College Board college books of majors, financial aid, scholarships, you know, all that good stuff. It helped me really good, and now I'm off to college, which is awesome!

[3:32?] Lastly, I would like you guys to check- to see this wonderful desk. This place is where all the YA librarians do their work. They are friendly and, overall, very nice. You have a question about finding a book, they can totally help you with that, or you want to reserve a book? Sure! They'll help you with that. In the back of this desk, this is full... usually full of notices of what events will come up, but since we have our summer reading program, it just has all the prizes that we could win if we read the certain amount of pages.

[3:59] This calendar right here tells us what will be coming up next. As you can see, today is Thursday, so tomorrow, we have our own lock-in from 8:00 to a.m., so we get to hang out through this whole library for a *whole night*. What more can we do?

Well, guys, our [inaudible] tour to you the viewer has ended. I wasn't- I hope I wasn't too boring in showing you how cool and organized our [name removed] is. I hope you guys liked it!

[End of Youth Video]